

## A Study of the Christian Worldview by Looking At Its Origins: A Study of Genesis 1-11

*Lesson 14: Genesis 11:1-32, “Why we need language courses”*

### **Part 1: Genesis 11:1-9, “The Tower of Babel”**

1. The whole world had “one language and the same words.” The word for “language” is literally “lip.” Was there any diversity in how they spoke? Why was this? (v 1)
2. The land of Shinar is in upper Mesopotamia. What well-known city probably derives its name from this tower of Babel?
3. What are the building materials mentioned that they used? Why would they be better materials than brick or mortar?
4. What were their two purposes? What does this imply about their former living conditions?
5. Describe what parts of verses 3-4 are wrong and explain why:
6. What anthropomorphism is attributed to God? Why does he act so late, after they’ve started building?
7. If something is not done about this building project, then what would happen?
8. How did God confuse their language? How does this explain the various language groups today?
9. What does “Babel” mean?

**Part 2: Genesis 11:10-26**

11. We've seen the formula "These are the generations of..." before. (5:1; 6:9; 10:1) What is the possible explanation for these?

12. Even though the genealogy of Shem does not give total figures for the ages of the men at death, nevertheless, fill in the following blanks:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age at 1<sup>st</sup> son</u>	<u>Years after 1<sup>st</sup> son</u>	<u>Total age</u>	<u>Years from the flood</u>
Shem	100	500	600	502
Arphaxad	_____	_____	_____	_____
Shelah	_____	_____	_____	_____
Eber	_____	_____	_____	_____
Peleg	_____	_____	_____	_____
Reu	_____	_____	_____	_____
Serug	_____	_____	_____	_____
Nahor	_____	_____	_____	_____
Terah	_____	_____	_____	_____
Abraham	100	75	175	_____
Isaac	60	120	180	_____

13. What observations can you make?

**Part 3: Genesis 11:27-32**

14. This again is the beginning of another section. Should a new chapter have begun at v 27?

**Don't Forget!**

**Every Sunday:** Services at 8:00 and 10:30, with Bible study hour at 9:15.  
 Advent Vespers at 7:30 every Wednesday

**Upcoming Events:**  
 Movie night Monday: The Hobbit, Part 1  
 December 3<sup>rd</sup>: Christmas Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange  
 December 30<sup>th</sup>-January 3<sup>rd</sup>: Christmas Break Skiing Trip!