

Genesis 11:1-9

¹Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ²And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.”

⁵And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. ⁶And the LORD said, “Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another’s speech.” ⁸So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confuse the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

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I’M GLAD YOU ASKED... When globalisation goes wrong

1. Beware the ‘great human project’ (vv.1-4)

“build ourselves a city”

“a tower with its top in the heavens”

“make a name for ourselves”

2. Be ready for the great humbling by God (vv.5-9)

“the LORD came down to see”

“the LORD dispersed them”

“therefore its name was called Babel”

- Repent of great human projects

- Commit to the great divine project



Discussion questions

- Do you have a great project? What is it?
- Are you committed to the great divine project? How?