

THE TOWER OF BABEL

Genesis 10-11

What is your understanding of
Genesis 10-11?

Why is the ***Tower of Babel***
story important?

**How did humanity get
here?**

Rebellion

Rebellion = *Sin*

THE PROBLEM WITH SIN IS:

- There are *no boundaries*.
- There are *no limits*.
- Sin keeps *multiplying*.

What *sin* did the people
commit?

11 Now the whole world had *one language* and a *common speech*.

Genesis 11:1–4

² As people moved eastward, they found a plain in *Shinar* and *settled there.*

³ They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar.

⁴ Then they said, "Come, let us ***build ourselves a city***, with a ***tower*** that reaches to the heavens, so that we may ***make a name for ourselves***; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth."

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5. They wanted to build their *own community*.

In present times, *how do we*
try to make a *name for*
ourselves?

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6. **Shinar** is the place that contains the faithful remnant of Israel (Isaiah 11)

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Isaiah 11:10–11

¹¹ In that day the Lord will reach out his hand a ***second time to reclaim the surviving remnant of his people*** from Assyria, from Lower Egypt, from Upper Egypt, from Cush, from Elam, from ***Babylonia***, from Hamath and from the islands of the Mediterranean.

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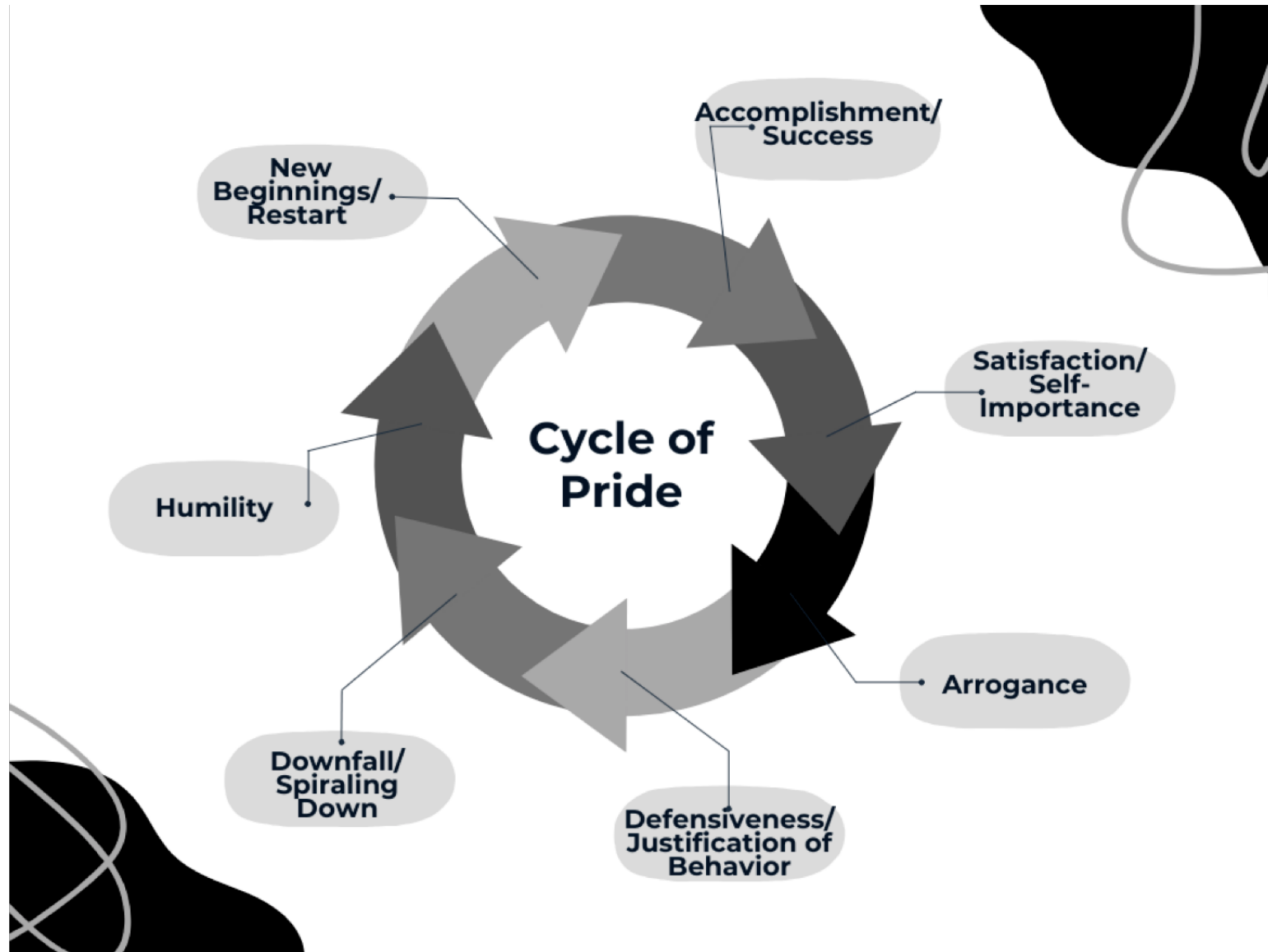
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Genesis 11 is an example
when ***pride*** becomes a
negative.

The Cycle of *Pride*





What is the cycle of pride?

The cycle of pride refers to the pattern of behavior and emotions that can be triggered by excessive pride. It often begins with a sense of accomplishment or success, leading to feelings of satisfaction and self-importance. As these feelings grow, an individual may become more arrogant and dismissive towards others. This can lead to conflicts and negative reactions from those around them, causing the individual to feel a sense of defensiveness and justifying their actions. This cycle can continue, leading to further conflicts and negative consequences.



What does the Bible say
about *Pride*?

¹⁸ ***Pride*** goes before ***destruction***,
a ***haughty spirit*** before a ***fall***.

Proverbs 16:18

² When *pride* comes, then
comes *disgrace*, but with
humility comes *wisdom*.

Proverbs 11:2

³ ***Do nothing out of selfish
ambition or vain conceit.***

Rather, in humility value others
above yourselves,

Philippians 2:3

What does the **God** say
about ***Pride?***

⁴ In his *pride* the wicked man
does not seek him; in all his
thoughts there is *no room for*
God.

³ "Blessed are the *poor in spirit*,
for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven.

⁵ But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower the people were building.

⁶ The LORD said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them.

⁷ Come, let us go down and **confuse** their language so they will not understand each other."

⁸ So the LORD *scattered* them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city.

⁹ That is why it was called ***Babel*** —
because ***there the LORD confused
the language of the whole world.***
From there the LORD scattered them
over the face of the whole earth.

How was *Satan* dismissed
from heave?

¹² How ***you*** have ***fallen from heaven,***
morning star, son of the dawn! You
have been ***cast down to the earth,***
you who once laid low the nations!

¹³ You said in your heart, *"I will ascend to the heavens; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon.*

14 I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High."

¹⁵ But *you* are *brought down* to the *realm of the dead*, to the *depths of the pit*.

What *lessons* can we learn?

What are our *modern day*
Towers of Babel?

God's Covenant

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