**[‘One Language NO MORE!’](http://yourbibleblog.com/2019/03/17/one-language-no-more/)**

**5 But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. 6 And the Lord said, “Indeed the people *are* one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. 7 Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another’s speech.” 8 So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. 9 Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.** Genesis 11:5-9

In direct defiance against the LORD, the people of Genesis 11 plotted to settle in one place, the region of Shinar. There they would build a city, and in that city, they would build a tower whose top would be in the heavens.[[1]](http://yourbibleblog.com/2019/03/%22%20%5Cl%20%22_ftn1)

The text we have from Genesis 11:5-9 identifies the reason these people could plot, plan, and propose projects in defiance against God’s express will and command. The people of the earth were of ONE language.

When God came down to see the city the people were building, He made an interesting statement. In verse 6 God said, ***“Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now NOTHING that they propose to do will be withheld from them.”***With no communication barriers, these people could propose anything and accomplish whatever was in their hearts to do. Sadly, the desire in the hearts of these people was not to worship God or glorify the Name of their Creator. These people wanted to ***“make a name for [themselves].”*** [[2]](http://yourbibleblog.com/2019/03/%22%20%5Cl%20%22_ftn2) This desire would cost them dearly.

Since it was one language which allowed these people to defy God’s command, God would confuse their speech. No longer would there be one language. Every clan would have their own language, and the families of the earth would become nations spread throughout the earth. God’s plan was brilliant. The plotters and planners couldn’t see God’s action coming, and they could do nothing to reverse what God would do, so they ceased building the city and moved away from Shinar.

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[[1]](http://yourbibleblog.com/2019/03/%22%20%5Cl%20%22_ftnref1) Their apparent intention was to bring down the gods. They may have also been scheming to breach heaven’s defenses and overthrow God Himself.

[[2]](http://yourbibleblog.com/2019/03/%22%20%5Cl%20%22_ftnref2) Genesis 11:4