

Genesis 11

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11 And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.
(This is 150 years after Noah's flood) (the whole earth – the area that was known to the 8th day creation – Mesopotamia, Asia Minor, maybe Northern Africa)

²And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. (Shinar- the land between 2 rivers- the Tigris and Euphrates – Mesopotamia. This became Babylon then; and Iraq today)

³And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. (slime – a natural asphalt; it means – to ooze up <out of the earth>. Probably petroleum tar)

⁴And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. (They were trying to create their own salvation – secularism. They wanted to protect themselves in case of another flood)

NOTE: (We see it even today, with scientists; trying to clone people to get "eternal life". Even if they are eventually successful in cloning flesh, they can't create a soul to inhabit that body. The "spark of life" is what we call the soul. Only God can create life)

⁵And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. (Only God can give eternal life. HE saw this as an insult. People were as pathetic then, as they are now – cloning new bodies, freezing brains to be re-incarnated in the future – it's all nonsense)

⁶And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. (Their ego is out of control. It's time to teach them a little humility and reality)

⁷Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. (us = God and the angels) (This was a divine intervention to reign in the peoples' egos)

⁸ So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.

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)

¹⁰ These are the generations of Shem: Shem was an hundred years old, and begat Arphaxad two years after the flood: (jump to verse-26)

NOTE: (Shem is the son of Noah that was in the lineage that brought forth Jesus – God in the flesh)

See Luke-3:23-38 (Verse 36 names Shem)

¹¹ And Shem lived after he begat Arphaxad five hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

¹² And Arphaxad lived five and thirty years, and begat Salah:

¹³ And Arphaxad lived after he begat Salah four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.

¹⁴ And Salah lived thirty years, and begat Eber:

¹⁵ And Salah lived after he begat Eber four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.

¹⁶ And Eber lived four and thirty years, and begat Peleg:

¹⁷ And Eber lived after he begat Peleg four hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters.

¹⁸ And Peleg lived thirty years, and begat Reu:

¹⁹ And Peleg lived after he begat Reu two hundred and nine years, and begat sons and daughters.

²⁰ And Reu lived two and thirty years, and begat Serug:

²¹ And Reu lived after he begat Serug two hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters.

²² And Serug lived thirty years, and begat Nahor:

²³ And Serug lived after he begat Nahor two hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

²⁴ And Nahor lived nine and twenty years, and begat Terah:

²⁵ And Nahor lived after he begat Terah an hundred and nineteen years, and begat sons and daughters.

²⁶ And Terah lived seventy years, and begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran. (Abram's name will later be changed to Abraham, by God) (Abraham = the father on many nations)

²⁷ Now these are the generations of Terah: Terah begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran begat Lot. (Lot was Abraham's nephew)

²⁸ And Haran died before his father Terah in the land of his nativity, in Ur of the Chaldees. (Ur, today is in Iraq) (Chaldees are another name for the Babylonians)

²⁹ 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. (Sarai's name will be changed to Sarah, by God)

(Sarai = my princess; Sarah = princess <God's princess>)

³⁰ But Sarai was barren; she had no child. (Sarah was Abraham's half sister – same father, different mothers. This was not considered incest in those days)

³¹ 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. (It was Terah who took Abram, Sarai and Lot out of Babylon, into Canaan)

³² And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years: and Terah died in Haran. (Abram became the new patriarch after the death of Terah)