

- “Four great events are recorded in Genesis 1-11: the creation of the universe, the fall of man, the Flood, and the attempted construction of the Tower of Babel.”
- The Tower of Babel seems to be rather innocent – no armed rebellion, no loss of life. Underneath, however, we see that it is one of the most arrogant revolts against God recorded anywhere in Scripture.
- The bottom line – Babel is the story of human unwillingness to follow Divine command. And we need to learn once again, don’t mess with God’s plans!

- I. **Construction** vv. 1-4; 8b
- A. Impiety of man’s design
    - 1. Ambition
    - 2. Rebellion
  - B. Magnitude of man’s enterprise
    - 1. Suddenly conceived (vv.3-4a)
    - 2. Hopefully begun (v.4b)
    - 3. Suddenly abandoned (v.8b)
- II. **Consideration (God of man)** vv. 5-7
- A. Motives (v.6)
  - B. Results (v.7)
- III. **Confusion** vv. 7-9
- A. As a fact in the experiences of the builders it was...
    - 1. Unchallengeable
    - 2. Mysterious
    - 3. Supernatural
  - B. As a judgment on the person of the builders it was...
    - 1. Unexpected in its coming
    - 2. Deserved by its subjects
    - 3. Appropriate in its character
    - 4. Effective in its design

Conclusion:

- The Tower of Babel teaches the danger and disaster of life without God, dangers of false unity and the blessedness of true unity.
- Acts 2 is the picture of the reversal of Babel where the Holy Spirit gained unity through diversity.