

Babel vs Disciple Nations

Gen 11⁴ And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves"

Mat 28¹⁸ And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

* **Broadening & applying** last week's study of Babel.

* **Four things we need to recognize and recover:**

1) The real root _____: What is the true path of life and blessing, trusting God and his _____ or trusting ourselves and our own judgment? In other words, God's word or _____?

Gn 3⁴ Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Lk 4³ And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." ⁴ But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God'" (quoting Dt 8.3).

Prov 3⁵ Trust God with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths. ⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and depart from evil. ⁸ It will be health to your body and strength to your bones.

2) Autonomous man is a _____.

John 8⁴⁴ "You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do." He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it."

2Tim 2²⁵ ... God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, ²⁶ and ... come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.

Mat 1¹⁶ Then Herod ... sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under

Rev 12⁴ And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born. ⁵ She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne. ... ⁹ So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world ...

Isa 14⁴ you will take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say: ... ¹² "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! ¹³ For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; ¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' ¹⁵ Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit.

3) Recognition of autonomy in all its _____.

Judges 21²⁵ In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes (cf. 17.6).

Gn 11⁶ And the LORD said, "Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. ⁷ Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech."

4) Recognition of totalitarianism in all its _____.

Dan 2³¹ "You, O king, were watching; and behold, a great image! ... ³² This image's head was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, ³³ its legs of iron ... ³⁴ You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. ³⁵ ... And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth. ³⁶ ... Now we will tell the interpretation ... ³⁷ You, O king, are a king of kings. ... ³⁹ But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; then another, a third kingdom of bronze ... ⁴⁰ And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron ... ⁴⁴ And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; ... it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.