



GENESIS

God's Grief & The Flood



SESSION 27

Read Genesis 10

1 This chapter can seem a bit like driving through Kansas. The scenery is seemingly bleak and all you want is to get through to something more interesting. But every state has much that is interesting if you slow down and take your time. God's Word is no different. As you reflect on this chapter of human history consider all the lives lived, the unrecorded happenings, the ways that men and women either walked with God or didn't. Yet God kept His promise made to Noah to never again destroy mankind as he did in the flood. Many of the names mentioned are the ancestors of Israel's enemies. While Genesis will go on to track the history of one family—the descendants of Abraham, Issacs and Jacob—even so, how can you see a bit of John 3:16 in this genealogy?



- 2 In what ways has Science come full circle to actually support the main idea of this genealogy that all people have descended from one common ancestor?
- 3 Why does it seem the world population, in the years after Shem, Ham and Japheth, so quickly forgets who the true God is?
- 4 Consider Nimrod. What in the text suggests that he was the post-flood world's first tyrant and bully?
- 3 Consider Eber. What significant people would be his descendants?

Read Genesis 11:1-9

- 6 What is the great sin that is committed by these people living in Shinar?
- 7 As History does, it repeats itself. How many other "babels" do you think there have been over time, even to the modern age?

Ozymandias

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*I met a traveler from an antique land,
Who said—“Two vast and trunkless legs of stone
Stand in the desert. . . . Near them, on the sand,
Half sunk a shattered visage lies, whose frown,
And wrinkled lip, and sneer of cold command,
Tell that its sculptor well those passions read
Which yet survive, stamped on these lifeless things,
The hand that mocked them, and the heart that fed;
And on the pedestal, these words appear:
My name is Ozymandias, King of Kings;
Look on my Works, ye Mighty, and despair!
Nothing beside remains. Round the decay
Of that colossal Wreck, boundless and bare
The lone and level sands stretch far away.”*

- 8 Concerning the “Babel project” What is it that God is worried about. What does God mean when He says “nothing they propose to do will now be impossible for them”?
- 9 How does confusing the languages help prevent mankind from being completely overcome by evil?
- 10 What event in the NT directly connects to Babel? What are the similarities and differences?

Read Genesis 11:10–26

- 11 In this Genealogy we see the concern of Scripture focus on one single family line. What hope to the church (in struggling times) do these verses give that shows God never abandons His church?