

# CONFUSION: DISPERSION AT BABEL

GENESIS 9:1, 9:7, 11:1-9

## LEARN THE WORD

**John 10:9**

*I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.*

- God judged the disobedience of mankind at Babel by confusing the common language.
- The creation of new languages caused family groups to leave Babel, and the people scattered over the whole earth.

## WHAT YOU HEARD IN THE WORD

## OUTWORD FOR FAMILY DISCUSSION

Suppose your friend says he doesn't believe God will judge him for his sins.

### What could you say?

*You say you don't believe it. But just because you don't believe it doesn't mean it isn't true. God is a judge—a very good judge. No good judge would let a criminal get off without the punishment he deserves for breaking the law. And it is the same with God. He would not be a very good judge if He didn't punish us for our sins. The Bible says every person must face judgment someday. Only those who have repented of their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior will be saved from God's punishment. They will be saved because Jesus took God's punishment for them when He died on the Cross.*

**Activity:** Tower of Babel word search. Find the words that are part of the Tower of Babel account.



## HOMESWORD

FOR PARENTS

After the Flood, God commanded Noah’s descendants to fill the earth. Instead, the people, under the powerful Nimrod (Genesis 10:9-10), stopped at the plain of Shinar to live (Genesis 11:2). There they began to build a city and tower (Genesis 11:4). These people were openly rebellious and disobedient to God. They disobeyed God’s specific instructions to disperse across the earth (Genesis 9:1, 9:7), and they were prideful in their disobedience by coveting a name for themselves (Genesis 11:4).

This prideful attitude of blatant disobedience angered the Lord—as does all disobedience to Him. So He came down to them and confused their language by creating new languages so they would not understand one another’s speech (Genesis 11:7). Thus, the people were scattered across the earth, there was no longer a common language, and the building of the city and Tower ceased (Genesis 11:8-9). God’s purpose to fill the earth was accomplished.

Christians are often faced with questions concerning the history of ancient civilizations. Secular historians date the first civilizations around 8000-10000 BC. This information is not accurate according to God’s Word. The worldwide Flood that destroyed everything on the earth ended in 2349 BC, so none of these civilizations could have existed before then. It was only after the dispersion at Babel (c. 2242 BC) that these early civilizations started as family groups began to spread around the world.