



Today's Lesson

1. Worship in Song
2. Study of Abraham & the Nations
 - Observation
 - Interpretation
 - Application
3. Review Reading/Next Lesson



God Grows His Church

God grows His church, God grows His children.
God's Word is life, It flows by day and night.

Plant me by the streams of Living Water
Take root below, bear fruit above,
Love one another, reach out to others,

That's how God grows His church
God grows His children.



Assignment 2

Question: How does God's curse against the Tower of Babel compare with the promised blessing of Abram?

Observation
Interpretation
Application



Tower of Babel

Observation

Genesis 11:1-2: Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. 2 As men moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.



Tower of Babel

Observation

Genesis 11:3-4: They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. 4 Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth."



Tower of Babel

Observation

Genesis 11:5-6: But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the men were building. 6 The LORD said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. 7 Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other."



Tower of Babel **Observation**

Genesis 11:8-9: So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. 9 That is why it was called Babel — because there the LORD confused the language of the whole world. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.



Tower of Babel **Interpretation**

The Steps of Rebellion/Power

- One language, large plain
- Technological innovation
- Building a city
- Tower reaches to heaven
- Make a name for ourselves
- Not be scattered



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The Tower of Babel **Interpretation**

The Steps of Judgment

- The investigation
- The restraining of evil
- Confusion of languages
- Confusion of understanding
- The scattering over the earth
- The name of Babel



The Tower of Babel **Application**

Application to Babylon

- Using human power to enforce will
- Wanted to make a name for itself
- Men's plans carry seeds of destruction

Application to Eschatology

- Daniel 2-4: Babylon and its authority
- Rev. 13:3 The whole world wondered



The Tower of Babel

Mission

Did God condemn the rebellious at the Tower of Babel to a life of darkness and ignorance concerning His will and the way of faith?



The Call of Abram

Observation

Genesis 12:1-3 The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you.

2 "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."



The Call of Abram

Interpretation

The Steps of Blessing

Blessing is dependent on obedience and submission to the will of God. In this way God was able to bless Abraham so he in turn could bless the nations.



The Call of Abram **Mission**

God did not condemn the builders of the Tower of Babel to darkness but called Abram in order to bless the nations with an example and message of a life of faith.



Abraham **Missiological Focus**

Galatians 3:8-9 The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you."

9 So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.



Abraham **The Missionary**

- Genesis 11-12—Leaves Babylon for Canaan
- Genesis 12—Goes to Egypt because of famine
- Genesis 14—Rescues Lot and kings of S/G
- Genesis 14—Returns tithe to Melchizedek
- Genesis 18—Pleads for S/G after promise
- Genesis 20—Lives near Abimelech
- Genesis 21—Stays in land of the Philistines
- Genesis 23—Buys burial place from Hittites
- Genesis 24—Sends servant to Nahor for wife



Abraham

Christological Focus

Galatians 3:14 He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

Galatians 3:16 The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. The Scripture does not say "and to seeds," meaning many people, but "and to your seed," meaning one person, who is Christ.



Next Lesson

1. Review Reading
2. Study Gen. Deut. 28:1-10
 - Observation
 - Interpretation
 - Application
3. Read Election in the OT
