

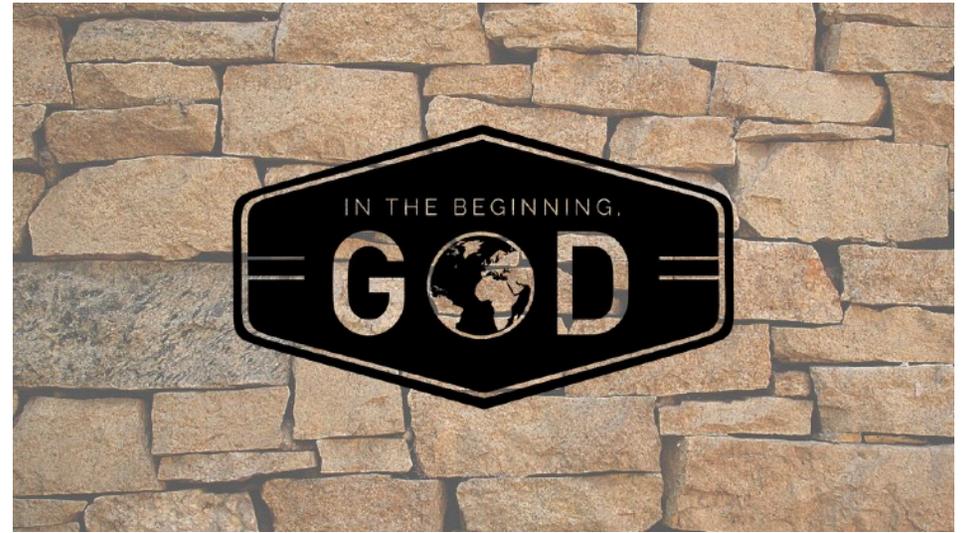
# WALK THE TALK //////////////////////////////////////

This page is designed for you to apply what you have learned from the Scriptures. Our goal is not just “to know” but to “act upon what we know.” (His Word, Our Walk!) We encourage you to discuss the following questions with family, friends and your group.



## FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Think back over the series. What have you learned that has been most helpful?
2. Why did Moses tell us about Nimrod?
3. The Tower of Babel story has been a famous one. What lessons did you learn from our study of it? Anything applicable?
4. Why is Shem important and what did you learn about his line?



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## NIMROD THE HUNTER

*Gen. 10:8 Cush was the father of Nimrod, who became a mighty warrior on the earth. 9 He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; that is why it is said, “Like Nimrod, a mighty hunter before the LORD.” 10 The first centers of his kingdom were Babylon, Uruk, Akkad and Kalneh, in Shinar. 11 From that land he went to Assyria, where he built Nineveh, Rehoboth Ir, Calah 12 and Resen, which is between Nineveh and Calah—which is the great city.*

1. The only person that we learn MUCH about from the genealogy is NIMROD, the great-grandson of Noah.
2. Nimrod became a “MIGHTY warrior.” The word is actually “hunter” but from the context, he hunted MEN. The phrase “before the Lord,” could also mean, “AGAINST the Lord.” If so, he is the first man to directly DEFY God.
3. He was also the first KING and this is the first use of the word “kingdom.” His territory became EXTENSIVE.

*Mic. 5:6 who will rule the land of Assyria with the sword, the land of Nimrod with drawn sword. He will deliver us from the Assyrians when they invade our land and march across our borders.*

## THE MIXED LANGUAGES

*Gen. 11:1 Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. 2 As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there. 3 They said to each other, “Come, let’s make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. 4 Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth.” 5 But the*

Genealogies of Genesis to Know				
Genesis 5	Age	Number	Genesis 11	Age
Adam	930	1	Shem	600
Seth	912	2	Arphaxad	438
Enosh	905	3	Shelah	433
Kenan	910	4	Eber	464
Mahalalel	895	5	Peleg	239
Jared	962	6	Reu	239
Enoch	∞	7	Serug	230
Methuselah	969	8	Nahor	148
Lamech	777	9	Terah	205
Noah	950	10	Abraham	175

LORD came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. 6 The LORD said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. 7 Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other." 8 So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. 9 That is why it was called Babel —because there the LORD confused the language of the whole world. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

1. Going back to give us more DETAIL, Moses tells how the world got the multiple LANGUAGES as listed in chapter 10.
2. All people spoke the SAME language, and used the same VOCABULARY.
3. Finding a place to DEFY God and "settle," they used the Babylonian way of building, using BRICK and MORTAR. They had four goals using the phrase, "Come let us . . .":
  - a. BUILD ourselves a CITY
  - b. Build a TOWER that reaches to the HEAVENS
  - c. Make a NAME for ourselves
  - d. Not be SCATTERED
4. But the LORD came down to SEE the city and tower.  
*How tall could the tower have been?*
5. The key thought here is that if mankind has the ABILITY to communicate with everyone, they will work SUCCESSFULLY together and defy the Lord.
6. So God responded with the SAME words, "Come let us . . ."
  - a. CONFUSE their language
  - b. SCATTER them over the earth
  - c. STOP the building of the CITY
  - d. Give them a different NAME, "Babel." (*Babylon meant "gate of the gods," while Babel means "confusion."*)

*Gen. 10:10 The first centers of his kingdom were Babylon, Uruk, Akkad and Kalneh, in Shinar.*

*2Kings 24:10 At that time the officers of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon advanced on Jerusalem and laid siege to it,*

*Psa. 137:1 By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion.*

*Rev. 17:5 The name written on her forehead was a mystery: BABYLON THE GREAT THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.*

## THE NAME THAT MATTERS

*Gen. 11:10 This is the account of Shem's family line. Two years after the flood, when Shem was 100 years old, he became the father of Arphaxad. 11 And after he became the father of Arphaxad, Shem lived 500 years and had other sons and daughters. 12 When Arphaxad had lived 35 years, he became the father of Shelah. 13 And after he became the father of Shelah, Arphaxad lived 403 years and had other sons and daughters. 14 When Shelah had lived 30 years, he became the father of Eber. 15 And after he became the father of Eber, Shelah lived 403 years and had other sons and daughters. 16 When Eber had lived 34 years, he became the father of Peleg. 17 And after he became the father of Peleg, Eber lived 430 years and had other sons and daughters. 18 When Peleg had lived 30 years, he became the father of Reu. 19 And after he became the father of Reu, Peleg lived 209 years and had other sons and daughters. 20 When Reu had lived 32 years, he became the father of Serug. 21 And after he became the father of Serug, Reu lived 207 years and had other sons and daughters. 22 When Serug had lived 30 years, he became the father of Nahor. 23 And after he became the father of Nahor, Serug lived 200 years and had other sons and daughters. 24 When Nahor had lived 29 years, he became the father of Terah. 25 And after he became the father of Terah, Nahor lived 119 years and had other sons and daughters. 26 After Terah had lived 70 years, he became the father of Abram, Nahor and Haran.*

1. The word "SHEM" means NAME. Moses is telling you that this is the name that really MATTERS.
    2. The genealogy in Genesis 5 is focused on DEATH, while the genealogy in Genesis 11 is focused on LIFE.
    3. The lifespan of man dropped RAPIDLY as it moves towards the 120 years as God had DECLARED.
- Gen. 6:3 Then the LORD said, "My Spirit will not contend with humans forever, for they are mortal; their days will be a hundred and twenty years."*
4. Genesis 1-6 is the genealogy that leads to NOAH while Genesis 9-11 is the genealogy that leads to ABRAHAM.
  5. Shem's LINE is the line of JESUS!

## OUR KEY THOUGHTS FOR THIS SERIES HAVE BEEN:

1. God is the SUBJECT of Gen 1-11 even though He is often forgotten as we talk about the FOUR incredible events of this section of Scripture.
  2. These four events are given as NARRATIVE, and according to other portions of the Bible, they happened just as they are TOLD. We need to determine HOW to respond.