

**Big Idea:** Genesis chapter 11 is the end of the first section of Genesis, which contains four big global events: Creation, The Fall, The Flood, and finally the Tower of Babel. That civilization defied God in their pursuit of autonomy and greatness. God intervenes, again; but more preventative and merciful than punitive. The Tower of Babel account explains nations and languages, but perhaps more importantly, it exposes the human heart.

## I. Introduction

How can an ancient book (e.g. Genesis, or the Bible) be relevant today?

## II. The Tower of Babel

What are some of the motivations of the people in building the city/tower?

Why a tower? What did it signify?

Was God's intervention meant as punishment? Why or why not?

## III. Genealogies

What is the purpose of these genealogies?

## IV. Conclusion

What two cities in the Bible represent the "epic struggle" throughout human history? How so?