

THE BABYLONIAN HEART

Proclamation Life Groups; Genesis 10:1-9:1; Week of Sunday, April 2, 2017; Steve Thiel

Sermon Theme: To bring hope and humility to the people of God, our kind and sovereign Lord tears down pride and the arrogant city of man so that He might exalt us at the proper time and prepare us for the heavenly city, the city of God, where righteousness will reign for all eternity.

I. THE TABLE OF NATIONS – (Genesis 10:1-32)

- A. Why is it important that there are 70 nations listed in the Table of Nations?
- B. Why is Nimrod highlighted in verses 6-11? What is his significance in chapter 11?
- C. Why does the author follow the generations of Eber's son Joktan (vv.25-31) instead of Eber's son Peleg? Why is it significant that Peleg (Gen. 11:16-19) leads us all the way to Abram?

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

- A. List all the different ways that human pride and arrogance is highlighted in verses 1-4.
- B. Why is it such an issue that man wants to make a name for himself rather than trusting God?
- C. What dramatic shift do you notice in verse 5? List all the different way in which the transcendence of God is highlighted in reference to man and the tower that he has built?
- D. In what ways is it kind and gracious that God judges man with the confusion of language?
- E. Man wanted a name for himself. Therefore, what irony do you see in the name Babel?

III. THE TIME FOR HUMILITY – (Application)

- A. Read Zephaniah 3:9-13. How is the Day of Pentecost a reversal of the Tower of Babel?
- B. How is the question, "What shall we do?" (Acts 2:37) a picture of humility?
- C. Read James 1:19-22. How is receiving and doing the word of God an act of humility?
- D. After reading 1 Peter 5:5-7, which is it so important for us to be fundamentally humble people? How would you like to grow in humility, trusting God's good timing to exalt you?