

**Series: Chaos to Order**  
**Title: The Tower of Babel**  
**Genesis 11**

**Introduction**

From Adam and Eve to the Tower of Babel, the whole earth was of one language. When God observes the people and their tower, he confuses their language because of their rebellion and wickedness. Since the people could no longer understand one another, the people scattered over the face of the earth. The place became known as Babel because it is where God confused their language.

1. Terah was the father of \_\_\_\_\_, Nahor, and Haran.
2. Terah, Abram, and his wife, Sarai, take Lot and set out for the land of \_\_\_\_\_, but they stop and settle in the Haran.
3. There was a time when humanity spoke one \_\_\_\_\_ instead of the hundreds on the earth today.
4. Many of the descendants of Noah later came together to build a great city and tower in \_\_\_\_\_ against God's command to spread out over the earth.
5. They didn't \_\_\_\_\_ God's promise to never again flood the earth.
6. They made their tower waterproof to protect themselves against a future \_\_\_\_\_.
7. It's doubtful they thought they could really build a tower to \_\_\_\_\_.
8. The Tower of Babel was \_\_\_\_\_.

## **I. God Confounds Man's Plans**

9. The potential for evil in fallen humanity is \_\_\_\_\_ and powerful.
10. In God's mercy, the confounding of their language forced them to abandon their goal of \_\_\_\_\_ against God and caused their separation.
11. By dividing the people both linguistically and geographically, it put a check on the power of their \_\_\_\_\_ nature.
12. Modern linguists know that we did not \_\_\_\_\_ language any more than we invented our own circulatory or nervous system.
13. The people had to look for a suitable place \_\_\_\_\_.
14. Families multiplied rapidly developed their own culture and distinctive biological and physical \_\_\_\_\_ influenced by their environment.
15. Time, progress, government, and organization have made people to be \_\_\_\_\_ off, but certainly not \_\_\_\_\_ people.
16. God's \_\_\_\_\_ is to make us better.

## **II. God Always Has a Remnant**

17. This genealogy is important because, in Luke 3, it becomes part of the \_\_\_\_\_ line.

## **III. Abraham, The Godly Line**

18. \_\_\_\_\_ is arguably the most famous man of the Old Testament and certainly one of the most influential men in history.
19. Abram had a \_\_\_\_\_ in the highest place of all!
20. Jesus calls us friends and has \_\_\_\_\_ us of all our sins.
21. Abram is great for his \_\_\_\_\_.
22. One thing we can all \_\_\_\_\_ at is becoming a person of great faith.
23. We are a people of faith because of \_\_\_\_\_.
24. Christ \_\_\_\_\_ the faith of Abram within us because He built it in Abram himself.
25. God can take our seemingly worst situations and turn them into \_\_\_\_\_.
26. For Abram and Sarai, their lack of children would eventually play an important role in God's plan of \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Conclusion**

27. Abraham came from a family of \_\_\_\_\_ worshippers and was probably an \_\_\_\_\_ worshipper himself.
28. The call of Genesis 12 came to Abram while he still lived in \_\_\_\_\_.
29. Abram stopped and, at least for a time, dwelt in Haran, but it was not where God \_\_\_\_\_.
30. When Abram was in \_\_\_\_\_ obedience, delay, and barrenness marked his life.

31. When we knowingly disobey God, we often \_\_\_\_\_ the outworking of His plan in our lives and experience the barrenness of our disobedience.

32. Sometimes, it takes a \_\_\_\_\_ circumstance for us to get back on track and pursue a life of faith in Christ.

Whenever we fall upon hard times, we first need to check to see if we've settled for Haran instead of God's Land of Promise. If we have, we need to make some corrections and get back to pursuing our faith and trust in God and moving forward in our faith journey. Then, it won't be long and we'll be back to experiencing God's grace and promises of blessing.

### Answers

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| 1. Abram     | 12. invent          | 23. Jesus      |
| 2. Canaan    | 13. live            | 24. builds     |
| 3. language  | 14. characteristics | 25. blessings  |
| 4. rebellion | 15. better          | 26. redemption |
| 5. believe   | 16. goal            | 27. idol       |
| 6. deluge    | 17. Messianic       | 28. Ur         |
| 7. heaven    | 18. Abraham         | 29. promised   |
| 8. real      | 19. Friend          | 30. partial    |
| 9. terrible  | 20. pardoned        | 31. delay      |
| 10. unifying | 21. faith           | 32. tragic     |
| 11. fallen   | 22. excel           |                |

### QUESTIONS FOR MEDITATION

1. The people building the tower of Babel made it waterproof to protect against another flood, not believing God's promise. Which of God's promises do you have the most difficulty believing? Why is it so hard to believe? What can you do to help learn to trust God that He will be faithful for what He has promised?
2. The people in Shinar unified in rebellion against God. In what ways are people today "unifying" in rebellion against God? What can you do to avoid falling in line with this "unification" against God?
3. Abraham experienced delay and barrenness around receiving God's blessing because of partial obedience. What commands of God are you only partially obeying? What can you do to correct this and obey God more fully?