

## Genesis 12

### The man of Faith –

- Hebrews 11:1 – Now **faith** is the **assurance of things hoped** for, the **conviction of things not seen**.

– Backup to [chapter 11 \[charts\]](#)

Genesis 11	Acts
<b>Scattering &amp; confusion at Babel</b>	<b>Unity at Pentecost – Acts</b>
Confusion of the universal language into multiple languages. (Genesis 11:9)	Babel is reversed: tongues/ languages are understood = universal language of the Gospel of salvation (Acts 2: 5-10)
God's judgment scattered the people, ending the one universal family (Genesis 11:8)	People will share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, bringing together humanity as the New Covenant family and gathering a harvest of souls from all over the world (Acts 1:8).
Common Language promoted a human agenda: "Let's make a name for ourselves..." (Genesis 11:4). The confusion of language indicates a lack of unity within the human family.	Language serves as a "sign" announcing the mighty works of God (Acts 1:6). It is the language of the Gospel of salvation, which will be used to reverse the disunity of Babel.
Results in disunity (Genesis 11:8-9)	Results in unity in the Body of Christ (Ephesians 4:13)

- **Babylon/ Pentecost (Acts) compared**
- **Babylon** – mentioned 287 times in the Scriptures, making it the second most referenced city after Jerusalem.
- “Babylon” is Much like the terms “Wall Street” or “Hollywood” referring to a physical place, but a much greater frame/ state of mind.
- **Nimrod, Semiramis, Tammuz**
  - **Nimrod**
    - was Noah’s great-grandson
    - Shortly after the Flood, the people rebelled.
      - Fallen/Human nature is always against God.
    - False religion/ Idol worship/ doctrines of demons start here
  - **Semiramis**
    - Wife of Nimrod

- When Nimrod was killed by **Shem** or his people (for false religion), they cut up Nimrod's body and sent pieces to other peoples as a warning, including Babylon and Semiramis.
  - Semiramis, wanting to retain power, became pregnant (long after Nimrod's death) and claimed to be a virgin, and claimed that her son, **Tammuz**, was the incarnation of Nimrod, who was now a god.
    - Some try to use this false trinity to discount the authentic.
      - Father, Son, Holy Spirit – 1 God, 3 persons
      - The mother/ child cult
- **Tammuz** died and was allegedly resurrected – **No evidence**
  - **Ezekiel** warns against this system [Ezekiel 8:14](#) – Then he brought me to the entrance of the north gate of the house of the Lord, and behold, there sat women weeping for **Tammuz**.
  - Baal was the local, Canaanite name for the Babylonian Tammuz.
  - Baal is also considered Nimrod in some traditions.

	Nimrod	Semiramis	Tammuz
<b>Babylon</b>	Belus	Ishtar	Tammuz
<b>Egypt</b>	Ra	Isis	Horus
<b>Assyria</b>	Ninus	Beltis	Hercules
<b>Lebanon</b>	Baal	Ashtoreth	Tammuz
<b>Phoenicians</b>	El	Astarte	Bacchus
<b>Greece</b>	Zeus	Aphrodite	Dionysus
<b>Rome</b>	Jupiter	Diana	Apollo
<b>Nordic</b>	Odin	Joro	Thor
<b>Hindu</b>	Vishnu	Chandra	Krishna
<b>Luciferian</b>	Lucifer	Diana	Antichrist

- Many false gods from Egypt, Greece, and Rome, such as Osiris, Kronos, and Saturn, are linked to Nimrod and the Babylonian origin.
- One point stands out perfectly clear: the worship of the gods and their attributes derived from the same source, Babylon.<sup>1</sup>
- These two worldviews are still in conflict today.
- **Revelation 6x** The city and the system fall and are defeated
  - [Revelation 14:8](#) – Another angel, a second, followed, saying, “Fallen, fallen is **Babylon** the great, she who made all nations drink the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality.”

- [Revelation 16:19](#) – The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell, and God remembered **Babylon** the great, to make her drain the cup of the wine of the fury of his wrath.
- [Revelation 17:5](#) – And on her forehead was written a name of mystery: “**Babylon** the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth's abominations.”
- [Revelation 18:2](#) – And he called out with a mighty voice, “Fallen, fallen is **Babylon** the great! She has become a dwelling place for demons, a haunt for every unclean spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, a haunt for every unclean and detestable beast.
- [Revelation 18:10](#) – They will stand far off, in fear of her torment, and say, “Alas! Alas! You great city, you mighty city, **Babylon!** For in a single hour your judgment has come.”
- [Revelation 18:21](#) – Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, “So will **Babylon** the great city be thrown down with violence, and will be found no more;

Chapters 1-11 cover around 2k years

Now we slow down and the rest of the book will cover about 400

## ★ [Genesis 12](#)

<sup>1</sup> Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

- Now the LORD said – How did God speak to him?
  - **Acts 7** shows that God appeared. [Acts 7:1-4](#) **Theophany**
    - [Acts 7:1-4](#) – And the high priest said, “Are these things so?” <sup>2</sup> And Stephen said: “Brothers and fathers, hear me. 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, ‘Go out from your land and from your kindred and go into the land that I will show you.’ <sup>4</sup> Then he went out from the land of the Chaldeans and lived in Haran. And after his father died, God removed him from there into this land in which you are now living.





- Abram would never have a permanent house. He lived in a tent.
  - This is a pic for us, as we were not of this world, yet we are in it.
  - **Abraham** never built a house for himself, he built alters to the LORD
    - **Again**, the contrast to chapter 11 “Let us build”

<sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

- Gen 11:32 – “Terah died in Haran”
  - Terah: “delay”
  - Haran: “barren or barrenness”
  - This is a lesson for us. Are we in between? Half obedience is disobedience.

<sup>5</sup> And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup> Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup> Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup> From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. <sup>9</sup> And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

### **Abram and Sarai in Egypt**

<sup>10</sup> Now there was a famine in the land.

[Note] – God called him and there was difficulty right away. A test, a challenge of faith.



So Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land. <sup>11</sup> When he was about to enter Egypt, he said to Sarai his wife, “I know that you are a woman beautiful in appearance, <sup>12</sup> and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, ‘This is his wife.’ Then they will kill me, but they will let you live. <sup>13</sup> Say you are my sister, that it may go well with me because of you, and that my life may be spared for your sake.” <sup>14</sup> When Abram entered Egypt, the Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful. <sup>15</sup> And when the princes of Pharaoh saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh. And the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house. <sup>16</sup> And for her sake he dealt well with Abram; and he had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male servants, female servants, female donkeys, and camels.

<sup>17</sup> But the **LORD** afflicted Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife. <sup>18</sup> So Pharaoh called Abram and said, “What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife? <sup>19</sup> Why did you say, ‘She is my sister,’ so that I took her for my wife? Now then, here is your wife; take her, and go.” <sup>20</sup> And Pharaoh gave men orders concerning him, and they sent him away with his wife and all that he had.

- **Full circle** – [Genesis 13:1](#) – So Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the Negeb.
  - Many believe this is when Hagar was given to Sarai
  - Trusting God can be challenging when our flesh is competing
  
- **Abraham's failures** are not mentioned in the NT
  - Hebrews 11 shows him being commended for faith.

- We (In Christ) also live in a New Testament framework
  - Oh, that we would only remember that God is bringing us into finally reflecting Christ.
- NOAH – ABRAM Gen 12 comparison chart

Noah in Genesis 8:15-9:9	Abram in Genesis 12:1-7
1. Then God said to Noah (Gen 8:15)	1. The LORD said to Abram (Gen 12:1)
2. Come out from the Ark (Gen 8:16)	2. Leave [go out from] your land (Gen 12:1)
3. So Noah came out (Gen 8:18)	3. So Abram went [out] (Gen 12:4)
4. Then Noah built an altar to THE LORD (Gen 8:20)	4. And Abram built an altar to the LORD (Gen 12:7)
5. God blessed Noah (Gen 9:1)	5. God said: 'And I will bless you' (Gen 12:2)
6. Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth (Gen 9:1)	6. And I shall make you a great nation (Gen 12:2)
7. I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants to come [your seed] (Gen 9:9)	7. I will give this country to your offspring [your seed] (Gen 12:7)

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The Lord bless you and keep you;  
 the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
 the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.