



The Tower of Babel

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Based on the Account in Genesis 11

Now Noah's sons had many children. One of Noah's sons, Ham, had a grandson named Nimrod. The Bible says that Nimrod was a mighty hunter and he created a kingdom called Babel.

In those days everyone spoke one language... There wasn't a bunch of different languages like there is today. God had commanded Noah and his sons to have children and to spread out upon the earth. But Noah's descendants didn't want to spread apart... they wanted to stay together. They decided to build a big tower in Babel and keep the people together in the city. This made God very upset. He was not upset because they wanted to make a city or a tower, but He was upset because the people disobeyed him. He told them to spread out on the earth but they wanted to stay together in one place.

Because of the people's disobedience, God "confounded" their languages... which means that they did not speak the same language anymore but spoke different languages. Because of this the people could not work together, so they left building the tower and had no choice but to spread out on the earth and form their own communities with their own languages.

It's so sad to see that it's our human nature to go against God and His will, but because of what Jesus did for us in dying on the cross for our sin and disobedience, we get a second chance to repent and come back to God and to be the people He wants to be with the help of His Holy Spirit.

