

# Studies In Genesis

## The Tower of Babel

### The Power of Unity

Text: Genesis 11:1-9

#### Introduction:

1. Following the destruction of the Flood, the descendants of Noah began to spread throughout the world.
2. God's promise to never again flood the world with water (evidenced by the rainbow) was a comfort to them.
3. However, on the plains of Shinar, a rebellion was about to begin...

#### I. The Sin of Shinar (Genesis 11:1-4)

- A. Pride
  1. *"Let us make us a name..."*
  2. They desired to reach heaven with their tower.
- B. Idolatry – *Man's plan instead of God's plan.*
- C. Disobedience
  1. Genesis 8:17; 9:1, 7; 10:32
  2. They were commanded to fill the earth; yet they built this tower to keep from being *"scattered abroad."*
- D. Their lack of faith in God and His care for them was their great sin.

#### II. The Power of Unity (Genesis 11:5-9)

- A. One language.
- B. One people.
- C. No restraint but their own imagination!
- D. In order to stop them, God removed their ability to communicate.

#### III. The Lessons of Babel

- A. God's way is right and must be obeyed.
- B. False unity brings disastrous results.
  1. Their unity was based on error, not truth.
  2. Though powerful, God defeated it.
- C. True unity is unstoppable.
  1. One language (1 Corinthians 1:10; Romans 15:5-6).
  2. One people (Acts 4:31-32).
  3. No restraint (Philippians 4:13; Romans 8:31).

Conclusion: The Tower of Babel was a testament to man's pride and unity in rebellion against God. In the end, God accomplished His will in spite of man's opposition.