

The Beginning of Humanism

Genesis 11:1-9

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Humanism: "The religion wherein man is the measure and goal of all things. His promotion, glory and pleasure are the ultimate purposes of his existence. He needs not God for he his is his own God."

Let us unite! V.1-4

1. The first humanist Leader – **Nimrod**. Chapter 10:8-12 An evil tyrant
 - a. His name means "**let us rebel**" or "we shall rebel".
 - b. He was a "mighty one" – v.8 literally a **strong tyrant**.
2. The first Humanist settlement - **Shinar** – verse 2 (NASB)
 - a. Shinar was a **rebellious** settlement
 - b. Shinar was an effort to find an **earthly** paradise.
3. The first **United Kingdom** was humanist - "let us" v.3-4
 - a. Let us make **bricks** – verse 3. Literally let us "brick bricks".
 - b. Let us build:
 - i. A city – **political goal**
 - ii. A tower – **religious goal**
 - c. Let us make: A name – **psychological goal**

Let "us" confuse them. V.5-9

1. God saw what they **were doing**. V.5
2. God saw where they **were headed**. V.6
3. God did what **needed to be done**. V.7-8

Be honest about **spirit of Nimrod** in all of us.

Like in Babel –

- God sees **what we do**.
- God sees **where we are headed** – disaster
- God **did** what needed to be done. He sent his Son to save us from our "own way"

Is 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.