

## SALT Church

### Genesis 11

#### *“From Disgrace to Grace”*

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#### *“In the Beginning”*

### Recap Chapter 10

- Chapter 10 gave us the lineage of Noah and his sons.
- In the line of Noah’s sons came the entire population of the earth.
  - Some with blessings and others with a curse.
  - In these boys was also the promised seed that was to come and defeat Satan and his followers.
    - The family line in which God preserved for Himself was Shem’s family.
      - From Shem we received the line of Eber in which we find the root of the word Hebrew.
      - It is from Eber we get Peleg who this written about in Genesis 10:25
        - <sup>25</sup>To Eber were born two sons: the name of one *was* Peleg, **for in his days the earth was divided**; and his brother’s name *was* Joktan.
        - **Meaning:** It was during Peleg’s life that the scattering of people through the languages occurred.
    - It is from Eber and Peleg that the father of the Jewish faith was given through Abram who later became Abraham.

Now, we pick up where we left off:

## **Genesis 11**

### **11 Now the whole earth had one language and one speech.**

- I can't imagine what it would be like to travel the entire earth, and everyone speak the same language.
- If you have ever traveled outside of the US, you know what I am talking about.
  - Moses sets the tone as he points to the very thing that will be changed due to mans sin.

### **<sup>2</sup> 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.**

- This as you remember from our previous studies is the land between two rivers, Mesopotamia or Babylon. (modern day Iraq)
- It is also prophesized in Revelation that this same area will be where the anti-Christ will establish his throne.
- It is also the approximate location of where we believe that the Garden of Eden was located.
- It is also prophesized that it will be a desolate place during the millennial kingdom.

### **<sup>3</sup> Then they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks and bake *them* thoroughly.” They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar.**

- The Bible never paints the picture that ancient man was stupid or lacked the ability to solve complex problems.

- Man is the one who came up with the idea that man has progressed.
- The Bible says the opposite as sin has made us brilliantly stupid.
  - This will continue to prove itself true as the next generation will depend on AI for everything instead of developing their own minds.

**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.”**

- What we see in verse 4 is active and willful disobedience to Gods command and authority in mans life.
- Here is the command found in Genesis 9:1 *So God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them: “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.*
- It is impossible to fill the earth if you refuse to go and spread out.
- Listen to the language used by sinful man in verse 4:

**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.”**

- Clearly they only care about their name
- Interestingly enough, we do not know who said those words, but we do know Abraham.
  - Genesis 12:2 *I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing.*

- The child of God is not concerned with making sure a sinful world remembers them but rather the child of God deepest desire is that God the Father would remember their name.

Don't blow by the fact that their desire was to build a tower to the heavens in hopes to displace God.

- In other words, they desired to be like God, looking down on the earth and its inhabitants.
  - But listen to the next verse:

**5 But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built.**

- I used to struggle with this verse, "The Lord came down to see..."
  - He is God, He is everywhere, why would He say this?
    - It's a play on words to show God's greatness.
    - Man builds a high tower and God says, I am still looking down on you.
  - The foolishness of a prideful heart!

**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.**

- We are approximately 1,756 years since the creation of the earth.
- We are more than 2,000 years before Christ.
- We are more than 4,000 years from today.
- But only 100 years from Noah and the flood.

- My point is this, it didn't take long for man to once again rebel against God.
  - Building city's, idols, and rejecting the truth.

God's covenant promise was to never destroy the earth by a global flood.

- But God clearly see's where this is headed.
- They wanted to be like their ancestors who desired to be "men of renown."
  - God's plan is simple, confuse the language and force the move.
    - It works!

**7 Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech."**

- The language here is so important to understand.
  - "Let US..." meaning our God is a triune God.
    - This is why He says, "Let Us make man in our image."
      - "Let Us go down..."

**8 So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city.**

- It from this spanking by the Lord that we get all of the different people groups and languages of the earth.
  - It should not escape your mind that language itself is a great witness against those who say there is no God.

**<sup>9</sup>Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.**

- This moment will continue until the day of Pentecost.
  - For on that day when the Holy Spirit indwelt God's people the people heard the gospel in their own language.
    - This is a far cry from what our Pentecostal brothers would have us believe.
      - The Apostles spoke and the receivers heard it in their native tongue.

Back to Genesis:

- The Lord has confused their languages which was an act of mercy.
- If the Lord had allowed things to progress there would have been judgement that would have resulted in the eternal deaths of many people.

**Moses now changes the channel of our thoughts from disgrace to grace as Moses reminds his readers that the Lord was already at work in redemption's plan by preserving His chosen servant Abraham.**

**<sup>10</sup>This is the genealogy of Shem: Shem *was* one hundred years old, and begot Arphaxad two years after the flood. <sup>11</sup>After he begot Arphaxad, Shem lived five hundred years, and begot sons and daughters.**

- Notice the absence of the phrase "and he died"

**<sup>12</sup> Arphaxad lived thirty-five years, and begot Salah. <sup>13</sup> After he begot Salah, Arphaxad lived four hundred and three years, and begot sons and daughters.**

- We should also take note of the fact that the life spans of humans is getting shorter and shorter with each generation.
- They also are having children at much earlier ages.

**<sup>14</sup> Salah lived thirty years, and begot Eber. <sup>15</sup> After he begot Eber, Salah lived four hundred and three years, and begot sons and daughters.**

- Eber is important as the Hebrew people find the origins of their name in Eber's name.

**<sup>16</sup> Eber lived thirty-four years, and begot Peleg. <sup>17</sup> After he begot Peleg, Eber lived four hundred and thirty years, and begot sons and daughters.**

- Its during Peleg's life that the rebellion and the scattering take place.

**<sup>18</sup> Peleg lived thirty years, and begot Reu. <sup>19</sup> After he begot Reu, Peleg lived **two hundred and nine years**, and begot sons and daughters.**

- This a major reduction in the lifespan of the human race.

**<sup>20</sup> Reu lived thirty-two years, and begot Serug. <sup>21</sup> After he begot Serug, Reu lived two hundred and seven years, and begot sons and daughters.**

**<sup>22</sup> Serug lived thirty years, and begot Nahor. <sup>23</sup> After he begot Nahor, Serug lived two hundred years, and begot sons and daughters.**

- Nahor, is an important person for he will be Abraham's grandfather.

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

**<sup>26</sup> Now Terah lived seventy years, and begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran.**

- Did you catch that?
  - 70 years before he had children!

**<sup>27</sup> This is the genealogy of Terah: Terah begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran. Haran begot Lot. <sup>28</sup> And Haran died before his father Terah in his native land, in Ur of the Chaldeans. <sup>29</sup> Then Abram and Nahor took 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. <sup>30</sup> But Sarai was barren; she had no child.**

- In Genesis 20, Moses will reveal to us that Sarai is actually Abraham's half sister.
  - Terah is a busy 70 year old!

**<sup>31</sup> 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. <sup>32</sup> So**



**the days of Terah were two hundred and five years, and Terah died in Haran.**