



The Tower of Babel

Genesis 11:1-9



After the flood, many descendants were born to Noah.
The population increased, and the people, as they were moving toward the east, settled in the plain of the land of Shinar.
At that time, there was only one language.
And the people spoke to each other,

“Let’s build a city and a tower with bricks and asphalt! Let’s make its top reach the sky and have our name known! And let us stay together and not spread out!”

So people gathered together and started building a city and the tower.
God saw them and said,

“The people are doing this because they are one and they all have one language. If We let them continue, nothing will hinder them from doing what they want to do.”

So God confused their language at once and created many different languages so that they wouldn’t understand each other.

Pride goes before destruction,
And a haughty spirit before a fall.
Proverbs 16:18



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“Bring more bricks!”

“何が問題なの?”

“Huh?”

“뭐라고?”

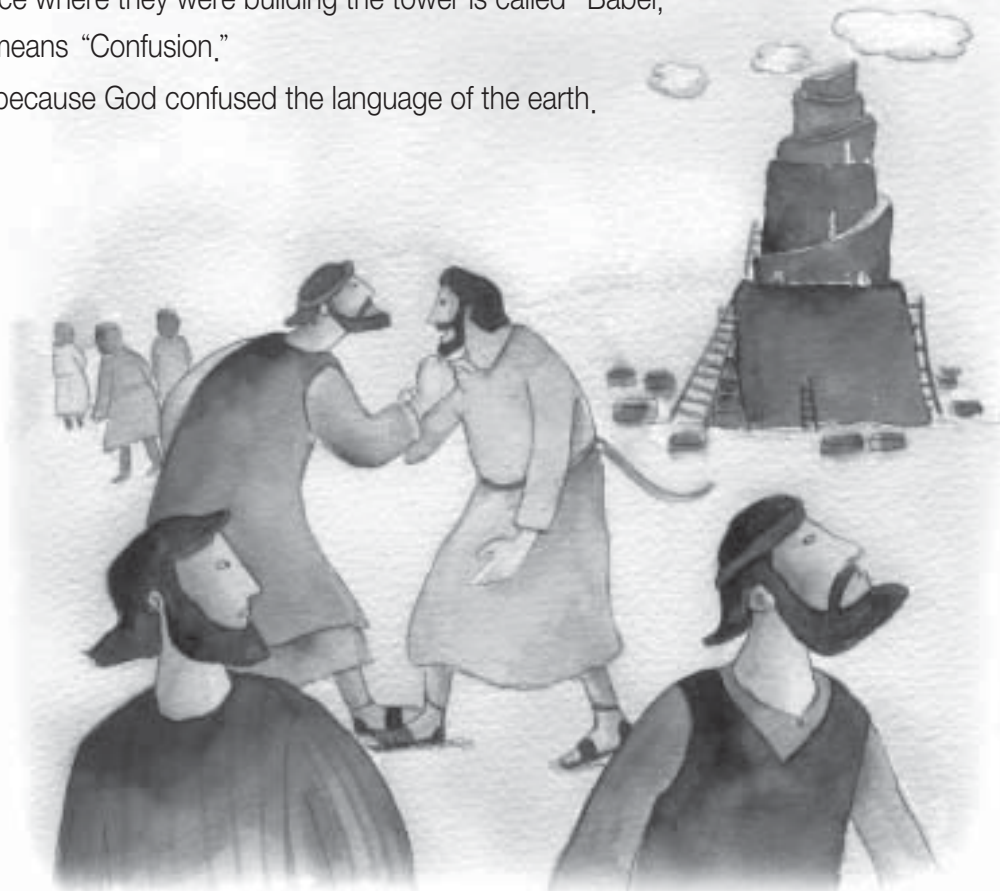
“ShaLaLa.”

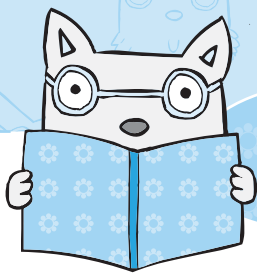
So the people could not continue to build the tower.

Ultimately, the people who understood each other's language got together and moved out to different lands.

The place where they were building the tower is called “Babel,” which means “Confusion.”

This is because God confused the language of the earth.





Today's Study

Read the text and answer the following questions.

1. For what reason(s) did the people want to build a tower that reaches the sky? Circle all the correct answers.

- ① To serve God more intimately. ()
- ② To promote their name to the world. ()
- ③ Because their hearts were proud. ()
- ④ To stay together. ()

2. How did God thwart the people from building a tower that reaches the sky?



Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the _____ the language of all the earth. (Genesis 11:9)



Man can never reach heaven by building a tower. Likewise, one's own efforts can never bring him/her to heaven where God lives. One can only enter heaven by faith in Jesus.

Jesus said to him, I' am the _____, the _____, and the _____. No one comes to the Father except through Me. (John 14:6)

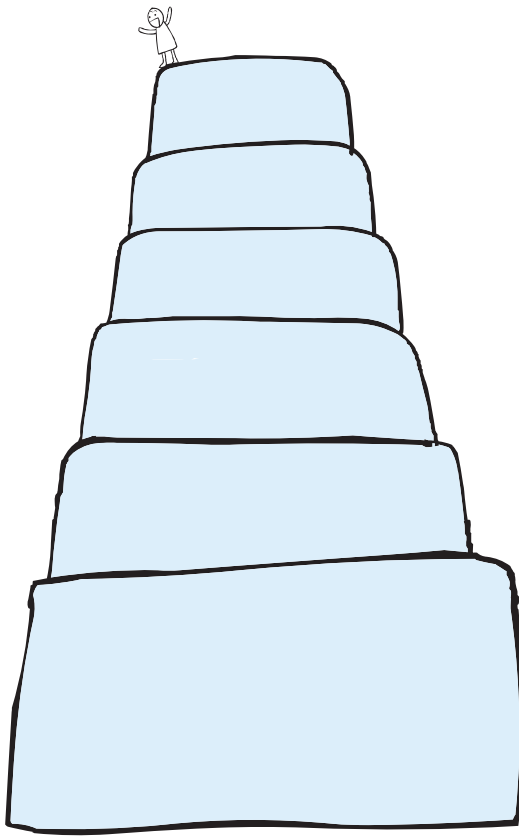


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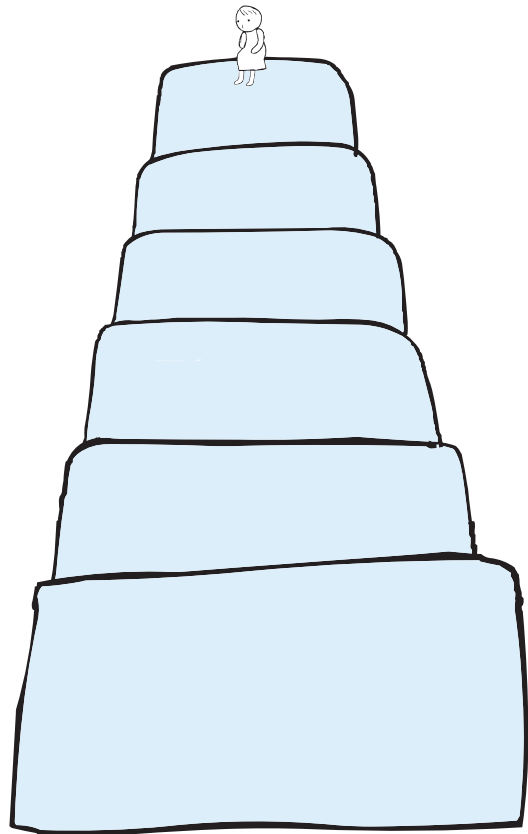
What is My Tower of Babel?

People neglected God and built the tower for themselves. God punished them so that they could not continue building the tower.

Write on the space below what you desire to do.



From your list that's on the tower on the left, write down everything that God hates on the Tower of Babel below.



God punished the rebellious tower-builders and scattered them.



When my heart neglects God and desires to do what I want to do, God hates it and hinders me from doing it.

For if this _____ or this _____ is of men, it will come to nothing.
(Acts 5:38)

Let's Find out



Conceited Captain's Final Hours

The Titanic was the largest passenger steamship in the world at the time. Its maiden voyage (first voyage) was in April 14, 1912. On this voyage, the ship, with about 2,300 passengers on board, glided gently towards the middle of the ocean. When it reached near the east sea of Canada, the navigation officer was given warnings saying "Be careful. There are icebergs ahead." However, the navigation officer trusted in the strength of this gigantic ship and didn't even inform the captain about the warnings. But finally, a few hours before the Titanic's miserable end, the navigation officer relayed the warnings to the captain.

"We've been notified of a gigantic iceberg ahead. What should we do? Would this great Titanic even be damaged by it?"

The captain said in agreement with the navigation officer, "Not even God can damage this grand Titanic. Continue the voyage." Titanic hit the iceberg not long after that and the huge ship sunk into the dark ocean. Only 700 out of 2,300 passengers survived. This tragic incident shows what bitter results man's pride brings.

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