

## **Lesson 8 Genesis Chapters 10, 11, 12** **Abraham's Beginning With God**

*Chapter 10 shows the origin of the nations of that time. In Genesis 11 we learn the reason and circumstances of their dispersion.*

1. What reasons are given here in 11:1-9 for building the Tower of Babel? (Three possible) (CCC57)
  - 1 The whole world had the same language and the same words.**
  - 2 When they were migrating from the east, they came to a valley in the land of Shinar\* and settled there.**
  - 3 They said to one another, "Come, let us mold bricks and harden them with fire." They used bricks for stone, and bitumen for mortar.**
  - 4 Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the sky,\* and so make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered all over the earth."**
  - 5 The LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the people had built.**
  - 6 Then the LORD said: If now, while they are one people and all have the same language, they have started to do this, nothing they presume to do will be out of their reach.**
  - 7 Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that no one will understand the speech of another.**
  - 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 speech of all the world. From there the LORD scattered them over all the earth.**

2. In what way did these people disobey God's command as given in Genesis 1:28 and 9:1?

**Genesis 1:28**

**28 God blessed them and God said to them: Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it.\* Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that crawl on the earth.**

**Genesis 9:1**

**God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them: Be fertile and multiply and fill the earth.**

***In chapter 12:1-9 we read of God's call to Abram and Abram's obedience.***

- 1 The LORD said to Abram: Go forth from your land, your relatives, and from your father's house to a land that I will show you.**
  - 2 I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.**
  - 3 I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. All the families of the earth will find blessing in you.\***
  - 4 Abram went as the LORD directed him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran.**
  - 5 Abram took his wife Sarai, his brother's son Lot, all the possessions that they had accumulated, and the persons they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan,**
  - 6 Abram passed through the land as far as the sacred place at Shechem, by the oak of Moreh. The Canaanites were then in the land.**
  - 7 The LORD appeared to Abram and said: To your descendants I will give this land. So Abram built an altar there to the LORD who had appeared to him.**
  - 8 From there he moved on to the hill country east of Bethel, pitching his tent with Bethel to the west and Ai to the east. He built an altar there to the LORD and invoked the LORD by name.**
  - 9 Then Abram journeyed on by stages to the Negeb.**
3. According to Joshua 24:2, what did Abram's father worship?
- 2 Joshua addressed all the people: "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: In times past your ancestors, down to Terah, father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the River and served other gods.**
4. From Romans 4:13-25, what do you consider significant about Abram's example to all believers.
- 13 It was not through the law that the promise was made to Abraham and his descendants that he would inherit the world, but through the righteousness that comes from faith.**
  - 14 For if those who adhere to the law are the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.**
  - 15 For the law produces wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.**
  - 16 For this reason, it depends on faith, so that it may be a gift, and the promise may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not to those who only adhere to the law but to those who follow the faith of Abraham, who is the father of all of us,**
  - 17 as it is written, "I have made you father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into being what does not exist.**
  - 18 He believed, hoping against hope,<sup>1</sup> that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "Thus shall your descendants be."**
  - 19 He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body as [already] dead (for he was almost a hundred years old) and the dead womb of Sarah.**
  - 20 He did not doubt God's promise in unbelief;\* rather, he was empowered by faith and gave glory to God**
  - 21 and was fully convinced that what he had promised he was also able to do.**
  - 22 That is why "it was credited to him as righteousness."**
  - 23 But it was not for him alone that it was written that "it was credited to him";**
  - 24 it was also for us, to whom it will be credited, who believe in the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,**
  - 25 who was handed over for our transgressions and was raised for our justification.**

5. How are “all peoples on earth blessed through Abram”? (Genesis 12:3) (CCC706)

6. *Challenge Question:* How does Galatians 3:29 link us to Abram?

**29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s descendant, heirs according to the promise.**

7. God tested Abram when the famine came (12:10), do you think Abram followed his own idea in going to Egypt, or did he seek guidance from God?

**10 There was famine in the land; so Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, since the famine in the land was severe.**

8. Which verses in chapter 12 reveal:

A. Abram’s fear

B. Abram’s sin

9. What verses show:

A. The consequences of that sin to others

B. God’s mercy to Abram

10. Read 13:1-4, to what place did Abram return after he got back into the will of God?

**1 From Egypt Abram went up to the Negeb with his wife and all that belonged to him, and Lot went with him.**

**2 Now Abram was very rich in livestock, silver, and gold.**

**3 From the Negeb he traveled by stages toward Bethel, to the place between Bethel and Ai where his tent had formerly stood,**

**4 the site where he had first built the altar; and there Abram invoked the LORD by name.**