



"LOOK FOR NAME IN SERVICE" STUDY HERMENEUTICS CRITICISM HISTORICAL INCIDENT 11: 1- 9

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Abstract: *This article discusses humans who seek a name for their own fame in Genesis 11:1-9. Those humans want to find a name so that they will not be scattered all over the earth. The construction of the tower of Babel became a popular story in the days of Noah's descendants because of its towering structure. This became a reference for the humans to seek a name so that the whole world would recognize their greatness and power. The Tower of Babel became a symbol of human pride and arrogance. Seeking a name outside of God is inappropriate and will only bring the Lord's wrath, instead the right thing to do is for man to approach the LORD God not to seek a name for his greatness but to glorify the LORD. Therefore, in relation to this point, the research was conducted through hermeneutic work with the method of historical criticism. The researcher does hermeneutic work to get the right meaning and can be a reference for readers, especially for the GMIM Alfa Omega Kumaraka In.*

Keywords: *Name-seeking, Tower of Babel, Language, Genesis 11:1-9.*

1. INTRODUCTION

Book Incident is Wrong One book in Pentateuch (Torah) Which in a way traditional believed as results work from Moses, and the book of Genesis is the Book that became base from the whole Bible (Lamberty Yahya Mandagi, 2020). Karen Armstrong say in his book *A New Interpretation of Genesis*, the book of Genesis has be one of book sacred that has been allows millions men and women understand that life man own eternal dimension (Karen Armstrong, 1997)

There are 2 main points main in the book of Genesis, namely First Articles 1-11, describe beginning start about the world, humans and sin. Part second Incident Articles 12-50, describe about beginning start history safety in election Allah through for father ancestors And promise about land and descendants (W. S. Lasor, DA Hubbard, FW Bush, 2016).

In work scientific this, researcher will more focus on the part first book of Genesis, especially story about the "Tower of Babel" in incident Article 11.

In Genesis 11:1-9 contains story about crime human beings who do rebellion to Lord And end with destruction man. Story This is advanced from story Noah, that is about nation from children Noah (read : Ham). Ham's descendants have connection with the Egyptians, North Africans, and Canaanites. Although descendants Noah spread out, but all humans on earth recognized originate from grandma common ancestor, so that own One language and culture (Satya Widya, 2018).

Tower of Babel Narrative (From say Hebrew) is tower the highest on earth ever built in the era Noah. Resident on era That awarded with powers physique Which more and physique Which strong compared to with nations other. Tower here it is Which known until moment This as symbol human arrogance and arrogance (Jonar Situmorang, 2016). Narration about the Tower of Babel is meant for explain origin Why there is Lots kinds of languages (Wismoady Wahono, 2018).

Wahono in book In here I found : Instruction Learn And Teach The Bible explains about use the name "Babel" is explained originate from the root word Hebrew balal which mean chaotic, but

Actually the name “Babel” itself means “ gate of God.” (S, Wahono)

Background place The Tower of Babel incident was in a valley to the East, on the ground Shine, part from region Mesopotamia. They settled in there after life nomads that's all time. They feel safe moment settled in place That, And Then agreed For build something city with A tower Which the peak until to sky. Objective Tower This in get up with Meaning For make famous self they.

According to Dictionary The big Indonesian word " search " comes from the basic word " cari " which means try get, find, obtain, choose. While the word " name " means the word for mention or calling people, titles, titles, fame, goodness, honor. (Dictionary Big Language Indonesia) So " looking for name " can understood as something action people who try For get fame self Alone.

After man try build tower until to sky so Lord get down and see cities and Towers founded by those humans, as well mess up Language them and scatter they to all over earth (cf. Gen. 11 :5-7). Event This is point beginning area That called Babel. Matter This cause development Tower Babel in lower leadership Nimrod, king Babel, No finished (2350 SM). Then tradition from Babylon and a script from Sharkalisharri say that in 2200 BC the king of Agade reconstructed the Tower of Babel temple (ziggurat) (Encyclopedia Al).

Story about Tower Babel is story the only one in Agreement Long moreover special in book Incident. Story This Also is symbol arrogance man on the time of Noah. This matter become highlight important in the book of Genesis, because the only one who discusses about arrogance and haughtiness people For look for Name as well as do rebellion, build tower Which the peak until to sky. So that here it is Which become reason researchers For lift title " Look for Name" in study hermeneutics criticism historical Genesis 11:1-9.

Reality Which There is moment This push researchers For study And analyze text Genesis 11:1-9. Researchers see text This very relevant with life people time now. Life God's people are arrogant and wanton highlight self only experienced by the people of Israel at that time, but also found in God's people today This. Arrogance and high sense heart people For look for name so you can come on stage stand out compared to with others, similar with events that occurred in Shinar moment man want to look for Name with build tower whose peak until to sky.

Matter in on is something action Which No appropriate in One fellowship church GOD. As One fellowship, should congregation look in the mirror from the nature of the LORD God who has characteristic low heart, no want to There is difference One with others, and build good relationship with man. Matter here it is Which appropriate done by people LORD in era This. Phenomena - phenomena this is what happened then inspiring researchers For research so that the people of the LORD do not glued on matter " look for Name " so that No experience fall like Which There is in text Genesis 11:1-9. For this reason, researchers need study text this is to find its meaning for life people God in this time.

2. RESEARCH METHODS

In compilation writing this, researcher use method study literature (literature) with use approach hermeneutics. In Work hermeneutics, in a special use method criticism historical. Method criticism historical is A a very approach near with life interpretation The Bible that cares element history and background behind from something script. In method critical historical No accept raw every thing, but make an effort For test even do deep considerations from various aspects (K. Labobar, 2017). Bible become source main in method this, especially the Book of Genesis 11:1-9.

3. DISCUSSION

Background Behind Special Genesis 11: 1-9

Blooming in book Introduction To The Old Testament classifies text Genesis 9:1-11 comes from from source Y (J. Blommendaal). In harmony with Blommendaal, Walter Lempp also classifies text Genesis 9:1-11 comes from from same source (Y)(Dr. Walter lempp, 2003).

Distribution Main Point Thought

- Paragraph 1-2: Unity Language;
- Paragraph 3-4: Plan For build tower scraper sky with rock brick;
- Paragraph 5-7: Lord mess up Language they;

- Paragraph 8-9: Lord scatter they to all over earth.

Description Interpretation

- Paragraph 1- 2

Gerhard Von Rad, in his book *Genesis A Commentary* explains in verse First that all people man own One Language And One treasury word (Gerhard Von Rad, *Genesis A Commentary*, 1972)

It means all person in era That speak with Language And accent Which The same, so that they with easy do communication as well as understand saying One The same other. This also makes it easier they For do various work. This verse sustainable with chapter previously explained about distribution people, list of nations descendants of Shem, Ham and Japheth (read : Noah).

Descendants Noah differentiated become a number of ethnic group or region residence they. Place the residence then become narrow, so that Noah make agreement with his children that they must determine direction each or move to further distance Far from place they each one. But over time, it seems children humans are reluctant spread to a better place far away. They think place they more pleasant And more safe. Matter This Which cause they try For still stay together, And lazing around so that No go occupying a country that has given to them by God. They thought that self they more wise than God or Noah (Matthew Henry, *Zondervan NIV Matthew Henry Commentary*, 2010)

In version Translation New " As for all over earth, one the language and one his accent." Whereas in BIMK write "Initially, nations in all over the world only have One language and they using the same words ." Both translation This want to disclose the same meaning, that beginning start all over earth own One the same language and accent, so that they Can communicate with Good.

As for all over earth (Heb . אֶרֶץ הָאָרֶץ hā 'ā·re ṣ = article הָ + noun feminine singular) means " the earth " or the whole world is inhabited by nations. Nations in here pointing on descendants Noah, after incident water Bah. Descendants Noah increase Lots And fulfil earth. Although life they diverse, but they only own One Language And One accent. Say " Language " in text Hebrew is שָׂפָה sā· pā h (noun feminine single). Pericope This mention the word "language" five times. This means the word " language " becomes unspoken emphasis can be considered trivial in text this. In Dictionary In Indonesian, the meaning of the word " language " is good conversation / words. So that Language is system communication between One party with the other party.

Book Incident depict that after incident water Wow, Noah And his family go out from ark with own One language and one device terms. Appropriate God's covenant with Noah For multiply his descendants, then descendants Noah also increased, in a way automatically they too still continue the same language with ancestors they Because Language That Already adequate . Those who are descendants Noah it lives in the Euphrates valley and its surroundings , a region generally viewed as embryo future civilization (Charles F. Pfeiffer, Eferett F. Harrison, 2014). Encyclopedia The Bible Today take notes that Euphrates is river the biggest in Asia West. River Euphrates And Tigris is river Which sourced from Mountains Armenia (Turkey), both of them is at in area Mesopotamia (meso means middle and potamos It means river). Reason place This called as embryo will civilization Because area This often hit flood in moment season Rain , with so mud - mud carried by water causes surrounding land become fertile .

Paragraph 2 recorded that they start wander – No it is said from where, and found plains tempting expanse they to settle (Gerhard Von Rad). The flat area is located in the region Shinear ; that is Mesopotamian region . “ Flat land on the ground Shinear ” not plains normal , but plains low Which become something center culture ancient . Place That wide And can accommodate they all . Like Which has explained in on the plains are also very fertile so that all need food they are fulfilled (Matthew Henry, *Genesis Chap*). Fertility land bring in man For located live in the area the with eye his livelihood match plant . Flood Which they experience make they endure life with make embankments retainer flood , channel flood and channels agriculture . From that condition , experts trust that Mesopotamia is place origin civilization humans in the world.

- Departure they to land flat For settle there as noted here too No just history time past . Departure This must understood as effort dig values culture high in the area for used in development

nation everyone who stopped there (JA Teloni, 2017). Shinar , the Hebrew use Name Shinar , which was originally is A region in northern Mesopotamia , For referring to to all over region Mesopotamia. Tribes Which move from region Mount Ararat towards to land fertile plains of Babylon . The whole earth One Language And One his accent , matter This state that story That the original is stand alone , and things This believe that division man on languages not yet divided . Author has explain Peleg's name (Gen. 10:25) with explanation of " cause" in his time earth divided ”. It turns out from there, that story development the tower of Babel was never know the list of nations in Gen. 10 in its entirety or list nations . Gen. 11:1 consider man united ; all over earth Not yet speaking one and have vocabulary of compound words (Dr. Walter Lempp)

- **Paragraph 3- 4**

In Text original , first word For part This is וַיִּצְמְרוּ (way- yō - mə-rū) from word ׀ Which is wow consecutive added say Work heart imperfect person the 3rd masculine plural וַיִּצְמְרוּ , It means "And they has said ”. This means wow consecutive show that paragraph This advanced from paragraph previously .

Translation New , BIMK, and New International Version are available the phrase “ come on” we ”, each translation This own same meaning . The phrase " let's we ”, is something invitation or request to someone / more For do something work together . Like Which put forward by Lots interpreter modern, paragraph This show A disclosure idea contradictory in arrangement say which is parallel to the realization the idea of “ human propose , but God determines.” (Robert Alter, 1996). It means man do work that they find profitable for they will but results end from work they determined by God .

On work the , material Which used For establish buildings physique as mentioned here , namely rock brick . In text original לְבִנְיָהּ לֹ-חֵ-נִים (say object feminine plural) Which It means rock brick . Meanwhile in Dictionary Big Indonesian , stone brick is shaped stone aspect four , made from land see , how its manufacture burned . Stone brick This is one of the materials as (construction materials used humans First For establish buildings . Besides rock brick , man use asphalt as something mixture For glue bricks (Matthew Henry). – It also seems to be used as useful reference for development facilities government and worship in the time of Solomon(JA Teloni). When descendants Noah on the move to the East has find A convenient place For become residence , they take decision For establish A city . In paragraph 4 appear Again phrase " come on We " , This is second time phrase This written in passage This . Humans at that time had handsome stature , strong physique , so that not surprised , they establish A such a tower high , which the peak until to sky . Tower in text Hebrew : הַמִּגְדָּל ham·miḡ·dāl (noun masculine single) , in Dictionary Big Language Indonesia, tower is tall building ; part buildings that are made Far more tall than building its parent . Works also for supervise area around or become instruction for ships and so on Which currently sail . And in dictionary dry , say tower It means the building that became fortress Guards are usually built in the middle city or in places open .

However , the inner tower text This is A buildings erected by humans under Nimrod's leadership with Meaning evil . He is descendants ninth from Adam, man first . Nimrod is known as a powerful warriors and heroes over Babel, Erech , and Accad . The buildings giant This will give profit for they with Name they get position dear in eye man And Possible Also in eye Allah. Paragraph 4b return display the phrase “ come on” we ”, the third time these words written , it seems This become emphasis in passage this . Such a thing show excitement they together For each other confirm heart and more and more brave act . When the intentions of the implementers increases , then things big can realized . They agreed For carry out objective mentioned , as well as each other awaken Spirit For reach their goals (Matthew Henry).

Phrase following in verse 4b written , " search Name ." In text Hebrew : וַיִּשְׁעוּ - שְׁמֵהּ

וַיִּשְׁעוּ

וַיִּשְׁעוּ

wə - na -'ā- śeh - lā-nū šêm ; (Say connector ׀ + say Work heart conjunctive

imperfect 1st person plural cohortative + 1st person plural preposition + noun masculine

singular) which means : "And come We will make A Name For self we ." Meanwhile in Translation New is : " search Name ". "Search Name" consists of from two syllables , namely " cari " and " nama ". The word " cari " in Dictionary The big Indonesian word is “ find ” and if added preposition “men” = “ looking for ”, means try get / find / obtain . And the word " name " in Dictionary Big Indonesian is the word for mention or calling people (can also be places , things) animals , etc.), title ; designation ; fame ; superiority ; honor . But in text this , “ looking for name " means look for popularity so that become famous and respected . This is what is meant those humans so that all earth submit and submit to they Because power and greatness they past construction of the tower whose peak until sky .

Herodotus who is one of the theologian , depicts that this tower shaped eight fruit level with wide room 91 x 91 x 91 meters (H. Haag). The height towering sky . In on floor base That built five floor , every floor height 6- 18 meters. The shape of this tower the more tapered up

Objective from project the is For ensure about emerging power from unity they . The city and the tower will lift they become solid group even without God's help though (Matthew Henry). Some people think that with establish tower this , they hope will secure self to similar disasters Possible with flood next . In chapter previously LORD say that He No will bring in incident like flood again (cf. Gen. 9:11), and this is God's promise with Noah along with his descendants . However , visible from development tower This , they more trust A tower artificial hand they Alone than the promise that GOD made with Noah . Very allows If tower this is designed For against God . Because in openly they build tower Which the peak until to sky For prove that they want to rivaling GOD or they want to match self they with GOD/ want to come to the LORD according to ability they as man , And open come in holiness but in arrogance heart .

They say that : so that We Don't scattered to all over earth . Scattered / scattered in text original is נָפְרָן nā-p̄ū š (Say Work heart imperfect person 1st plural) which means “ spread out ”. In Translation New using the word " scattered ", whereas in BIMK “ separated” scattered .” From several translation This want to give the meaning of the word " scattered " is spread / scattered (KBBI). So besides from look for Name / fame , reason from they establish Tower That so that they No scattered to all over earth and become One known group even feared all over the world. They want to ensure that they No will people forget . The tower will unite them and make sure that Name they immortalized . The towering building will is monument about their energy , courage , intelligence and fame (Charles F. Pfeiffer) . even as well as sign desire they For seeking fame (Gerhard Von Rad).

Effort For look for Name for self alone in tone the invitation put forward here more appropriate interpreted as “ carving ” efforts name of person or create performance For other people are proud of . Because of this Tower is performance great man , a wonders of the world. But it is monument For human beings themselves and not for Allah (JA Teloni). From here , you can seen How man want to highlight self they with reach something performance without depend on God . Human build tower this is the peak until sky signify arrogance and pride man until want to beyond God.

- Paragraph 5- 7

Own wall Which more tall from on building Which other, development That can seen from all corner . Share man , the tower is very big , but to GOD be greatness tower That such small , until LORD No can see The same once . So that can see it , then GOD must down formerly from his height . The Lord's coming is here discussed as His full coming with power . " Then the LORD came down to see cities and towers built by children that human being .” From the expression this , before act For punish , the LORD comes down For observe and investigate work they . Expression this also shows action humility GOD himself , until Want to down For notice the building . Next emphasis from “ children that human being ”, this show human weakness and fragility . Man is creatures the great and glorious creation of GOD , because created according to His image and likeness (See Gen. 1:26-27). However , Because man has fall to in sin , until man known as a weak and limited creature (Elfri Darling Sinaga, 2017). The LORD came down from His high throne For see work human . Here Lord depicted as Humans , but the picture is not eliminate His majesty and greatness is because His coming like presence a inspector or officials government in charge do inspection / supervision , as desired inspect conditions

plagued by problem (JA Teloni). Verse 6 The LORD said that they is One nation and one language , this show that those humans have One unity , because actions wicked they so that GOD cancel / cancel plan human beings who started with division (Matthew Henry).

Paragraph 7 started with sentence Okay We down And mess up in there Language they . Say "We" No intended to for angel , as if GOD needs advice or help They . Here God speaks to himself , or Father to The Son and the Holy Spirit (Matthew Henry). In text Hebrew נָבְלָהּ nā-bə-lāh (verb heart conjunctive imperfect 1st person plural (cohortative) which means chaotic / messed up . BIMK also uses the term “ mess up ” and translation New use term “ messing up ”. In Dictionary Big Language Indonesia meaning the word is make or cause chaos . Of all translation This want to explain that the LORD came down and destroyed / made chaotic Language they , with thus they No can Again understand spoken language they . GOD made a mess language which is tool socializing and communication or tool fellowship they . Verse 7b originally want to explain How emergence all-round Lots languages in this world . But difficulties Language Of course can be overcome if only one word Language only happen from a number of words listed in dictionary . But Language No just distant words from that. The division , which threatens every unity from outside and than The God of Israel, removed and annulled plan history big from kingdom human . Human effort stay abandoned , plans man No can continued and completed (Walter Lempp).

- Paragraph 8- 9

Paragraph 8 explain that Lord punish man with mess up Language they , so that they scattered / scattered to all over earth . And on Finally the humans stopped establish cities and development tower whose peak until to sky (Gary Edward Schnittjer, 2015).

Babel, Hebrew word For Babylon . In text original בָּבֶל bā·vel (Noun feminine exact singular) . Hebrew Expert say this word No Possible originate from the word balal , “ to confuse ”, “ to mix ” but according to they It means is door the gate of God. Through A ornament , term the Can means chaos (Charles F. Pfeiffer, Eferett F. Harrison) . Babylon is capital Nimrod's kingdom and from then on the name Babylon became world symbol Which wicked , Which possessed by soul Devil, rebellion the biggest that. However Babel in meaning decoration Still life Keep going . The destruction of the ancient country of Babylon occurred symbol for the destruction of this evil present world (J. Sidlow Baxter, 2012).

Theology Script

- After flood event , crime man Still continues . It should be exalted name of the LORD God will but man do crime For fame self alone . Human as appropriate approaching God not search Name For his greatness , but For glorify GOD. GOD grants they strength handsome physique mighty as well as smart brain so that Can used For things Which please to LORD. However the ability that GOD has given instead abused by them . These humans consider strength and greatness they is originate from self they alone and not Because God's gift .

- The construction of the Tower of Babel was carried out by humans , besides For state strength them and oppose the LORD, it turns out have other motives. Other intentions of development the tower is For make famous Name they . With hard work hard work and effort they Keep going fight build so that the tower becomes building highest in the time of Noah . Construction of the top tower until to sky become reference for humans that's for look for name of agar the whole world recognizes greatness and power they . Matter This is arrogance And vanity man For become famous and prominent between nations other . Looking for name outside of GOD is actions that are not right , and even will bring in the wrath of the Lord that leads to destruction human . The truth And appropriate done is look for Name For glorify LORD because of GOD Alone down For look after life man . Fame Which obtained in GOD is not will out and will long lasting and bring in profit for others too self Alone .

-GOD comes down from on his throne and saw in a way direct actions wicked people who try build tower whose peak until to sky For show off greatness them all over the world so recognized and feared nations others . See characteristic arrogant and proud man so LORD thwart plan they . Matter That done LORD so that they stop build tower Babel as well as break arrogance man -man That. Deeds LORD show that He very love His people so that No want to man fall into return to in sin .

-Omnipotence LORD universe natural.

4. IMPLICATIONS THEOLOGICAL

Construction of a tower whose peak until to sky is form from vanity man in reading This . LORD bestow they strength physique the gallant one mighty as well as the brain that intelligent so that Can used For things that please to the LORD. However the ability that GOD has given instead abused by them . Human beings That consider strength And greatness they is originate from self they alone and not Because gift of GOD. This also becomes contemplation for God's people in the present , When give self in service , don't do it over base arrogance . Don't feel self more tall than others because give more Lots in service . Don't do service if basically want to stand out from others. Because giving self in service with basics like That No will accepted and blessed by GOD. In fact , the gift self in service based on arrogance precisely will bring in punishment in life congregation , which of course impact bad in fellowship And service . Should do service with full humility heart , each other embrace One with that other, instead of life compartmentalized with each side of the camp the group that made solidarity the people of the LORD are growing eroded .

The next thing that can be done give rise to division in service is look for Name For fame self alone , or in meaning want to look for fame / popularity with method highlight greatness self in middle life person believe . Same case in point with narrative the tower of Babel showing life it was the people of that time who struggled with hard For finish development the tower of Babel so that they Can look for name and fame Name they to all over earth . Actions performed those humans are not pleasant the heart of the LORD, but rather hurt God's heart . Attitude life like that no reflect character as children of GOD. Seeking Name For glory self Alone is arrogance and pride that only will prevent from falling .

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