

# Genesis 11:1-9



## THE TOWER OF BABEL

# The Chiastic Structure of Genesis 11:1-9



The whole earth used the same language and the same words, 11:1

They found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there, 11:2

They said to one another, 11:3

They said, 11:4

Let us build for ourselves, 11:4

A city and a tower, 11:4

The LORD came down to see, 11:5

The city and the tower, 11:5

Which the sons of men had built, 11:5

The LORD said, 11:6

Let us ... confuse ... so they will not understand one another's speech, 11:7

The LORD scattered them abroad from there, 11:8

The LORD confused the language of the whole earth, 11:9

(Many suggestions have been made for the chiastic structure of the passage. The passage does not lend itself to an exact chiasm, but the obvious elements are there. God overturns every thing which man attempts to accomplish here.)