

**SERIES TITLE:** DEBRIS FIELD

**PART 3:** PRIDE

**TEXT:** GENESIS 11

**INTRODUCTION.**

As we continue studying through Genesis, we come to the aftermath of the Great Flood. God judged a world filled with violence and evil, saving only Noah and his family. It immediately becomes clear that sin was not destroyed by the flood.

**DISCUSSION.**

What experience do you have with foreign language, and what did you find most frustrating about the experience?

**EXAMINATION.**

- Vv.1-4 What are the reasons given for building the tower and city?
- What is wrong with those reasons?
- Vv.5-9 Why would the Lord be concerned that “nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them”?
- Look at the “echoing” of concepts from the text as arranged below. What does this emphasize?

The whole earth had one language (v.1)

“Come, let us build...and not be scattered” (v.4)

“Let us make a name for ourselves” (v.4)

The Lord came down to see (v.5a)

Therefore its name was called Babel (v.9)

So the Lord scattered them...and they stopped building (v.8)

The Lord confused the language of all the earth (v.9)

- Do you spot any other echoes in these 9 verses?
- Vv. 10-31 Why do you think the genealogy of Shem is repeated when it was already listed at the end of chapter 10?
- What significance, if any, do you see in the fact that the Hebrew word for “name” (which appears in v.4) is the word “Shem”?

**APPLICATION.**

- Consider this principle—God opposes pride by giving the opposite of what I crave.
- First, see if you can identify any biblical characters who exemplify this.
- Second, can you share any personal examples of this principle in your life?
- Can you think of how this principle relates to salvation?
- What are some sinful cravings that are symptomatic of human pride?
- How and why does God give grace to the humble?
- Fact: What is a key truth that you understood from this passage?
- React: What did you feel?
- Act: What are you going to do?