

# THE KINGDOM OF BABYLON

## *Genesis 11:1-9*

The Bible has its own bookends in the first chapters of \_\_\_\_\_ and the last chapters of \_\_\_\_\_  
This story reveals the origin of Babylon, which came to represent mankind in organized \_\_\_\_\_ against God

### I. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF BABEL 9:1-4

A. The \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) The clans listed in Gen.10, the descendants of Shem thru \_\_\_\_\_, were the inhabitants of Babel  
The lineage of Shem through Peleg ends in Gen.11 with \_\_\_\_\_; they may not have been at Babel
- 2) The founder of the kingdom of Babel was \_\_\_\_\_, a hunter of men and rebel in God's face

B. The \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) The descendants of Noah settled south of Mt. Ararat & migrated \_\_\_\_\_ to the plain of Shinar
- 2) After God faced \_\_\_\_\_ w/ his crime, he migrated east; God called Abram in the opposite direction

C. The \_\_\_\_\_: They developed a unique technology to build this city—\_\_\_\_\_+ using tar for mortar

D. The \_\_\_\_\_: Nimrod led these people to direct their energies toward accomplishing two purposes:

- 1) To Build a \_\_\_\_\_: Ancient city-states included the territory around the city & were ruled by kings
- 2) To Build a \_\_\_\_\_: it was not the first skyscraper; its purpose was the worship of the sun & stars
  - a) \_\_\_\_\_: The Babylonians invented the zodiac and developed a priesthood for its study
  - b) \_\_\_\_\_: The Babylonians (& Sumerians before them) developed the pantheon of gods

E. The \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) To make a \_\_\_\_\_ for themselves, never to be forgotten: their motivation was ego & arrogance
- 2) To not be \_\_\_\_\_ over the face of the whole earth: to rebel against God's command in Gen.9:1
  - a) For the 1<sup>st</sup> time the Seed of the Serpent \_\_\_\_\_ themselves in arrogant rebellion against God
  - b) The NT has a word for it: the \_\_\_\_\_ & God calls His people to come out of it and be separate

### II. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF BABEL 9:5-9

A. God Countered Their \_\_\_\_\_

B. God Confused Their \_\_\_\_\_

C. God Scattered Their \_\_\_\_\_

D. God Stopped the \_\_\_\_\_

E. God Named the \_\_\_\_\_: He named it Babel to commemorate His act of confusing their language

THE CONCLUSION: God counters human \_\_\_\_\_; God undoes human \_\_\_\_\_ (Ps.2:1-5)

God did so on a macro level at \_\_\_\_\_; God will completely destroy Babylon in the end times (Rev.17-18)

Ultimately, every knee will bow to the \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ: "You can pay me now or you can pay me later"

Those who trust & follow Jesus now have eternal life; those who continue to rebel will be cast into \_\_\_\_\_