

Genesis Chapter 11 Part 2

Ge 11:9 Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

Babel means confusion – “because the LORD did there confound the language”. Babel is known as Babylon throughout history. It has always represented a corrupt world power seeking to harm God’s people and promote false religion. Babylon emerged as a world power at the start of this age and killed Christ (Mat.20:19). It has emerged once again at the end of this age, which is none other than the Roman Catholic Church (Rev.17:5,18); promoting the worship of Semiramis and her virgin born son and seeking to bring global peace while “hunting” all those who stand in their way.

Ge 11:10-28 These are the generations of Shem: Shem was an hundred years old, and begat Arphaxad two years after the flood ... **27** Now these are the generations of Terah: Terah begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran begat Lot.

In this genealogy we see the obvious decline in longevity after the flood. Men were having children in their thirty’s rather than around one hundred. A good old age today is 80 (Ps.90:10).

In vs.27, we find the name Abram for the first time in scripture. Abram is the tenth from Noah. He was an uncircumcised Shemite from Ur of the Chaldea’s but had the Lord’s attention. (Ur was the birthplace of the god “Sin”, who would later become known as “Allah” the moon god.) Abram was not called a Hebrew until Gen.14:13. His name is later changed to Abraham (Ge.17:4-6) as he was to be the father of many nations. Paul calls him the “father of us all” (Rom.4:16). He is also known as the father of faith (Gal.3:6,7,9). Abraham had the distinct honor of being known as the friend of God (Jas.2:23, 4:4 see also Jn.15:13-14). From Abraham came the Jews, who are known as the people of God (my people, Ex.3:7,10), and the wife of God (Isa.54:5-6, Hos.2:18-20, not to be confused with the bride of Christ – the Lamb’s wife, Rev.21:9-10). The rest of the nations are considered “as a drop of a bucket” (Isa.40:15). Thus, we see that Abraham is a unique person in all of history. He is one of only four men with whom God makes a personal covenant. We also find the name “Lot” appearing for the first time. Lot is Abraham’s nephew. Unlike Abraham, Lot is a type of a believer who is a friend of this world in the last days (Lk.17:28-30). Lot’s wife is not mentioned here so he was most likely unmarried at this time. He probably found his wife in Sodom. The scriptures remind us to “remember Lot’s wife”, Lk.17:32. We are beholding the lifestyle of Sodom today.

Ge 11:29-30 And Abram and Nahor took them wives: the name of Abram's wife was Sarai; and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah, and the father of Iscah. **30** But Sarai was barren; she had no child.

Abraham’s wife’s name was Sarai (his half-sister, Gen.20:12). The name Sarai means “contentious”, which bears out in Gen.16:2,6. Sarah was blessed with beauty but had trouble giving birth, so she instructed Abram to “obtain children” by her handmaid, Hagar. This brought great contention. She had no idea what the Lord had in store for her. The Lord later gave her the name of Sarah in Gen.17:15-16, for she would be a mother of nations. She gave birth to Isaac who is one of the greatest types of Christ in the bible. Sarah experienced a great transformation in her life and is used an example of a godly wife in 1Pet.3:1-6.

Ge 11:31-32 And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran his son's son, and Sarai his daughter in law, his son Abram's wife; and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Haran, and dwelt there. **32** And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years: and Terah died in Haran.

Chapter 12

Ge 12:1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

The bible says the Lord called Abram to get out of his country and leave his family behind (12:1). Acts 7:1-4 confirms that he received this calling while still in Ur (even though chapter 12 seems to indicate otherwise). Hebrews 11:8 says he left “not knowing whither he went”. However, Abram’s father had his own goal of getting to Canaan and Abram followed him rather than God. The bible doesn’t say, but perhaps this is why Terah died along the journey in Haran. It is a common temptation for us to choose family over God. While trying not to “upset the applecart” we can suffer unforeseen consequences from God.