

Genesis 11

**The ORIGIN of the
Languages & Races**

Genesis 11:1 - Now the whole world had one language and a common speech.

Genesis 11:2 - As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.

CONTRAST

Genesis 9:1 – “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth.”

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Pride

- “The essential vice, the utmost evil, is pride. Unchastity, greed, drunkenness, and all that, are mere flea-bites in comparison: it was through pride that the devil became the devil; pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti-God state of mind.” – C.S. Lewis

1 Peter 5:5 – “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

Genesis 11:5 - But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower the people were building.

Genesis 11:6 - The LORD said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them."

Genesis 11:7 – "Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other."

Genesis 11:8–9 – “So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. That is why it was called Babel —because there the LORD confused the language of the whole world. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.”

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 - The total gene pool became fragmented by these various groups. This helped to fix certain characteristics and produce the different people groups and races that we see today.

Punnett Square: Illustrating the genetic principles in determining skin shade if each parent has a middle brown shade of skin (AaBb)

	AB	Ab	aB	ab
AB	AA BB	AA Bb	Aa BB	Aa Bb
Ab	AA Bb	AA bb	Aa Bb	Aa bb
aB	Aa BB	Aa Bb	aa BB	aa Bb
ab	Aa Bb	Aa bb	aa Bb	aa bb

Two-tone Twin girls: Remee & Kian in Nottingham, England, 2005





To what extent do I embody the attitude of Babel...pride?

Proud people...

- Focus on the failures of others
- Have a critical fault-finding spirit, looking at everyone else's faults with a microscope but their own with a telescope.
- Always have to prove they are right.
- Desire to make a name for themselves.
- Are quick to blame others.
- Have a hard time saying, "I was wrong; will you please forgive me?"



Have I embraced the alternative to Babel?

Acts 2:4 - All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 2:7-8 - “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?”



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Acts 2:41 – “Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.”

Matthew 11:28 – Jesus said, “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”