



~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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Prayer

Lord, I realize today that I've been praying the wrong prayer! I've been asking You to remove all the problem people from my life; meanwhile, You've been wanting to reinforce me with sufficient strength to live with these people victoriously. Forgive me for wanting to run from my challenges. Help me face them bravely and confidently in the power of the Holy Spirit from this day forward. I know You want to give me this power, so I open my heart to receive it right now, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sparkling Gems from the Greek.

Scripture

Genesis 11

Genesis 11:1-32 (AMP)

1 AND THE whole earth was of one language and of one accent and mode of expression. 2 And as they journeyed eastward, they found a plain (valley) in the land of Shinar, and they settled and dwelt there. 3 And they said one to another, Come, let us make bricks and burn them thoroughly. So they had brick for stone, and slime (bitumen) for mortar. 4 And they said, Come, let us build us a city and a tower whose top reaches into the sky, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered over the whole earth. 5 And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. 6 And the Lord said, Behold, they are one people and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do, and now nothing they have imagined they can do will be impossible for them. 7 Come, let Us go down and there confound (mix up, confuse) their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. 8 So the Lord scattered them abroad from that place upon the face of the whole earth, and they gave up building the city. 9 Therefore the name of it was called Babel—because there the Lord confounded the language of all the earth; and from that place the Lord scattered them abroad upon the face of the whole earth. 10 This is the history of the generations of Shem. Shem was 100 years old when he became the father of Arpachshad, two years after the flood. 11 And Shem lived after Arpachshad was born 500 years and had other sons and daughters. 12 When Arpachshad had lived 35 years, he became the father of Shelah. 13 Arpachshad lived after Shelah was born 403 years and had other sons and daughters. 14 When Shelah had lived 30 years, he became the father of Eber. 15 Shelah lived after Eber was born 403 years and had other sons and daughters. 16 When Eber had lived 34 years, he became the father of Peleg. 17 And Eber lived after Peleg was born 430 years and had other sons and daughters. 18 When Peleg had lived 30 years, he became the father of Reu. 19 And Peleg lived after Reu was born 209 years and had other sons and daughters. 20 When Reu had lived 32 years, he became the father of Serug. 21 And Reu lived after Serug was born 207 years and had other sons and daughters. 22 When Serug had lived 30 years, he became the father of Nahor. 23 And Serug lived after Nahor was born 200 years and had other sons and daughters. 24 When Nahor had lived 29 years, he became the father of Terah. 25 And Nahor lived after Terah was born 119 years and had other sons and daughters. 26 After Terah had lived 70 years, he became the father of [at different times], Abram and Nahor and Haran, [his firstborn]. 27 Now this is the history of the descendants of Terah. Terah was the father of Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran was the father of Lot. 28 Haran died before his father Terah [died] in the land of his birth, in Ur of the Chaldees. 29 And Abram and Nahor took wives. 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 Iscah. 30 But Sarai was barren; she had no child. 31 And Terah took Abram his son, Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife, and they went forth together to go from Ur of the Chaldees into the land of Canaan; but when they came to Haran, they settled there. 32 And Terah lived 205 years ; and Terah died in Haran.

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The Account of the Sons of Noah, Genesis 10:1 to 11:9

The fifth document of Genesis (see *How Genesis Is Organized*), prepared, probably, by Shem and handed on to Abraham; Shem lived from 98 years before the Flood until 150 years after the birth of Abraham (11:10).

Genesis 11:1–9. The Tower of Babel

The confusion of languages occurred in the fourth generation after the Flood, about the time of the birth of Peleg (10:25), which was 101 years after the Flood and 326 years before the call of Abraham (10:26). It was God's method of dispersing the race so that the kingdom man was creating would never exclude God's kingdom. For many years it was believed that the Tower of Babel looked like a Babylonian ziggurat, a type of stepped tower. But the ziggurats evolved from simpler religious structures, and the final form of the ziggurat did not appear in Mesopotamia until well into the third millennium b.c. —when there were already many different languages. Whatever the exact historical event may have been like, the purpose behind the Tower of Babel was similar to that of Adam and Eve in Genesis 3 . The people wanted to build a migdal , a fortified city, with "a tower that reaches the heavens" (11:3–4)—that is, they wanted to be autonomous and grab divine power. They wanted to transcend their human limitations. The significance of the Tower of Babel becomes clear when we look at it in contrast to the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2), which is its counterpoint:

Genesis 11--Babel, the city built by people;...The people reach for heaven;...Languages are confused; people no longer can understand each other;... The people are scattered

Acts 2--Jerusalem, the city of God;..God the Spirit descends from heaven;...A single language is understood by all those present;...The people come from all over

6. The Account of Shem, Genesis 11:10–26 .. The sixth document in the book of Genesis (see *How Genesis Is Organized*). In 10:21–31 , Shem's descendants are named. Here the line is carried straight from Shem to Abraham, covering 10 generations (427 years). Shem himself may have recorded this entire genealogy, for his life spanned the entire period it covers.

Age at son's birth		Total age	Age at son's birth		Total age
Adam	130	930	Arpachshad		
Seth	105	912	Born after Flood 2		
Enosh	90	905	Arpachshad	35	438
Kenan	70	910	Shelah	30	433
Mahalalel	65	895	Eber	34	464
Jared	162	962	Peleg	30	239
Enoch	65	365	Reu	32	239
Methuselah	187	969	Serug	30	230
Lamech	182	777	Nahor	29	148
Noah, at Flood	600	950	Terah	130	205
TOTAL	1,656		Abraham		
			Entered Canaan		75
			TOTAL		427

According to these figures:

- It was 1,656 years from Adam to the Flood; 427 years from the Flood to Abraham.
- Adam's life overlapped Methuselah's by 243 years.
- Methuselah's life overlapped Noah's by 600 years, Shem's by 98 years.
- There were 126 years between the death of Adam and the birth of Noah.
- Noah lived 350 years after the Flood; he died two years before birth of Abraham.
- Shem lived from 98 years before the Flood until 502 years after the Flood.
- Shem lived until 75 years after Abraham entered Canaan.
- Noah lived to see the 9th generation of his own descendants.
- In the right-hand column, all but Peleg and Nahor were alive at the birth of Abraham.

In a period of such longevity, the population increased very rapidly, although the ages became gradually shorter after the Flood. (Halley's Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; Zondervan; Bible History & Commentaries; pages 100-103)

The Tower Of Babel; V4 The tower was a ziggurat, where people worshiped the stars. V26 Since Shem and Abram were contemporaries, Shem may have given the details of the ark and the flood to Abram.

(Old Testament Study Guide; The Word For Today: Chuck Smith; 2005; commentaries; page 12)

Isaiah 19:1-25 (AMP)

1 THE MOURNFUL, inspired prediction (a burden to be lifted up) concerning Egypt: Behold, the Lord is riding on a swift cloud and comes to Egypt; and the idols of Egypt will tremble at His presence, and the hearts of the Egyptians will melt within them. **2** And I will stir up Egyptians against Egyptians, and they will fight, every one against his brother and every one against his neighbor, city against city, kingdom against kingdom. **3** And the spirit of the Egyptians within them will become exhausted and emptied out and will fail, and I will destroy their counsel and confound their plans; and they will seek counsel from the idols and the sorcerers, and from those having familiar spirits (the mediums) and the wizards. **4** And I will give over the Egyptians into the hand of a hard and cruel master, and a fierce king will rule over them, says the Lord, the Lord of hosts. **5** And the waters shall fail from the Nile, and the river shall be wasted and become dry. **6** And the rivers shall become foul, the streams and canals of Egypt shall be diminished and dried up, the reeds and the rushes shall wither and rot away. **7** The meadows by the Nile, by the brink of the Nile, and all the sown fields of the Nile shall become dry, be blown away, and be no more. **8** The fishermen will lament, and all who cast a hook into the Nile will mourn; and they who spread nets upon the waters will languish. **9** Moreover, they who work with combed flax and they who weave white [cotton] cloth will be confounded and in despair. **10** [Those who are] the pillars and foundations of Egypt will be crushed, and all those who work for hire or who build dams will be grieved. **11** The princes of Zoan [ancient capital of the Pharaohs] are utterly foolish; the counsel of the wisest counselors of Pharaoh has become witless (stupid). How can you say to Pharaoh, I am a son of the wise, a son of ancient kings? **12** Where then are your wise men? Let them tell you now [if they are so wise], and let them make known what the Lord of hosts has purposed against Egypt [if they can]. **13** The princes of Zoan have become fools, and the princes of Memphis are confused and deceived; those who are the cornerstones of her tribes have led Egypt astray. **14** The Lord has mingled a spirit of perverseness, error, and confusion within her; [her leaders] have caused Egypt to stagger in all her doings, as a drunken man staggers in his vomit. **15** Neither can any work [done singly or by concerted action] accomplish anything for Egypt, whether by head or tail, palm branch or rush [high or low]. **16** In that day will the Egyptians be like women [timid and helpless]; and they will tremble and fear because of the shaking of the hand of the Lord of hosts which He shakes over them. **17** And the land of Judah [allied to Assyria] shall become a terror to the Egyptians; everyone to whom mention of it is made will be afraid and everyone who mentions it—to him will they turn in fear, because of the purpose of the Lord of hosts which He purposes against Egypt. **18** In that day there will be five cities in the land of Egypt that speak the language of [the Hebrews of] Canaan and swear allegiance to the Lord of hosts. One of them will be called the City of the Sun or Destruction. **19** In that day there will be an altar to the Lord in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar to the Lord at its border. **20** And it will be a sign and a witness to the Lord of hosts in the land of Egypt; for they will cry to the Lord because of oppressors, and He will send them a savior, even a mighty one, and he will deliver them. **21** And the Lord will make Himself known to Egypt, and the Egyptians will know (have knowledge of, be acquainted with, give heed to, and cherish) the Lord in that day and will worship with sacrifices of animal and vegetable offerings; they will vow a vow to the Lord and perform it. **22** And the Lord shall smite Egypt, smiting and healing it; and they will return to the Lord, and He will listen to their entreaties and heal them. **23** In that day shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian will come into Egypt and the Egyptian into Assyria; and the Egyptians will worship [the Lord] with the Assyrians. **24** In that day Israel shall be the third, with Egypt and with Assyria [in a Messianic league], a blessing in the midst of the earth, **25** Whom the Lord of hosts has blessed, saying, Blessed be Egypt My people and Assyria the work of My hands and Israel My heritage.

(Word 9 Bible Software: Bible Software, multiple translations, dictionary, atlas, sermons of the past saints, concordance, 2005)
(The Everyday Life Bible; Amplified, 2005, Joyce Meyers, Scripture, Commentaries, page 19-20)

Alistair Begg at Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa & Calvary Chapel Murrieta!

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