

The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He frustrates the plans of the peoples. —Psalm 33:10^{ESV}

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“Hold everything in your hands lightly, otherwise it hurts when God pries your fingers open.” —Corrie Ten Boom

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Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand. —Proverbs 19:21^{ESV}

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Genesis 11 = Bridge Between...

- Saving People From the Flood (Genesis 9 / Noah and His Family)
- Selecting People as His Representatives (Genesis 12 / Abraham)

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¹Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ²And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. —Genesis 11:1-3^{ESV}

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Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.”

—Genesis 11:4 ESV

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²⁸And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth”...
¹And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth”... ⁷“And you, be fruitful and multiply, increase greatly on the earth and multiply in it.” —Genesis 1:28a, 9:1, 9:7 ESV

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And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. —Genesis 11:5 ESV

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“God always has to ‘come down’ to examine our anthill achievements built in the sidewalk cracks of His creation.” —Jameson Nass

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“The technologically accelerated 20th Century, and the thousands upon thousands of war dead we memorialize today, bear witness to how much evil can be unleashed when the best and brightest minds put their heads together to build their Babels.” —Jon Bloom

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⁷Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." ⁸So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city.

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⁹Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

—Genesis 11:7-9 ESV

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"What God was doing here was not vindictive, but redemptive."

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What is Your Tower?

- Career
- Money
- People
- Technology
- Health
- Independence
- Expectations
- Church

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"Give people the power to build community and bring the world closer together."
—Facebook's New Mission Statement

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- My Significance*
My Security

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What Do We Do When God Scatters Our Plans?

Grieve

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“Disappointment, His appointment.”
—Vance Havner

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What Do We Do When God Scatters Our Plans?

Grow

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What Do We Do When God Scatters Our Plans?

Go

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¹¹The counsel of the LORD stands
forever, the plans of His heart
to all generations.

—Psalm 33:10-11 ESV

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