

— Genesis 11.10-26; 12.1-3 —
Genesis Series 38
From Shem to Abram

Gn 11¹⁰ This is the genealogy of Shem: Shem was one hundred years old, and begot Arphaxad two years after the flood. ¹¹ After he begot Arphaxad, Shem lived five hundred years, and begot sons and daughters.

¹² Arphaxad lived thirty-five years, and begot Salah. ¹³ After he begot Salah, Arphaxad lived four hundred and three years, and begot sons and daughters.

¹⁴ Salah lived thirty years, and begot Eber. ¹⁵ After he begot Eber, Salah lived four hundred and three years, and begot sons and daughters.

¹⁶ Eber lived thirty-four years, and begot Peleg. ¹⁷ After he begot Peleg, Eber lived four hundred and thirty years, and begot sons and daughters.

¹⁸ Peleg lived thirty years, and begot Reu. ¹⁹ After he begot Reu, Peleg lived two hundred and nine years, and begot sons and daughters.

²⁰ Reu lived thirty-two years, and begot Serug. ²¹ After he begot Serug, Reu lived two hundred and seven years, and begot sons and daughters.

²² Serug lived thirty years, and begot Nahor. ²³ After he begot Nahor, Serug lived two hundred years, and begot sons and daughters.

²⁴ Nahor lived twenty-nine years, and begot Terah. ²⁵ After he begot Terah, Nahor lived one hundred and nineteen years, and begot sons and daughters.

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

12¹ Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you. ² I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

* **Genesis concerns** the life of Abraham from ch 11– _____.

We will see God operating on two levels:

1) the _____ level; and

2) the _____ level.

* **What is special** about this genealogy of Shem?

cf. Gn 10²² The sons of Shem were Elam, Asshur, Arphaxad, Lud, and Aram ...

Mt 1¹ The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham: ² Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob ...

Gn 5¹ This is the book of the genealogy of Adam ... ³ And Adam lived one hundred and thirty years, and begot a son ... and

named him Seth ... ²⁸ Lamech lived one hundred and eighty-two years, and had a son. ²⁹ And he called his name Noah, saying, "This one will comfort us" ... ³² And Noah was five hundred years old, and Noah begot Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

* **Why was it important** to connect Abram to Shem and Noah?

Gn 9¹ So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. ... ⁹ And as for Me, behold, I establish My covenant with you and with your descendants after you, ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you"

Gn 1²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over ... every living thing that moves on the earth."

Gn 3¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent: ... ¹⁵ "I will put enmity between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise (crush) your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

1Jn 3⁸ For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

* **Three vital truths** about this lineage of God's redemptive promises:

1) It is a lineage of _____.

– **Abram:**

Gal 3⁶ Abraham "believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness" (quoting Gn 15.6). ⁷ Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham.

Rom 4⁹ [F]aith was accounted to Abraham for righteousness ... ¹¹ ... that he might be the father of all those who believe, though they are uncircumcised, that righteousness might be imputed to them also, ¹² and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also walk in the steps of the faith which our father Abraham had

– **Shem:**

Gn 9²⁶ "Blessed be the LORD, the God of Shem, and may Canaan be his servant. ²⁷ May God enlarge Japheth, and may he dwell in the tents of Shem; And may Canaan be his servant."

– Noah:

Heb 11⁷ By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

Rom 4¹³ [T]he promise that he would be the heir of the world (kosmos) was not to Abraham or to his seed (singular) through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

– Enoch:

Heb 11⁵ By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, ... for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God.⁶ But without faith it is impossible to please Him

Eph 6¹ Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.
² "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise:
³ "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."

– Adam & Eve:

Gn 3²⁰ Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ... 4¹ Now Adam knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, "I have acquired a man from the LORD."

Psalm 2⁷ "You are My Son, today I have begotten You."
⁸ Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession."

2) _____ is the heir.

Gal 3¹⁶ Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, "And to seeds," as referring to many, but rather to one, "And to your seed," that is, Christ" (NAS)

Acts 13³³ God has ... raised up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm: "You are My Son, today I have begotten You."

Gn 22¹⁸ "In your seed (singular) all the nations of the earth shall be blessed"

Mat 28¹⁸ "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations"

Gal 3²⁹ [I]f you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed (singular), heirs according to the promise.

Heb 10¹² [T]his Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God,
¹³ from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool.

Rm 8¹⁷ [We are] joint heirs with Christ

Gal 3⁸ The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "All the nations will be blessed in you." (cf. Gn 22.18)

3) The inheritance is the _____.