

4 The Making of Nations CCCC Discovery Bible Study



Genesis 11

The Tower of Babel

¹Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. ²As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.

³They said to each other, “Come, let’s make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. ⁴Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth.”

⁵But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. ⁶The Lord said, “If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. ⁷Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other.”

⁸So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. ⁹That is why it was called Babel—because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world. From there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

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¹那时，天下人都用同一种语言，讲同一种话。²人们向东迁移时，在示拿地区找到一处平原，定居下来。

³他们彼此商量说：“来呀，我们烧些砖吧。”他们用砖作石块，用柏油作水泥来造塔，⁴说：“来吧，让我们造一座城和一座高耸入云的塔，这样我们可以扬名天下，不致分散在地上。”

⁵耶和华从天上下来，要察看人建造的城和塔。⁶耶和华说：“看啊，他们同属一个民族，都用同一种语言，现在就做这样的事，如果继续下去，他们会为所欲为。⁷让我们下去变乱他们的语言，使他们彼此言语不通。”

⁸于是，耶和华把他们从那里分散到世界各地，他们便不再建造那城了。⁹因此，人称那城为巴别，因为耶和华在那里变乱了人类的语言，把他们分散到世界各地。