

## Where Do You Get Your Name? Genesis 11:1-32 Sunday AM, March 10, 2024

**Prelude – Scripture: Genesis 11:1-32** (NASB95) 1 Now the whole earth used the same language and the same words. 2 It came about as they journeyed east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. 3 They said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks and burn them thoroughly.” And they used brick for stone, and they used tar for mortar. 4 They said, “Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top will reach into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name, otherwise we will be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.” 5 The LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. 6 The LORD said, “Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they began to do, and now nothing which they purpose to do will be impossible for them. 7 “Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, so that they will not understand one another’s speech.” 8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of the whole earth; and they stopped building the city. 9 Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of the whole earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of the whole earth. 10 These are the records of the generations of Shem. Shem was one hundred years old, and became the father of Arpachshad two years after the flood: 11 and Shem lived five hundred years after he became the father of Arpachshad, and he had other sons and daughters. 12 Arpachshad lived thirty-five years, and became the father of Shelah; 13 and Arpachshad lived four hundred and three years after he became the father of Shelah, and he had other sons and daughters. 14 Shelah lived thirty years, and became the father of Eber; 15 and Shelah lived four hundred and three years after he became the father of Eber, and he had other sons and daughters. 16 Eber lived thirty-four years, and became the father of Peleg; 17 and Eber lived four hundred and thirty years after he became the father of Peleg, and he had other sons and daughters. 18 Peleg lived thirty years, and became the father of Reu; 19 and Peleg lived two hundred and nine years after he became the father of Reu, and he had other sons and daughters. 20 Reu lived thirty-two years, and became the father of Serug; 21 and Reu lived two hundred and seven years after he became the father of Serug, and he had other sons and daughters. 22 Serug lived thirty years, and became the father of Nahor; 23 and Serug lived two hundred years after he became the father of Nahor, and he had other sons and daughters. 24 Nahor lived twenty-nine years, and became the father of Terah; 25 and Nahor lived one hundred and nineteen years after he became the father of Terah, and he had other sons and daughters. 26 Terah lived seventy years, and became the father of Abram, Nahor and Haran. 27 Now these are the records of the generations of Terah. Terah became the father of Abram, Nahor and Haran; and Haran became the father of Lot. 28 Haran died in the presence of his father Terah in the land of his birth, in Ur of the Chaldeans. 29 Abram and Nahor took wives for themselves. 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 Ischah. 30 Sarai was barren; she had no child. 31 Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram’s wife; and they went out together from Ur of the Chaldeans in order to enter the land of Canaan; and they went as far as Haran, and settled there. 32 The days of Terah were two hundred and five years; and Terah died in Haran.

When was the last time you looked at this passage? When you encountered it, what stood out? The pride of thinking they could build a tower to heaven? The failure to complete their task and the scrambling of languages? God vs. man—God wins? Is there anything that chills you, makes you shudder as you hear this account? There is much to learn from this passage, and we will address some of it in the message this morning, but as we begin our worship service this morning, let’s think on God’s power and right to thwart man’s best attempts to make a name for himself apart from God. Worship our great God!

**\*Hymn (Powerpoint): How Great (Ps. 145)**

For some, that song is unfamiliar and therefore you would have a hard time focusing on the words as you tried to sing. But do you find it normal to bless God’s name “each day [you] awake” and “from dawn to setting sun [you’ll proclaim His] greatness?” Do you feel overwhelmed by the greatness of His glory—that it “far exceeds all human thought” and therefore you bless God’s name with every breath? God’s people are not merely thankful, they are hungry to learn more about God and do it WHILE they seek to do His will! This attitude and perspective is the only antidote to the hubris at Babel. It’s not our Name, but His name that is to be great. Reflect on this as you ask God to work in your heart.

**\*Hymn (Powerpoint): Oh, I Want to Know You More**

**\*Pastoral Prayer: Pastor Jahn   Choir: Open My Eyes Spirit Divine**

**Scripture: Luke 24:13–32** (NASB95) And behold, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 And they were talking with each other about all these things which had taken place. 15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus Himself approached and began traveling with them. 16 But their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him. 17 And He said to them, “What are these words that you are exchanging with one another as you are walking?” And they stood still, looking sad. 18 One of them, named Cleopas, answered and said to Him, “Are You the only one visiting Jerusalem and unaware of the things which have happened here in these days?” 19 And He said to them, “What things?” And they said to Him, “The things about Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word in the sight of God and all the people, 20 and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to the sentence of death, and crucified Him. 21 “But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, it is the third day since these things happened. 22 “But also some women among us amazed us. When they were at the tomb early in the morning, 23 and did not find His body, they came, saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said that He was alive. 24 “Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just exactly as the women also had said; but Him they did not see.” 25 And He said to them, “O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! 26 “Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?” 27 Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures. 28 And they approached the village where they were going, and He acted as though He were going farther. 29 But they urged Him, saying, “Stay with us, for it is getting toward evening, and the day is now nearly over.” So He went in to stay with them. 30 When He had reclined at the table with them, He took the bread and blessed it, and breaking it, He began giving it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight. 32 They said to one another, “Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?”

**Offering:   \*Doxology:**

We move this morning to the account of Abraham, Abram in today’s text. Abram comes at the end of the chapter at the end of a list of names. The account of Babel is preceded in chapter 10 by another list of names. Of those names, we know little good, but we DO know Abraham. Why Abram? He is the one chosen by God to be father of the seed from which Messiah would come. And who is this promised deliverer? We learn about Him through the New Testament accounts, but we also learn about Him through the faith of Abraham and God’s dealings in response to that faith. The God of Abraham was gracious to Abraham, but was not to be trifled with. He is holy. He is to be honored and obeyed. You will not understand your position with Jesus NOR worship Him for His great salvation until you have a holy, reverent, and robust faith like Abraham. Praise the God of Abraham.

**\*Hymn #34: The God of Abraham Praise**

For us, praise to God centers on the work of Christ. Likewise, our obedience to God centers on our obedience to Christ as Head of His church. We sang of reverence. Now sing of undeserved acceptance and love. The NAME given true believers by Jesus is a name, an identity above all others.

**\*Hymn #89: Jesus, What a Friend of Sinners**

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**\*Hymn #490: I Am His and He is Mine                   \*Prayer**