

Now the whole earth  
had one language and  
the same words.

Genesis 11:1

And as people migrated  
from the east, they  
found a plain in the  
land of Shinar and  
settled there.

Genesis 11:2

And 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 11:3

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

And the LORD came  
down to see the city  
and the tower, which  
the children of man  
had built.

Genesis 11:5

And the LORD said,  
"Behold, they are  
one people, and they  
have all one language,  
and this is only the  
beginning of what they  
will do. And nothing  
that they propose to do  
will now be impossible  
for them."

Genesis 11:6

"Come, let us go down  
and there confuse their  
language, so that they  
may not understand  
one another's speech."

Genesis 11:7

So the LORD dispersed  
them from there over  
the face of all the  
earth, and they left off  
building the city.

Genesis 11:8

Therefore 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 11:9