

THE TOWER OF BABEL  
(Genesis 11:1-9)

- I. URBANIZATION of Society (Gen. 11:1-2)
  - A. Unified LANGUAGE
  - B. Settled in MESOPOTAMIA, between rivers they named TIGRIS and EUPHRATES  
after rivers in EDEN
  
- II. INDUSTRIALIZATION of Society (Gen. 11:3)
  - A. Opted against systematic COLONIZATION and DEVELOPMENT of the WHOLE  
EARTH
  - B. Opted for strong, CENTRALIZED CONTROL of PEOPLE and PROJECTS
  - C. Used the most PERMANENT building materials available: burned or baked BRICK  
with TAR for mortar
  
- III. CENTRALIZATION of Society (Gen. 11:4)
  - A. Carefully PLANNED by MAN
  - B. Contrary to the COMMAND of GOD
  - C. Counterfeit RELIGION of NIMROD (cf. Rom. 1:21-25; Rev. 17:5)
    1. Involved ASTROLOGY

2. Involved POLYTHEISM
3. Involved PANTHEISM
4. Involved OCCULTISM

IV. EVALUATION of Society (Gen. 11:5-7)

- A. Man's REBELLION noted by GOD, mentioning the UNIFYING factor of their having a SINGLE LANGUAGE
- B. Man's "PROGRESS" stopped by GOD who introduced DISRUPTION through the CONFOUNDING of language
  1. Demonstrating that God's COUNCIL outweighs man's
  2. Demonstrating that God's DETERMINATION overrules man's

V. FRAGMENTATION of Society (Gen. 11:8-9)

- A. The building STOPPED
- B. The people SCATTERED
  1. SIMILAR progression of CULTURES
  2. Great VARIETY among cultures
  3. RAPID development of TRIBAL/ETHNIC characteristics
  4. National DISTINCTIVES would become ENDURING, but ultimately TEMPORARY (Ps. 72:17; Isa. 2:2; Mic. 4:2; Zach. 14:9; Rev. 21:24-

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- C. "Babel" means "CONFUSION," while "Bab-el" means "GATE of GOD"