

make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth."^h ⁵The LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. ⁶And the LORD said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them." ⁷Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech."^k ⁸So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹Therefore it was called Babel, because there the LORD confused^a the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.^m

DESCENDANTS OF SHEM

¹⁰ These are the descendants of Shem. When Shem was one hundred years old, he became the father of Arpachshad two years after the flood;ⁿ ¹¹and Shem lived after the birth of Arpachshad five hundred years, and had other sons and daughters.

¹² When Arpachshad had lived thirty-five years, he became the father of Shelah;¹³ and Arpachshad lived after the birth of Shelah four hundred three years, and had other sons and daughters.

¹⁴ When Shelah had lived thirty years, he became the father of Eber;¹⁵ and Shelah lived after the birth of Eber four hundred three years, and had other sons and daughters.

¹⁶ When Eber had lived thirty-four years, he became the father of Peleg;¹⁷ and Eber lived after the birth of Peleg four hundred thirty years, and had other sons and daughters.

¹⁸ When Peleg had lived thirty years, he became the father of Reu;¹⁹ and Peleg lived after the birth of Reu two hundred nine years, and had other sons and daughters.

²⁰ When Reu had lived thirty-two years, he became the father of Serug;²¹ and Reu lived after the birth of Serug two hundred seven years, and had other sons and daughters.

²² When Serug had lived thirty years, he became the father of Nahor;²³ and Serug lived after the birth of Nahor two hundred years, and had other sons and daughters.

²⁴ When Nahor had lived twenty-nine years, he became the father of Te-

11.4 ^bDeut 1:28
11.5 ^fGen 18:21
11.6 ^gActs 17:26;
Gen 9:19
11.7 ^hGen 1:26;
42:23; Ex 4:11;
1 Cor 14:2, 11
11.8 ⁱLk 1:51;
Gen 10:25, 32
11.9 ^mGen 10:10
11.10
ⁿGen 10:22;
1 Chr 1:17

rah; ²⁵and Nahor lived after the birth of Terah one hundred nineteen years, and had other sons and daughters.

²⁶ When Terah had lived seventy years, he became the father of Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

DESCENDANTS OF TERAH

²⁷ Now these are the descendants of Terah. Terah was the father of Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran was the father of Lot. ²⁸Haran died before his father Terah in the land of his birth, in Ur of the Chaldeans. ²⁹Abram and Nahor took wives; the name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife was Milcah. She was the daughter of Haran the father of Milcah and Iscah. ³⁰Now Sarai was barren; she had no child.^o

³¹ Terah took his son Abram and his grandson Lot son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, his son Abram's wife, and they went out together from Ur of the Chaldeans to go into the land of Canaan; but when they came to Haran, they settled there.^p ³²The days of Terah were two hundred five years; and Terah died in Haran.

THE CALL OF ABRAM

12 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."^q ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.^r ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.^{bs}

⁴ 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.^t ⁵Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan,^u ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak^v of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land.^v ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring^d I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him.^w ⁸From there he moved on 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 invoked the name of the LORD.^x ⁹And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

11.30 ^oGen 16:1
11.31 ^pGen 15:7;
Neh 9:7;
Acts 7:4
12.1 ^qActs 7:3;
Heb 11:8
12.2 ^rGen 15:5;
17:4, 5;
18:18; 22:17;
28:14; 32:12;
35:11; 46:3
12.3 ^sGen 27:29;
Ex 23:33;
Num 24:9;
Gen 18:18;
22:18; 26:4;
Acts 3:25;
Gal 3:8
12.4 ^tGen 11:27,
31
12.5 ^uGen 14:14;
11, 31
12.6 ^vHeb 11:9;
Deut 11:30;
Gen 10:18, 19
12.7 ^wGen 17:1;
13:15; 17:8;
Ps 105:9;
Gen 13:4
12.8 ^xGen 13:4

^a 11.9 Heb *balal*, meaning to confuse ^b 12.3 Or by you all the families of the earth shall bless themselves
^c 12.6 Or *terebinth* ^d 12.7 Heb *seed*