

GENESIS 9-11 The Rise & Fall of the Second Civilization

Fellowship Chapel

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Colossians 1:16–20

“By Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the Head of the Body, the Church ... the firstborn of the dead that in all things He may have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fulness should dwell.”

God's Revelation of Creation & Fall

*The Seed of the woman will
survive until it brings forth
salvation in Christ*

Increasing evil by
man & spirits

Divine judgment &
destruction

1st Civilization

FALL

CREATION

~~Human nature is
perfectible by man~~

~~Eden is recoverable
by man~~

~~Nature is all~~

~~Deism can
scientifically
describe~~

~~Justified unbelief~~

~~Creatures determine reality~~

Christian: Good/Evil Mix is “Abnormal” & Temporary



Pagan:



Genesis 8:21–22; 9:1

“ ‘I will never again curse the ground for man’s sake, although the imagination of man’s heart is evil from his youth, nor will I again destroy every living creature as I have done.’ ... So God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.’ ” [no “dominion” ?]

Genesis 9:11–16

“I establish my covenant with you. Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth. This is the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations. I set My rainbow in the cloud. . . . It shall be when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow will be seen in the cloud and I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature. . . .”

Genesis 9:2–6

“The fear ...and dread of you shall be on every beast of the earth, on every bird of the air, ...and on all the fish of the sea. They are given into your hand. Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you ... as the green herbs. But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a reckoning; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man. Whosoever sheds man’s blood, by man his blood will be shed, for in the image of God He made man.”

Genesis 11:1–4

“ ‘The whole earth had one language and speech. . . . And they said one to another, ‘Come let us make bricks. . . . Let us build ourselves a city and a tower whose top is in the heavens, let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.’ ”

Josephus, *Antiquities* 1.4.2

“Nimrod persuaded them to attribute their prosperity not to God but to their own valor, and little by little transformed the state of affairs into tyranny, holding that the only way to detach men from the fear of God was by making them continuously dependent upon his power. He threatened to have his revenge on God if he wished to inundate the earth again, for he would build a tower higher than the water could reach and avenge the destruction of their forefathers.”

Dr. Price on Theology of Ziggurats

“[Ziggurats] consist of states of towers stacked one upon another and decreasing in size as they progressed upward (similar to the early form of the step pyramid, such as that of Djoser at Saqqara in Egypt). ... The ziggurat was dedicated to the city’s patron deity. ... and topped by the figure of a god or goddess. ... The temple of the ziggurat had both a cultic function and a cosmic function ‘linking heaven and earth’ or ‘heaven and the netherworld.’ ... Texts also associate the sanctuary and its ziggurat with a cosmic mountain, which is typically identified in this mythology with the divine abode. The stairway ... supported by the structure of the ziggurat was the access point for the gods to travel between heaven and earth.”

~Randall Price with H. Wayne House, *Zondervan Handbook of Biblical Archeology* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2017), 71.

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“The biblical text states that the purpose of the [Babel] structure was to prevent the people from being scattered abroad (in contrast to the original divine mandate in Gen. 1:28 and its restatement in 9:1, 7). In other words, this verse describes an urbanization project to keep the population together around a single administrative complex with the temple at its center. ... This urbanization process contributed to the deification of human rulers who maintained control over the temple-state. ... The problem in [Gen. 11:1–6] is not the construction of a city but the purpose of the city and its cultic center that deified humans and thus degrade the nature of God. Once this concept took hold, mankind would alter its entire relationship with the Creator, a thought reflected in the words of Genesis 11:6: *‘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.’* The wording is similar to that in Genesis 3:22: *‘The man has now become like one of Us. ... He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take from the tree of life ... and live forever.’*”

~Ibid., 71.

Genesis 11:7–9

“ ‘Come, let us go down and there confuse [HEB: *ba/a/*] their language, that they may not understand one another’s speech.’ So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. Therefore, its name is called Babel because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.”

1563 Painting of the Tower of Babel (by Peter Broughel)



1999 EU Parliament (Louise Weiss Building)



“What is the Great Reset?

Imprimus, December 2021

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“The Great Reset is real. ... It is the latest in a series of Great Resets—including the Long Depression of the 1870s and the Great Depression of the 1930s when paradigm-shifting systemic innovations occurred. ... In addition to being promoted as a response to COVID, the Great Reset is promoted as a response to climate change. ... I have called it ‘corporate socialism’. ... To comply with it, governments, banks, and asset managers use the Environmental, Social, and Governance Index to squeeze non-woke corporations and businesses out of the market.”

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“Because the goals of the Great Reset depend on the obliteration not only of free markets, but of individual liberty and free will, it is, perhaps ironically, unsustainable. Like earlier attempts at totalitarianism, the Great Reset is doomed to ultimate failure. That doesn’t mean, however, that it won’t, again like those earlier attempts, leave a lot of destruction in its wake—which is all the more reason to oppose it now and with all our might.”

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1 Peter 5:5–7

*A memory verse expressing the practical application
of this series on Revelational Foundations*

“Be clothed with humility for ‘God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.’

Therefore, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time by casting all your care/anxiety upon Him for He cares for you.”