

# Scripture

## Genesis 11:1-9 (NLT)

### **The Tower of Babel.**

- 1 At one time all the people of the world spoke the same language and used the same words. 2 As the people migrated to the east, they found a plain in the land of Babylonia and settled there.
- 3 They began saying to each other, “Let’s make bricks and harden them with fire.” (In this region bricks were used instead of stone, and tar was used for mortar.)

- 4 Then they said, “Come, let’s build a great city for ourselves with a tower that reaches into the sky. This will make us famous and keep us from being scattered all over the world.”
- 5 But the Lord came down to look at the city and the tower the people were building. 6 “Look!” he said. “The people are united, and they all speak the same language. After this, nothing they set out to do will be impossible for them!”

- 7 “Come, let’s go down and confuse the people with different languages. Then they won’t be able to understand each other.”
- 8 In that way, the Lord scattered them all over the world, and they stopped building the city.
- 9 That is why the city was called Babel, because that is where the Lord confused the people with different languages. In this way he scattered them all over the world.