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Genesis: From Blood to Babel

Lesson Twenty-Two • Genesis 11:10-32

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God is steadily moving in HISTORY to accomplish His plan of salvation among all peoples of the world.

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.” Genesis 3:15

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1. God’s Plan of Salvation Unfolds in the Genealogy of Abraham’s FAMILY.

This is the genealogy of Shem: Shem was one hundred years old, and begot Arphaxad two years after the flood. Genesis 11:10

Now Terah lived seventy years, and begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran. Genesis 11:26

The Genealogy of Abraham’s Family

- God’s promised blessing on the descendants of Shem to Abram is according to GRACE, not merit.

And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the LORD God of Israel: ‘Your fathers, including Terah, the father of Abraham and the father of Nahor, dwelt on the other side of the River in old times; and they served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from the other side of the River, led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his descendants and gave him Isaac.’” Joshua 24:2-3

- Our sin always results in DEATH, but we also have God’s promise of LIFE in Jesus Christ.

The genealogy of Adam (Gen. 5:1-32) emphasizes that God’s promise of death is true.

The genealogy of Shem (Gen. 11:10-26) emphasizes that God’s promise of life is true, even though the longevity of life was declining.

2. God’s Plan of Salvation Unfolds in the Preparation of Abraham’s FAITH.

This is the genealogy of Terah: Terah begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran. Haran begot Lot. And Haran died before his father Terah in his native land, in Ur of the Chaldeans. 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. But Sarai was barren; she had no child. 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. So the days of Terah were two hundred and five years, and Terah died in Haran. Genesis 11:27-32

The Preparation of Abraham’s Faith

- Abraham must be willing to TRUST God and forsake everything in response to God’s call.

And he said, “Brethren and fathers, listen: The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Haran, and said to him, ‘Get out of your country and from your relatives, and come to a land that I will show you.’ Then he came out of the land of the Chaldeans and dwelt in Haran. And from there, when his father was dead, He moved him to this land in which you now dwell.” ~Stephen, Acts 7:2-4

- Abraham faced three huge problems that would TEST his faith in God.

Abraham was in the wrong land.

Abraham’s wife had a barren womb.

Abraham had no descendant.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. Hebrews 11:8-10

The God of Salvation and You

God has a plan to redeem people for His glory, and that plan is extended to YOU through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. Romans 1:16