

BABEL

Explains Our Differences

Almost everywhere we look in our world, we see diversity—varied languages, contrasting religions, and a wide assortment of people groups with different skin tones and other physical variations. Such dissimilarities can be traced back to one major event in history, when God confused the languages at Babel and dispersed Noah's descendants throughout the world.

1 Civilizations

Around the globe we find remains of early civilizations that sprouted up soon after Babel. The pattern is not surprising. After the Flood, it would have taken time for forests to regrow and people to rediscover resources. The first humans who left Babel would have made do with whatever materials they could find. But in short order, these early people could quickly build remarkable new civilizations.



Languages

At Babel, God created different languages—apparently dozens of them. Over time, these languages changed into the thousands of different modern languages and dialects known today. Yet all modern languages still follow the patterns of the original “families” of languages that God created at Babel. Each family is distinct, as though it appeared separately and suddenly, not slowly from one common language.

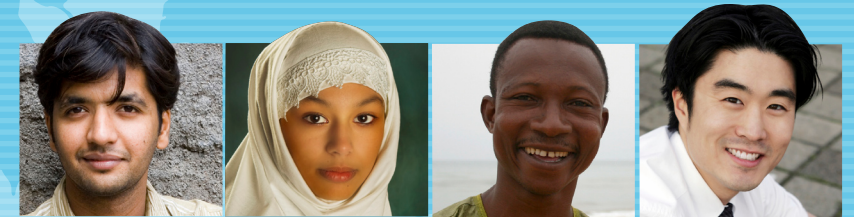


3 Genes

The genes of living humans are extremely similar, varying little from region to region. This is not surprising, given the recentness of Creation and the Flood, the small number of people who survived the Flood, and mankind's recent dispersion from Babel. By comparing the genes of modern populations, scientists may even be able to reconstruct the history of genetic variations—in broad outline—as the original populations spread from Babel.

4 Religion

The earliest records of human history, which are preserved in the Bible for us, show that mankind has consistently rejected God's plan. Beginning with Adam and Eve, they chose to worship the creation rather than the Creator. Modern religions are no different, inventing myths to replace God's true account of the Creation Week and Noah's Flood. Yet God has preserved a line of followers who faithfully preach His warnings of judgment and His promises of blessing.



5 Skin Tones

All people on earth today descended from Noah's three sons. In just a few generations after Babel, mutations and different combinations of previously existing genetic information resulted in distinct people groups, each with superficial differences, such as different skin tones and eye shapes. Because the differences are so small, the people groups must have split up very recently.

6 Stone Tools

Consistently we find evidence of cave dwellers and simple stone tools before we find advanced cities. This makes sense if the immigrants from Babel first found temporary shelter and made tools out of whatever materials were available, before metal ores were discovered and cities built.



7 Human & Ape Fossils

Today we find fossils of various extinct apes that were buried in rock layers below human fossils. This pattern makes sense if you believe the Bible's account of Babel. If apes filled the earth after the Flood while humans huddled together at Babel, then many generations of apes would have lived, died, and been fossilized before humans ever arrived on the scene. In fact, a vast number of mammals appear to have flourished and then gone extinct during the years right after the Flood, before humans ever left Babel.

