

Genesis 11

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The Tower of Babel

- ¹ And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.
- ² And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.
- ³ And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them throughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.
- ⁴ And 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.
- ⁵ And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.
- ⁶ And 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.
- ⁷ Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.
- 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.

The Generations from Shem to Abram

10 These are the generations of Shem: Shem was an hundred years old, and begat Arphaxad two years after the flood:

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.
- 27** Now these are the generations of Terah: Terah begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran begat Lot.
- 28** And Haran died before his father Terah in the land of his nativity, in Ur of the Chaldees.
- 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.
- 30** But Sarai was barren; she had no child.
- 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.
- 32** And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years: and Terah died in Haran.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Heaven — שָׁמַיִם (Shamayim)

Heaven, sky

The Hebrew **shamayim** (שָׁמַיִם) means heaven or sky—God's dwelling place and the realm above earth. 'The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's' (Psalm 115:16), yet 'the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him' (1 Kings 8:27).

Lord — אֲדֹנָי / יְהוָה (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

CROSS REFERENCES

Genesis 11:1 **Parallel theme:** Zephaniah 3:9; Acts 2:6

Genesis 11:2 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 10:10; 14:1; Isaiah 11:11; Daniel 1:2; Zechariah 5:11

Genesis 11:3 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 14:10; Exodus 1:14; 2:3; 2 Samuel 12:31; Isaiah 9:10; 65:3; Hebrews 3:13; 10:24; James 4:13; 5:1

Genesis 11:4 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 6:4; Deuteronomy 1:28; 9:1; 2 Samuel 8:13; Psalms 92:9; Proverbs 10:7; Daniel 4:11; 4:30; Luke 1:51; John 5:44

Genesis 11:5 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 18:21; John 3:13; Hebrews 4:13. **References Lord:** Exodus 19:11; 19:20; Psalms 11:4

Genesis 11:6

References Lord: Genesis 3:22; 8:21. **Parallel theme:** Genesis 6:5; 9:19; 11:1; Ecclesiastes 11:9; Luke 1:51

Genesis 11:7 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 1:26; Deuteronomy 28:49; Psalms 2:4; 33:10; 55:9; Jeremiah 5:15; 1 Corinthians 14:23

Genesis 11:8 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 10:25; 10:32; Deuteronomy 32:8; Luke 1:51

Genesis 11:9 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 10:5; 10:10; 10:20; 10:25; Acts 17:26; 1 Corinthians 14:23

Genesis 11:11 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 9:7

Genesis 11:20 **Parallel theme:** Luke 3:35

Genesis 11:24 **Parallel theme:** Luke 3:34

Genesis 11:26 **Parallel theme:** Joshua 24:2

Genesis 11:27 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 11:31; 12:4; 14:12; 2 Peter 2:7

Genesis 11:28 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 15:7

Genesis 11:29 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 17:15; 20:12; 22:20; 24:15

Genesis 11:31 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 10:19; 12:4; 15:7; 24:10; Nehemiah 9:7

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