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Title: “Every Tongue, Tribe and Nation”

Series: Genesis: Beginnings

Text: Genesis 10:1-11:32

1. Mankind's godless **UNITY** produces **REBELLIOUS** idolatry, 10:8-12; 11:1-4 (*see also 1:26-28; 3:5; Psalm 2:1-6; Daniel 4:30; Acts 4:24-28; Revelation 17:5, 12-14*).
2. God graciously **REDEEMS** rebellion to fulfill His **PURPOSE** for the nations, 11:5-9 (*see also 50:20; Deuteronomy 32:8; Acts 2:1-11; 4:28; 17:24-27; Galatians 3:28; Revelation 5:9-10; 7:9-10*).
3. God sovereignly **CHOOSES** a people to bring **SALVATION** to the nations, 10:22-25; 11:10-32 (*see also 12:1-3; Deut. 7:8-9; 1 Chronicles 1:24-27; Isaiah 2:2-4; 49:6; Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 3:23-35; Acts 13:47; Romans 9:6-8; Rev. 14:6*).

FOR FURTHER STUDY & DISCUSSION

1. What repeated command had God given mankind since the Garden (Gen. 1:28)? How was the Tower of Babel a united and direct act of rebellion against God? What does this tell us about the danger of efforts to unite people, but without God? What are some modern “Towers of Babel” today? What are their goals, what lies fuel their efforts (Gen. 3:5), and how do they lead to even more evil? How is this a warning against pride in our own hearts?
2. What does it tell us about the LORD that He “came down” to see the city and tower? What *could* God have done in response to man’s rebellion? Given v. 6, what might have happened to the promised “offspring of the woman” if God had not intervened? How is the creation of the nations an act of God’s grace on humanity? How does this help us battle evils like racism? How did the cross of Jesus unite what had been divided (see Acts 2:1-11; Gal. 3:28)?
3. In the biblical text, the Tower of Babel sits between one list of the descendants of Shem in Gen. 10:22-25 and another in 11:10-32. What’s different between the two of them? Why is it significant that the line of Joktan is not listed after Babel, but that the line of Peleg is? Why are Terah and his 3 sons important here? Why are we told that Sarai is barren? As you peak ahead, for what is the author of Genesis preparing us? What does this teach us about the role of genealogies and the importance of context in understanding the message of the Bible writers? As you read the Scriptures this week, ask yourself, “Why did the Bible writer organize my reading this way? What is the context teaching me?”
4. Today is International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. Given what Gen. 11 teaches us about the origin of nations, and of God’s choice of a special people to bring salvation to the nations, how does this give us strength and hope to share the Gospel, even amidst persecution? How should this direct our prayers for our brothers and sisters in Christ in nations that are united against God? How does it give us hope for the future (see Rev. 6-7)?

NEXT WEEK: Genesis 12, “Blessed to Be a Blessing”

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