**Babel**

*Genesis 11:1-9*

The world defines \_\_\_\_\_\_ as “a belief that race is the primary determinant of human traits and capacities and that racial differences produce an inherent superiority of a particular race.”

\_\_\_\_\_\_ is any response that violates the biblical doctrine that God created everyone in His image.

**Passage Background and Context Information**

Moses is the writer of the book of Genesis, and Moses was not alive when any of the events in Genesis occurred. The Holy Spirit inspired his writing. No doubt, parents would have passed down some stories to their children for many generations. While Genesis includes the origin of humanity and sin, the original audience of Genesis was the nation of Israel whose God just miraculously freed them from slavery in Egypt. Genesis is primarily functioning to introduce the nation of Israel to their God and describe the origin of Israel’s special relationship with Him. In Genesis 1-11, the Bible deals with humanity in general. Then, suddenly, from Genesis 12 on, the Bible deals with the nation of Israel in particular. Why?

**Bible Verse**

###### Genesis 11:1-4 (CSB)

1The whole earth had the same language and vocabulary.

2As people migrated from the east, they found a valley in the land of Shinar and settled there.

3They said to each other, “Come, let us make oven-fired bricks.” (They used brick for stone and asphalt for mortar.)

4And they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the sky. Let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise, we will be scattered throughout the earth.”

**The Question**

Where did races come from?

**1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? (1-4)**

**Explanation**

**Application**

So what exactly is wrong?

* \_\_\_\_\_ or self-exaltation.
* \_\_\_\_ or direct disobedience.
* \_\_\_\_\_ worship or religion.

**Bible Verse**

###### Genesis 11:5-9 (CSB)

5Then the Lord came down to look over the city and the tower that the humans were building.

6The Lord said, “If they have begun to do this as one people all having the same language, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them.

7Come, let’s go down there and confuse their language so that they will not understand one another’s speech.”

8So from there the Lord scattered them throughout the earth, and they stopped building the city.

9Therefore it is called Babylon, for there the Lord confused the language of the whole earth, and from there the Lord scattered them throughout the earth.

**2. \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! (5-9)**

**Explanation**

**Bible Verse**

###### Acts 2:11 (CSB)

11Cretans and Arabs — we hear them declaring the magnificent acts of God in our own tongues.”

**So? Jesus by the Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ church!**

* \_\_\_\_\_ result from natural adaptations of scattering.

**Pray**

“Jesus, I confess I am a sinner. I deserve Your judgment of death and hell. But I believe You love me, came down for me, lived a perfect life, and shed Your blood and died on the cross for my sins. I also believe that God raised You from the dead for the forgiveness of my sins, to change me, and grant me everlasting life. Please forgive me, help me, and give me eternal life. I believe You are my Forgiver and God. I give my life to love, obey, and make much of You! In Jesus’ name, amen.”

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Lord of heaven and earth, we have sinned against You. If You left us without Your grace, we would seek only to make a name for ourselves and continue to resist glorifying You. You have granted us great abilities that we should not use to build a little building dedicated to our small desires. You have helped us by the Holy Spirit to see glorifying and enjoying You forever is the most worthy goal. In Your good plan to save man, You called out from all the families of the earth father Abraham. You brought him and Sarah out of barrenness and idolatry and made them believers in Your covenant promises that we also hold dear; promises which are all Yes and Amen in Jesus Christ our Lord! May all the nations, tribes, and tongues bless Your name! To You only is due all dominion, power, and glory, now in our days and forevermore. In Jesus’ name, Amen! (Adapted from Stephen Magee’s “A Book of Prayers)

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