

- ii. Confusion of tongues - Babel (11:1-9)
 - a. In this chapter, he explains why each of the nations in chapter 10 had their own language.
 - b. He sets it up for us in this way:
 - 1) He says in chapter 9, you have the Noah and the sons of Noah at Mt. Ararat.
 - 2) Their descendants moved in a southeasterly direction and come down to the plain of Shinar (otherwise known as Babylonia).
 - 3) When they get there, they decide to
 - i) Build a city
 - a) They are tired of moving and want to settle down.
 - b) They are being disobedient to God's command to populate the earth. They say, "We are tired of populating the earth. Let's settle down right here."
 - ii) Build a tower to reach unto heaven to make a name for themselves
 - a) They were guilty of self-glorification.
 - b) It is okay if God wants to make your name great.
 - iii) Summarizing: They wanted to do two things:
 - a) Make a name for themselves - they are guilty of self glorification
 - b) They want to settle down - they are being disobedient to God's commands *is fill on earth*
 - iv) Because of their evil, *he* is going to judge them. *self*
 - a) The Lord knew that they could do anything they put ~~their~~ *self* hand to.
 - b) So he decides that he is going to put an end to what they are doing by confusing their languages.
 - c) When the Lord confused their languages, the worked *stopped*.
 - d) The name of the place was called Babel which means "confusion" and that's where you get the word "Babylon."
 - e) Babel was probably located at Babylon.
 - v) Moses is telling us here that this is why when the descendants of Shem, Ham and Japheth spread out over the earth, they all had different languages.