The Book of Genesis May 15, 2025 Chapters 11 and 12

Chapter 11

1. This chapter can be divided into the following three sections:
1) The Tower of (11:1-9),
2) Descendants (11:10-26), and
3) The Descendants (11:27-32).
2. The whole earth, at this time, had "language andspeech." The land
of Shinar refers to the land of (Gen. 10:10).
3. God gave a command to the descendants of to "be fruitful and multiply and
fill the (Gen. 9:1). In other words, God instructed them to spread out, but the
people rebelled against God's and "they said, 'Come, let us build ourselve
a, lest we be scattered
abroad over the face of the whole earth" (v. 4).
4. The people were more concerned with making a for themselves that
the command of God (v. 4); pride, arrogance, and conceit of the people
caused them to against God's command to spread out and fill the
5. The people's plan was to construct a that would reach above the
is most likely the meaning; it was and is not possible to build a building that would reach
into where God dwells. [Maybe, this reflects that the people didn't believe
God's covenant (the rainbow) to never destroy life with a flood again; so, perhaps they
were going to build a tower that would be proof.]
6. In verse 7, the Godhead said, "let Us go down and there confuse their language, tha
they may not understand one another." God doesn't tell us how He confounded the
languages; what we do know is that the people were scattered abroad, and this ceased
their work on the tower.
7. The place where the people started building the towel was called "" - the
word babel means to; the narrative of the Tower of is to us today as

a reminder that transgressing God's instructions has th	ne people were
scattered. This example alone with others, up to this point, serve as remi	nder that God
will hold people for not following His:	
(1) remember and in the Garden of Eve (Gen. 3:24))
(2) remember (Gen. 4:12-13) and	
(3) remember the people of days (Gen. 6:7).	
8. The people after the flood didn't learn from the previous generations,	; they rebelled
against God which led to God confounding the of people	e.
9. Moses, in verses 10-26, provides the genealogy of Shem up to Terah	, the father of

Descendants of Shem (First Son of Noah)			
Descendants of Shem	Years of Life	Age at Son's Birth	Age of the Earth
Shem	600	100	1849 Years
Arphaxad	438	35	1884 Years
Shelah	433	30	1914 Years
Eber	464	34	1948 Years
Peleg	239	30	1978 Years
Reu	239	32	2010 Years
Serug	230	30	2040 Years
Nahor	148	29	2069 Years
Terah	205	70	2139 Years
Abraham	175	100	2239 Years
Isaac	180	60	2299 Years
Jacob	147	54 @ Joseph's Birth	2353 Years
Joseph	110	37	2390 Years
Genesis Ends with	110		2463 Years
the Death of Joseph			

10. Verses 27-32, Moses gives the migration of Terah into the land of; Terah had
three sons - Abram, Nahor, and Haran, Terah's youngest son, died in the
land of of the Chaldeans (Babylonians).
11. Terah's remaining two sons married wives; Abram married, and Nahor
married; Sarai couldn't have children. [The name Abram means
"" - it must had been awkward for Abram to have to explain why he had
no children when his name meant father.]
12. In verse 31, Terah decided to relocate by taking his family from Ur to go to the land
of and to dwell in the area of Haran. [This was the setting of the stage for
the birth ofthat will give birth to]
Chapter 12
1. Chapter 12 is the beginning of the O.T. Israel, the People; it was through
the Israelites that God had decided to bring into the world the to make
atonement for the of the people and to establish the of Christ.
2. Moses tells us that God first called Abram when he lived in of the Chaldeans;
God promised Abram four things (v. 2-4):
1) I will make thee a great(kings would come from Abraham),
2) I will bless thee and make your great (Abraham would receive honor
among the people),
3) Those who curse Abrham would themselves be (they would be
excluded from God's blessings), and
4) And in thee shall all nations (people - races, nationality) be
3. When Abram, Sarai, Lot (his brother's [Haran] son), and servants left Haran, Abram
was years of age, and they traveled south to in Canaan.

4. The people of the region worshipped; God promised Abram and his
descendants the land (v. 7), and Abram built an to God in Shechem; Abram
and his family continued their migration from Shechem to <u>Note</u> , He built
an altar and "called on the name of the Lord" (v. 8) - meaning he and his family
worshipped God.
5. While Abram and his family were dwelling in this region of, a famine
occurred in the land; so, Abram and his family moved south to this area was
abundant in
6. Sarai was an attractive woman at the age of she was years younger
than Abram (Gen. 17:17); Abram instructed her to tell Pharaoh that she was his
Did Abram tell Sarai to lie? Sarai was Abram's (Gen.
20:12) - she was the daughter of Abram's but wasn't the daughter of his
7. Abraham did wrong, he sinned because he purposely deceived Egyptians, and then he
accepted gifts from Pharaoh. Pharaoh truly thought that she was the sister of Abram and
was planning to commit her to his harem of wives.
8. God Pharaoh from committing the sin of "" with Sarai (v.
17); God's allowed to come upon Pharaoh and his kingdom. It's likely that
God informed Pharaoh who Sarai was, for he said to Abram, "What is this you have
done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife?"
9. Pharaoh gave Abram and his family a escort out of Egypt.