

## Genesis Chapter 11

1 Now the entire earth was of one language and uniform words. 2 And it came to pass when they traveled from the east, that they found a valley in the land of Shinar and settled there. 3 And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and fire them thoroughly"; so the bricks were to them for stones, and the clay was to them for mortar. 4 And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make ourselves a name, lest we be scattered upon the face of the entire earth." 5 And the Lord descended to see the city and the tower that the sons of man had built. 6 And the Lord said, "Lo! [they are] one people, and they all have one language, and this is what they have commenced to do. Now, will it not be withheld from them, all that they have planned to do? 7 Come, let us descend and confuse their language, so that one will not understand the language of his companion." 8 And the Lord scattered them from there upon the face of the entire earth, and they ceased building the city. 9 Therefore, He named it Babel, for there the Lord confused the language of the entire earth, and from there the Lord scattered them upon the face of the entire earth.

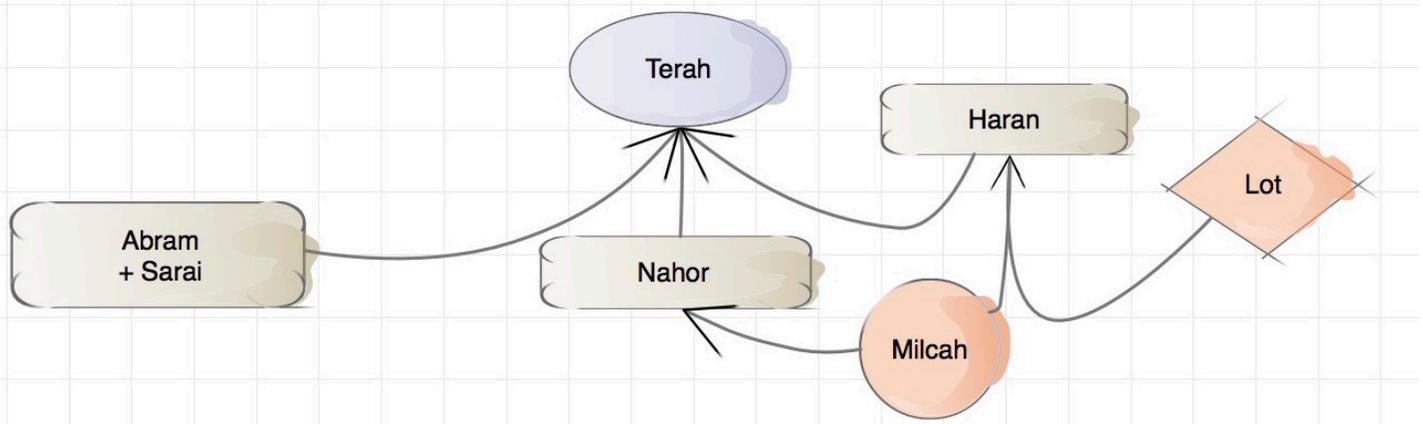
The well known story of the Tower of Babel.

10 These are the generations of Shem: Shem was one hundred years old, and he begot Arpachshad, two years after the Flood. 11 And Shem lived after he had begotten Arpachshad five hundred years, and he begot sons and daughters.

12 And Arpachshad lived thirty five years, and he begot Shelah.

13 And Arpachshad lived after he had begotten Shelah four hundred and three years, and he begot sons and daughters. 14 And Shelah lived thirty years, and he begot Eber. 15 And Shelah lived after he had begotten Eber, four hundred and three years, and he begot sons and daughters. 16 And Eber lived thirty four years, and he begot Peleg. 17 And Eber lived after he had begotten Peleg, four hundred and thirty years, and he begot sons and daughters. 18 And Peleg lived thirty years, and he begot Reu. 19 And Peleg lived after he had begotten Reu, two hundred and nine years, and he begot sons and daughters. 20 And Reu lived thirty two years, and he begot Serug. 21 And Reu lived after he had begotten Serug two hundred and seven years, and he begot sons and daughters. 22 And Serug lived thirty years, and he begot Nahor. 23 And Serug lived after he had begotten Nahor, two hundred years, and he begot sons and daughters. 24 And Nahor lived twenty nine years, and he begot Terah. 25 And Nahor lived after he had begotten Terah one hundred and nineteen years, and he begot sons and daughters. 26 And Terah lived seventy years, and he begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran. 27 And these are the generations of Terah:

Terah begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran, and Haran begot Lot. 28 And Haran died during the lifetime of Terah his father in the land of his birth, in Ur of the Chaldees. 29 And Abram and Nahor took themselves wives; the name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife was Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah and the father of Iscah. 30 And Sarai was barren; she had no child. 31 And Terah took Abram his son and Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter in law, the wife of Abram his son, and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees to go to the land of Canaan, and they came as far as Haran and settled there. 32 And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years, and Terah died in Haran.



## Chaper 12

1 And the Lord said to Abram, "Go forth from your land and from your birthplace and from your father's house, to the land that I will show you. 2 And I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you, and I will aggrandize your name, and [you shall] be a blessing. 3 And I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you." 4 And Abram went, as the Lord had spoken to him, and Lot went with him, and Abram was seventy five years old when he left Haran. 5 And Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had acquired, and the souls they had acquired in Haran, and they went to go to the land of Canaan, and they came to the land of Canaan.

Abram, Sarai,  
and Lot head  
out for the land  
of Canaan.

← Souls is also  
translated people.

6 And Abram passed through the land, until the place of Shechem, until the plain of Moreh, and the Canaanites were then in the land. 7 And the Lord appeared to Abram, and He said, **"To your seed I will give this land,"** and there he built an altar to the Lord, Who had appeared to him. 8 And he moved from there to the mountain, east of Beth el, and he pitched his tent; Beth el was to the west and Ai was to the east, and there he built an altar to the Lord, and he called in the name of the Lord. 9 And Abram traveled, continually traveling southward. 10 And there was a famine in the land, and Abram descended to Egypt to sojourn there because the famine was severe in the land.

11 Now it came to pass when he drew near to come to Egypt, that he said to Sarai his wife, "Behold now I know that you are a woman of fair appearance. 12 And it will come to pass when the Egyptians see you, that they will say, 'This is his wife,' and they will slay me and let you live. 13 Please say [that] you are my sister, in order that it go well with me because of you, and that my soul may live because of you." 14 And it came to pass when Abram came to Egypt, that the Egyptians saw the woman, that she was very pretty. 15 And Pharaoh's princes saw her, and they praised her to Pharaoh, and the woman was taken to the house of Pharaoh. 16 And he benefited Abram for her sake, and he had flocks and cattle and he donkeys and men servants and maid servants, and she donkeys and camels. 17 And the Lord plagued Pharaoh [with] great plagues as well as his household, on account of Sarai, Abram's wife. 18 And Pharaoh summoned Abram, and he said, "What is this that you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife? 19 Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her to myself for a wife? And now, here is your wife; take [her] and go." 20 And Pharaoh commanded men on his behalf, and they escorted him and his wife and all that was his.

Abram and Sarai go to Egypt to find food? In an effort to protect himself Abram has Sarai tell the Pharaoh prince she is Abram's sister. For whatever reason Abram is rewarded for this mistruth and the Pharaoh has plagues until he figures out the truth and asks them both to leave.

## Chaper 13

1 And Abram came up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that was his, and Lot with him, to the south. 2 And Abram was very heavy with cattle, with silver, and with gold. 3 And he went on his journeys, from the south and until Beth el, until the place where his tent had been previously, between Beth el and between Ai. 4 To the place of the altar that he had made at first, and Abram called there in the name of the Lord. 5 And also Lot, who went with Abram, had flocks and cattle and tents. 6 And the land did not bear them to dwell together, for their possessions were many, and they could not dwell together. 7 And there was a quarrel between the herdsmen of Abram's cattle and between the herdsmen of Lot's cattle, and the Canaanites and the Perizzites were then dwelling in the land. 8 And Abram said to Lot, "Please let there be no quarrel between me and between you and between my herdsmen and between your herdsmen, for we are kinsmen. 9 Is not all the land before you? Please part from me; if [you go] left, I will go right, and if [you go] right, I will go left." 10 And Lot raised his eyes, and he saw the entire plain of the Jordan, that it was entirely watered; before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, as you come to Zoar. 11 And Lot chose for himself the entire plain of the Jordan, and Lot traveled from the east, and they parted from one another. 12 Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain, and he pitched his tents until Sodom. 13 And the people of Sodom were very evil and sinful against the Lord.

Too much stuff causes tension between Abram and Lot and they part ways. Lot picks what he thinks will be the best land, but was it?

14 And the Lord said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, "Please raise your eyes and see, from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward. 15 For all the land that you see I will give to you and to your seed to eternity. 16 And I will make your seed like the dust of the earth, so that if a man will be able to count the dust of the earth, so will your seed be counted. 17 Rise, walk in the land, to its length and to its breadth, for I will give it to you." 18 And Abram pitched his tents, and he came, and he dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hebron, and there he built an altar to the Lord.

