

Genesis

God's World. God's Story.



Many Nations, One Family, Two Cities

Genesis 9:18-11:9

Big Idea: Spread the fame of His name to every nation. Give the glory to His name in every endeavor.

Outline:

1. God's Kingdom (City) Spreads Salvation in His Name to the Nations

- 1) Potential Problems with the Gen. 9 Curse: Fairness, Fatalism, and Favoritism?
- 2) The Gen. 9 Curse a Prophecy of Canaan's Deserved Destruction
- 3) The Gen. 10 Nations Descend from One Family and Find Salvation through the Line of Shem

2. God's Kingdom (City) Is Built for the Glory of His Name

- 1) The Babel Builders Distort Dominion and Seek Significance through Humanistic Achievement.
- 2) God's Kingdom Builders Give Him Glory and Leave a Lasting Legacy

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think Canaan is singled out for divine judgment rather than Ham? Is this “fair”?
2. How should Christians view the nations and peoples of the world? How does Genesis 10-11 contribute to our understanding of the nations? (See Psalm 2 and Psalm 98 for further reflection).
3. Can salvation be passed down by bloodline, genetics, or ethnic identity? If not, then how *does* someone receive salvation according to the Bible?
4. What is God’s current plan for the nations? (See Acts 17:22-31, Matthew 28:18-20 for further reflection)
5. What is God’s future goal for the nations? (See Revelation 5:9-10)
6. We normally think of “unity” as a good thing for humanity. Why was the “unity” of the Babel builders a bad thing in God’s eyes?
7. How can we be involved in “building God’s kingdom”?
8. What is the legacy of the city of Babel? (See Revelation 18:1-10)

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The Word became Flesh: Introduction to the Word			
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.2. He was in the beginning with God.3. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.			
John 1:1-3 (ESV)			