

“Babel Tower To Us?”

Genesis 11:1-32

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Today, we'd like to see the title of “Babel Tower To Us?” in Genesis 11:1-32.

To Online Word's people on the earth, we'd like to suggest 3 Questions.

Q1. In verse 4, “And they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top *is* in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth,” why are they (“a city and a tower”) against God?

Q2. In verse 6, “ And the LORD said, “Indeed the people *are* one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them,” what is the problem to God when now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them?

Q3. In verses 31-32, “And Terah took his son Abram and his grandson Lot, the son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, his son Abram’s wife, and they went out with them from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to the land of Canaan; and they came to Haran and dwelt there. ³² So the days of Terah were two hundred and five years, and Terah died in Haran,” until Terah died, what heart of Abram can we see before his leaving to the land of Canaan, as we should learn?

(Background for Daily Bible Reading & Studying Weekly Book Basis)

Human Lineage

Noah’s Son	Descendants	Reference (Gen 10 & 11)
Shem	Hebrews, Chaldeans, Assyrians, Persians, Syrians, or Asians	Gen 9:18
Ham	Canaanites, Egyptians, Philistines, Hittites, Amorites, or Africans	
Japheth	Greeks, Thracians, Scythians, or Europeans	Thracians (residents of SE Europe); Scythians (residents of E Europe); Asia minor

Genesis 10

¹Now this *is* the genealogy of the sons of Noah: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And sons were born to them after the flood. ²The sons of Japheth *were* Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras. ⁶The sons of Ham *were* Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan.

²⁰ These *were* the sons of Ham, according to their families, according to their languages, in their

lands *and* in their nations.²¹ And *children* were born also to Shem, the father of all the children of Eber, the brother of Japheth the elder.

Today, we cover the Babel Tower (verses 1 to 9), Shem's Genealogy (verses 10 to 26), and Terah's Genealogy (verses 27 to 31). The Bible is not the genealogy book but is only interested in the line which leads to Jesus Christ, because all other genealogies are needed to explain Jesus Christ's genealogy. Jesus came from Noah, Shem, Terah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and David.

Text

<p>¹Now the whole earth had <u>one language and one speech</u>.</p>	<p>1-9 (Babel Tower) 1= one language and one speech (probably Hebrew language)</p>
<p>²And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of <u>Shinar</u>, and they dwelt there.</p>	<p>2= Shinar, (see a reliable Bible map, <i>Gen 10:10</i>¹, that area was later called Babylon, today in Iraq. Its south part was plain land of Shinar. Babylon was the source of all false religions. Babylon is synonymous with a system which is against God. e.g., A religious Babylon called as the mother of harlots in <i>Rev 17:5</i>²)</p>
<p>³Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make <u>bricks</u> and bake <i>them</i> thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they had <u>asphalt for mortar</u>.</p>	<p>3= bricks (a block made of clay for a building; no much stones in the plain land, i.e. man-made block); asphalt for mortar (asphalt or slime is a tar-like substance)</p>
<p>⁴And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves <u>a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.</u>"</p>	<p>4= Q1 a city... a tower ... top is in the heavens... make a name for ourselves... lest we be scattered abroad ((1) a city not for us to be scattered abroad against God's will, for us to fill the earth in <i>Gen 1:27-28</i>³; a tower to make a name for ourselves (a tower for self glory or to show up, not for God's glory <i>James 4:6</i>⁴; the tower whose top is in the heavens, called as shrine, with outside staircases is a ziggurat high as about 300 feet or 90 meters well as wide, e.g. Mesopotamian temple tower, a Spinks, a lofty pyramidal tower in Latin America; SELF-EXAMINATION for Babel Tower to Us?: Ask yourself why you get a car, a house, a food, or</p>

¹ *Gen 10:10* And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.
² *Rev 17:5* And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.
³ *Gen 1:27-28* So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him: male and female He created them. ²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."
⁴ *James 4:6* But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

<p>⁵ But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built.</p> <p>⁶ And the LORD said, "Indeed the people <i>are</i> one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; <u>now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them.</u></p> <p>⁷ Come, <u>let Us go down</u> and there <u>confuse</u> their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." ⁸ So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. ⁹ Therefore its name is called <u>Babel</u>, because there the LORD <u>confused</u> the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.</p> <p>¹⁰ This <i>is</i> <u>the genealogy of Shem</u>: Shem was one hundred years old, and begot Arphaxad two years after the flood. ¹¹ After he begot Arphaxad, Shem lived five hundred years, and begot sons and daughters.</p> <p>¹² Arphaxad lived thirty-five years, and begot Salah. ¹³ After he begot Salah, Arphaxad lived four hundred and three years, and begot sons and daughters.</p> <p>¹⁴ Salah lived thirty years, and begot</p>	<p>anything as to the Lord <i>Psalm 26:2; Psalm 139:23</i>⁵. Note the tower was related to worship in various gods in stars contrary to omnipresent God <i>Psalm 139:7-10</i>⁶)</p> <p>6=Q2 now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them (because God created things to be good & to glorify God <i>Gen 1:31; Mat 6:13</i>⁷)</p> <p>7= let Us go down (Us, plural, trinity God); confuse [confound]</p> <p>9= Babel ... confused...(Babel means confusion or confounder)</p> <p>10-26 (Shem's genealogy)</p>
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⁵ *Psalm 26:2* Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; Try my mind and my heart.; *Psalm 139:23* Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties;

⁶ *Psalm 139:7-10* Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? ⁸ If I ascend into heaven, You *are* there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You *are there*. ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning, *And* dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, ¹⁰ Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me.

⁷ *Gen 1:31* Then God saw everything that He had made. and indeed *it was* very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.; *Mat 6:13* And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Eber. ¹⁵ After he begot Eber, Salah lived four hundred and three years, and begot sons and daughters.

¹⁶ Eber lived thirty-four years, and begot Peleg. ¹⁷ After he begot Peleg, Eber lived four hundred and thirty years, and begot sons and daughters.

¹⁸ Peleg lived thirty years, and begot Reu. ¹⁹ After he begot Reu, Peleg lived two hundred and nine years, and begot sons and daughters.

²⁰ Reu lived thirty-two years, and begot Serug. ²¹ After he begot Serug, Reu lived two hundred and seven years, and begot sons and daughters.

²² Serug lived thirty years, and begot Nahor. ²³ After he begot Nahor, Serug lived two hundred years, and begot sons and daughters.

²⁴ Nahor lived twenty-nine years, and begot Terah. ²⁵ After he begot Terah, Nahor lived one hundred and nineteen years, and begot sons and daughters.

²⁶ Now Terah lived seventy years, and begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

²⁷ This *is* the genealogy of Terah: Terah begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran. Haran begot Lot.

²⁸ And Haran died before his father Terah in his native land, in Ur of the Chaldeans.

26= Abram, Nahor, and Haran (So, Shem to Abram is 10 generations; Nahor and Haran were Abraham's brothers)

27-32 (Terah's genealogy)

27= Haran begot Lot (Lot was Abram's nephew)

28= Haran died before his father Terah (So, Lot had no father, being taken care by Abram his uncle); in his native land, in Ur of the Chaldean (Also Abram's native land, check the Bible map, in today Iraq's South plain land)

<p>²⁹Then Abram and Nahor took wives: the name of Abram’s wife was <u>Sarai</u>, and the name of <u>Nahor’s wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran</u> the father of Milcah and the father of Iscah. ³⁰But Sarai was barren; she had no child.</p> <p>³¹And <u>Terah took</u> his son <u>Abram</u> and his grandson <u>Lot</u>, the son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law <u>Sarai</u>, his son Abram’s wife, and they went out with them <u>from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to the land of Canaan</u>; and they <u>came to Haran and dwelt there</u>.</p> <p>³²So the days of Terah were two hundred and five years, and <u>Terah died in Haran</u>.</p>	<p>29= Sarai.... Nahor’s wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran (Nahor married his niece, Milcah)</p> <p>31-32=Q3 Terah took... Abrah.... Lot... Sarai from Ur of the Chaldeans to go the land of Canaan (about 600 miles or 966 km in the direct west) and they came to Haran and dwelt there (about 600 miles or 966 km in the north west to Haran, which we don’t know why to dwell in Haran – Terah’s son Haran might have developed Haran. Because of Terah’s missing his son, Haran, he might have went to Haran, which was an ancient civilized city and an idol city. Terah was an idol worshipper in Haran,)</p> <p>32= Terah died in Haran (then Abram left to Canaan about 600 miles or 966 km in South West from Haran, obeying God’s commandment in the next chapter <i>Genesis 12:1-3</i>; <i>Acts 7:4</i>⁸; Abram’s honoring his parent Terah while he was alive, waiting to be strengthened, and performing God’s commandment in God’s time <i>Psalms 27:14</i>⁹)</p>
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⁸ *Genesis 12:1-3* Now the LORD had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, From your family And from your father’s house, To a land that I will show you. ² I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you. And I will curse him who curses you: And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” ; *Acts 7:4* Then he came out of the land of the Chaldeans and dwelt in Haran. And from there, when his father was dead, He moved him to this land in which you now dwell.

⁹ *Psalms 27:14* Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!

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