

# Why Our Civilization Is Collapsing

Gen 11:1-9

Intro: Fact - History - League of Nations - insight found in Gen. nature of 1-11 - G's sovereignty

reable in world = men divided - by Sin

Brings an awareness of our real situation. Take more than bricks to reach heaven

I → establish a reputation, set up a monument.

Because of its Pride - us 4 - Prov. 8:13; 16:18  
"make a name" - a passion to glorify self -  
his undertaking was dictated by pride.

1 - there is in all men a desire to be famous - to be known  
Pride + essence sin - rebellious pride - Sin of Adam

2 - Pride is the basic sin - Proper attitude before G is self-abasement  
Pride in some ability, some achievement -  
su - Foolish Farmer

3 - it tempts men to give the honor & glory to themselves instead of G.  
(and yourself and me)

4 - Danger in National pride = "my country right or wrong"

Americanism & Xenity are not the same thing.

II its Self-Sufficiency - "Lest we be scattered"  
their actions were governed not only by pride  
but also fear of extinction. It represented a reliance on  
bricks & mortar for defence, - thought that with  
such bulwarks, life could be carried on behind  
them. all = Belshazzar & Walls of Babylon = false  
security.

III - Materialism - to build a very large & massive  
tower seemed to the people of Babylon the  
most important thing of all to do.

IV - Self-Deification = "whose top may reach heaven."  
By erecting a tower of such height man might make  
himself equal with  $\mathcal{O}$ , - if man is equal with  $\mathcal{O}$  then  
 $\mathcal{O}$  is unnecessary & man has himself come into the  
position.

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### $\mathcal{O}$ 's Judgment on Civilization

- 1- Came down to see - vs 5.  $\mathcal{O}$  watches & investigates  
history - man under the surveillance of  $\mathcal{O}$ .
- 5- Judgment - Confound language - vs 7  
Symbolizes the fact that when men exalt themselves  
against  $\mathcal{O}$  they are up against something greater than them-  
selves & they are ~~to~~ cast down & rendered unable even  
to understand themselves.