



THE STORY OF THE WORLD

RISE AND FALL

GENESIS – PART ONE

NOVEMBER 8TH / CITY OF MAN / GENESIS 11:1-9
The world is a system organized against the purposes of God.

The story of the tower of Babel marks the end of the beginning of the Genesis narrative. Genesis 12 offers a new way of life that will characterize the rest of the Bible—Abraham and the way of faith. Here we see its rival, the City of Man. It stands as a summary of humanity's best efforts to live independently of God.

READ GENESIS 11:1-9.

1. What impresses you most about this story? What is the central theological point being communicated? (Jeremiah 2:13; John 5:44)
2. What is the primary reason God intervenes to stop this project (Genesis 11:6)? (see Genesis 6:5; Psalm 135:15-18)
3. What is the disobedience that God is responding to in this story (Genesis 11:4) (see Genesis 1:28; Acts 1:8 & 8:1b)
4. How is Babylon (Shinar) a symbol for a godless society throughout the Scriptures? (see Isaiah 47; Revelation 17 & 18)
5. In what ways do people try to make a name for themselves in the world today? How about you?
6. Do you see any parallels in the church's resistance (or yours) to go into all the world with the message of the gospel? (Matthew 28:19-20)

GOD HELP ME FIND MY IDENTITY IN JESUS AND NOT IN THE THINGS OR WAYS OF THIS WORLD.