

## Symmetry in Genesis 11:1-9

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The Acts of the Children of Men	The Acts of the LORD
Narrative	
1 ¶ And <b>the whole earth</b> was of <b>one language</b> , and of one speech. 2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt <b>there</b> .	8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from <b>thence</b> upon the face of <b>all the earth</b> : and they left off to build the city. 9 Therefore is the name of it called <b>Babel</b> ; because the LORD did <b>there confound</b> the language of <b>all the earth</b> : and from <b>thence</b> did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of <b>all the earth</b> .
Monolog	
3 And they said <b>one to another</b> , <b>Go to, let us make brick</b> , and burn them throughly. And they had <b>brick for stone</b> , and slime had they for mortar. 4 And they said, <b>Go to</b> , let us build us a city and a tower, whose top <i>may reach</i> unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of <b>the whole earth</b> .	6 And the LORD said, Behold, the people <i>is</i> one, and they have all <b>one language</b> ; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. 7 <b>Go to</b> , let us go down, and there <b>confound</b> their language, that they may not understand <b>one another's</b> speech.
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### Alternating

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