

THE ORIGIN OF HUMAN LANGUAGES

Genesis 11:1-9

It is amazing how many matters the so-called facts of _____ cannot explain that God's Word can explain

I. EVOLUTION HAS NO WORKABLE MODEL OF THE ORIGIN OF HUMAN _____

- A. Human language is the characteristic that separates ordinary _____ from ordinary human beings
- B. Animals can express _____ & identify objects, but they cannot discuss, abstract or symbolize
- C. Some animals can use _____ but their vocal apparatus cannot imitate human language
- D. There is no evidence at all to support the _____ of one ancient language into many languages

II. THE _____ HAS A CLEAR AND COMPELLING EXPLANATION FOR HUMAN LANGUAGE

A. The Origin of Human Language

- 1) Man's unique ability to communicate in abstract and intelligent speech is part of the _____ of God
 - a) It is part of the nature of _____ Himself to communicate complex concepts in words—language
 - b) This truth is demonstrated in the 783,000+ _____ found in the 66 books of the OT and the NT
- 2) God created man to fellowship w/ and worship Him; we cannot fulfill that purpose w/out using _____

B. The Origin of Human Languages *Genesis 11:1-9*

- 1) All human beings originally spoke the same language, perhaps _____ since names survived
- 2) Our human capacity to _____ and accomplish is enhanced by the gift of human language
- 3) God's confusion of the languages of the 70 clans at Babel was actually a signal act of God's _____
- 4) According to Genesis 11:9, _____ Himself is the author of the various human language families

III. THIS GIFT OF GOD HAS TREMENDOUS POWER FOR _____ OR EVIL *Proverbs 18:21*

A. Words Have Power for _____ *James 3:1-12*

- 1) A few words have an outsized effect compared to their _____: a) a bit turns a huge _____
b) a _____ turns an ocean liner c) a spark starts a forest _____ d) a drop of _____ kills 1000s
And a few words can destroy _____
- 2) It is difficult for all of us to control our _____—to keep destructive words from our mouths
 - a) If a man can _____ his tongue, his words, then he can control any other aspect of his person
 - b) James calls the tongue a wild _____ that no human being can tame in his own strength

B. Words Have Power for _____

- 1) Good words can _____ souls
According to Jesus (Luke 6:45), what a person puts in his heart overflows out of his _____
- 2) Good words can encourage _____
We must provide the water of _____ that will renew the life of those dying of thirst spiritually
- 3) Good words can _____ hearts
 - a) It's easy to use piercing, destructive words—corrupting words that _____ others down (Eph.4:29)
 - b) We must replace them with words that build up, that bring _____ to broken hearts & lives