

## **Major Event: TOWER OF BABEL**

### **Lesson 1: The Tower of Babel**

**Scriptures: Genesis - Chapters 10 and 11**

**Central Text: Genesis 11:4-9**

#### **Suggested Subjects:**

Mankind's attempt at autonomous self rule (make a name for ourselves) God's overruling Providence.

#### **Suggested Attributes:**

1. Of God: Sovereignty, Omnipotence
2. Of Man: Pride, Arrogance, Disobedience

#### **Suggested Home Study:**

Col. 2:8, God also scattered early Church; Matthew 28:19 cf; Acts 11:19; Compare Genesis 11:4 and 2 Pet. 3:3

**Notes:** Note in genealogies (Toledots) of Noah's sons that each "were separated" (10:5) by: 1. language 2. family and 3. Nation. This passive verb indicates mankind's post deluvian rebellion (the same as before the flood) in refusal to "populate the earth abundantly" (9:7) and "fill the earth" (1:2, 9:1). So God, in His Sovereignty and Omnipotence caused the scattering of His church through persecution (Matt 28:19 cf Acts 11:19). Chapter 11 describes how and why the nations families and languages were scattered. Note the Bible does not speak of "races" of human beings, but families and nations. Racism has no foundation in the Bible. However, upon an evolutionary framework, racism is a quite logical outworking that has been used to justify mass murder (Nazi Germany). Note-"Let us make a name for ourselves" (11:4) is a clear rejection of Biblical revelation. After all, God had already named man (5:2), but man wanted to remake himself and provide security for himself. Note a tower was what they chose to build, probably to avoid the destruction of another deluge. However, this too revealed a rejection of God's promise not to flood the world again (9:11). For older children the roots of secular humanism are here. Compare the rejection of Divine revelation at Babel with Peter's prophecy of a global destruction by fire at the Day of the LORD (2 Pet. 3) and the mockers in our day.