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# Genesis 11:1-9

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# Single Language/Culture

<sup>1</sup> Now the whole earth had one language and the same words.



# Single Language/Culture

<sup>5</sup> From these the coastland peoples spread in their lands, **each with his own language**, by their clans, in their nations.



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# Single Language/Culture

<sup>2</sup> And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there.



# Single Language/Culture

<sup>3</sup>And they said to one another,  
“Come, let us make bricks, and burn  
them thoroughly.” And they had  
brick for stone, and bitumen for  
mortar.



# Disobedience in Action

<sup>4</sup>Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.”

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# Disobedience in Action

<sup>28</sup>And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and **fill** the earth and subdue it [...] – Genesis 1:28



# Disobedience in Action

<sup>1</sup> And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and **fill** the earth. –  
Genesis 9:1



# Disobedience in Action

What we were doing was sinful

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# Disobedience in Action

What we were doing was sinful

Why/how we were doing it was  
sinful

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# Disobedience in Heart

<sup>4</sup>[...] and let us make a name for ourselves [...]



# Disobedience in Heart

<sup>5</sup> The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. – Genesis 6:5



# God's Part [11:5-9]



# God's Magnitude

<sup>5</sup> And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built.



# God's Magnitude

<sup>4</sup> The Lord is high above all nations,  
and his glory above the heavens! <sup>5</sup>  
Who is like the Lord our God, who is  
seated on high, <sup>6</sup> **who looks far  
down** on the heavens and the earth?  
– Psalm 113:4-6

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# God's Magnitude

<sup>21</sup> The Do you not know? Do you not hear? [...] <sup>22</sup> It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, [...] - Isaiah 40:21-<sup>23</sup>

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# God's Concern

<sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them."

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# God's Correction

<sup>7</sup> Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech."



# God's Correction

<sup>8</sup> So the Lord dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city.





# God Mocks

<sup>9</sup> Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth. And from there the Lord dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

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# God Mocks

<sup>4</sup> He who sits in the heavens laughs;  
the Lord holds them in derision.

<sup>5</sup> Then he will speak to them in his  
wrath,

and terrify them in his fury, saying,

<sup>6</sup> “As for me, I have set my King  
on Zion, my holy hill.” – Psalm 2:4-6.

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# God Mocks

<sup>13</sup> but **the Lord laughs at the wicked,**  
for he sees that his day is  
coming. – Psalm 37:13



# God Mocks

<sup>13</sup> But you, O Lord, laugh at them;  
you hold all the nations in  
derision. – Psalm 59:8



# God Mocks

<sup>24</sup> Because I have called and you refused to listen,

[...]

<sup>26</sup> I also will laugh at your calamity;

**I will mock when terror strikes**

you - Proverbs 1:24-29

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# God Restores

Acts 2:1-13

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Revelation 7:9-10

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