

### Genesis 11:10-12:9

Atmosphere: Genesis 11:10-12:9 is a contrast to the disobedience of chapters 3-11. Today's message is one of faith, blessing, and rejoicing in the seed (Jesus Christ) of Abraham.

Genesis 11:10-25. Focus is on the lineage of Shem to Terah, the father of Abram.

- Note "Eber" in 11:14-17. Eber means "The region beyond". The word "Hebrew" means "the one from beyond". Jesus was certainly a Hebrew.

Genesis 11:26-29. "My three sons" motif continues.

- Adam: Abel, Cain, and **Seth**
- Noah: **Shem**, Ham, Japheth
- Terah: **Abram**, Nahor, and Haran

Genesis 11:30. Stop! We have a problem. Whenever a woman can't have a baby it is a big deal

- Sarai – Rebekah – Rachel – Hannah – Elizabeth.

Genesis 11:31-32. Abraham was called (Genesis 12:1-3) when he was in Ur not Haran.

- Acts 7:2 The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran, <sup>3</sup>and said to him, 'LEAVE YOUR COUNTRY AND YOUR RELATIVES, AND COME INTO THE LAND THAT I WILL SHOW YOU.' <sup>4</sup>"Then **he left the land of the Chaldeans and settled in Haran From there**, after his father died, God had him move to this country in which you are now living.

Genesis 12:1-3. This is the central passage of *blessing* in the bible.

- Blessing = prosperity, fertility, and victory.
- Blessing is personal (Abraham), national (Israel), and universal through the seed (ultimately Jesus the Hebrew) to the Nations
- Note the "I wills". This is an unconditional covenant or "deal"
- Gen. 11:4. Man desires a name for himself. Gen. 12:2. God will make your name great.
- First curse in verse 3 = "disdain". Second curse in verse 3 = curse. Point: Bless Israel!

Genesis 12:4-7. **Sometimes ya just gotta go.** "So Abram went" - He was an idolater – Josh 24:2

- Should he have taken Lot? Two views: 1. Right thing to do because his father is dead. God never prevented others to follow Abram. 2. Lot is clearly old enough to take care of himself. Certainly caused a lot of problems in Gen. 13, 14, and 19 plus produced the nations of Ammon and Moab that were a constant thorn in the side of Israel. Plus God directly told Abram not to take any relatives. I hold to the "No Lot" view
- "God appeared to Abram" ??
- Final Point here: The Land of Israel is Israel's. Jesus will sit on a throne on Mt Zion.

Genesis 12:8-9. **There are times when you just gotta stay.**

- What does it mean to call upon the name of the Lord?
- Do you need to stay where you are today?

