

Lesson 3

TWT BIBLE SCHOOL

STUDENTS' NOTES | ENGLISH



I. THE ORIGIN OF NATIONS AND LANGUAGES

A. People again try to change God's plan

Genesis 11:2-6 "And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. ³Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. ⁴And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth." ⁵But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. ⁶And the LORD said, "Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them."

Question: Which one of the three common temptations in Genesis is this?

Answer: _____ (1 John 2:16)

- People think they can alter God's plan and do what they think is correct.
Proverbs 14:12 "There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death."



1: We cannot live our way; we must live _____.

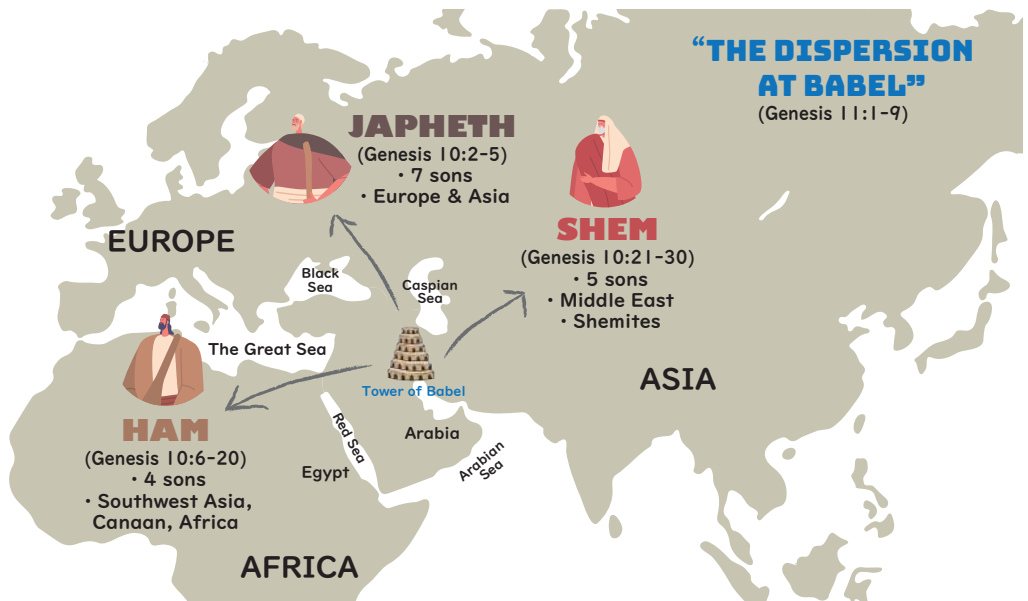
- Our purpose is to bring glory to God.
Revelation 4:11 "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."

B. Different languages introduced by God

Genesis 11:7-9 "Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." ⁸So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. ⁹Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth."

C. The formation of nations

- The family of Shem, Ham, and Japheth separated and nations begin to form. From the lineage of Shem, Abram, who became Abraham, would be guided by God start a family and become the nation of Israel.



II. TIME OF THE PATRIARCHS

A. A patriarch is a male head of a family or clan

1. **Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob** were the heads or founders of Jewish nation.

Genesis 12:1-3 "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. ²I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. ³I 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.

2. In the beginning of his walk with God, Abraham struggled with his faith just like every one of us does.

Genesis 12:11-13 "And it came to pass, when he was close to entering Egypt, that he said to Sarai his wife, "Indeed I know that you are a woman of beautiful countenance. ¹²Therefore it will happen, when the Egyptians see you, that they will say, 'This is his wife'; and they will kill me, but they will let you live. ¹³Please say you are my sister, that it may be well with me for your sake, and that I may live because of you."

3. Apostle Paul also started out a different man, but he changed for the better when he allowed God to transform him.

Acts 8:3 "As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing them to prison."

Acts 9:1-2 "Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women he might bring them bound to Jerusalem."

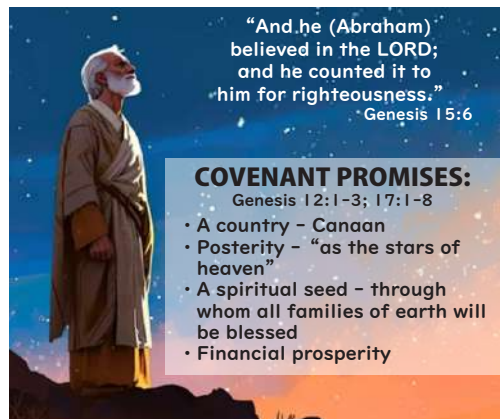
B. Why do you suppose God picked Abraham, or used the Jews as His "chosen nation"?

1. He obeyed God!

Genesis 12:4 "So Abram departed as the LORD had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran."

2. He believed God!

Genesis 15:6 "And he believed in the LORD, and **He accounted it to him for righteousness.**"



2: Obedience is Man's part in accepting God's covenant.

C. The Beginning of Arab Nations

1. The Lord promises Abraham many children.

Genesis 15:5 "Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

2. Abraham and Sarah took matters in their own hands.

Genesis 16:1-4 "Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. And she had an Egyptian maidservant whose name was Hagar. ²So Sarai said to Abram, "See now, the LORD has restrained me from bearing children. Please, go in to my maid; perhaps I shall obtain children by her." And Abram heeded the voice of Sarai. ³Then Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar her maid, the Egyptian, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan. ⁴So he went in to Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress became despised in her eyes."

3. The birth of Ishmael.

Genesis 16:15-16 "So Hagar bore Abram a son; and Abram named his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. ¹⁶Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram."

D. God's covenant with Abraham

1. God gave Abraham an irrevocable covenant.

Genesis 17:4-8 "As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you. ⁸Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."

2. God's covenant sign was circumcision.

Genesis 17:9-14 "And God said to Abraham: "As for you, you shall keep My covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations. ¹⁰**This is My covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you:** Every male child among you

shall be circumcised; ¹¹and you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you. ¹²He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised, every male child in your generations, he who is born in your house or bought with money from any foreigner who is not your

descendant. ¹³He who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money must be circumcised, and My covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. ¹⁴"And the uncircumcised male child, who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that person shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant."

**God's
covenant sign
(circumcision)**
Genesis 17:10-14



3. God's covenant re-established with Isaac

Genesis 17:15-22 "Then God said to Abraham, As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but **Sarah** shall be her name. ¹⁶And I will bless her and also give you a son by her; then I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples shall be from her." ¹⁷Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, "Shall a child be born to a man who is one hundred years old? And shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" ¹⁸And Abraham said to God, "Oh, that Ishmael might live before You!" ¹⁹Then God said: "No, Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his descendants after him." ²⁰And as for Ishmael, I have heard you. Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall beget twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation. ²¹But My covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this set time next year." ²²Then He finished talking with him, and God went up from Abraham."

4. Abraham's part of the covenant.

Genesis 17:23-24 "So Abraham took Ishmael his son, all who were born in his house and all who were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house, and circumcised the flesh of their foreskins that very same day, as God had said to him. ²⁴Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin."



#3: Our _____ today includes circumcision!

5. Circumcision is still done in the New Testament church.

a. Romans 2:28-29 "For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; ²⁹but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God."

b. Colossians 2:11-12 "In Him you were also circumcised with the **circumcision made without hands**, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹²buried with Him in **baptism**, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead."

To him that believeth in Jesus Christ, "his faith is counted for righteousness."

Romans 4:3-5

Water baptism is the sign of entering the new covenant

Colossians 2:11-12



- c. **Galatians 3:27-29** "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."



Gentiles become
Abraham's heirs

Genesis 3:1-29

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Galatians 3:29

Question: Where does circumcision takes place in our salvation today?

Answer: At _____!

6. Water baptism is essential to entering the new covenant because it is where spiritual circumcision takes place.

E. The Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah

1. God visited Abraham and spoke to him about the coming destruction!

Genesis 18:1-2 "Then the LORD appeared to him by the terebinth trees of Mamre, as he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day. ²So he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing by him; and when he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground,"

Note: One was the manifestation of God and two were angels.

Genesis 19:1 "Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom..."

Hebrews 13:2 "Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by doing some have unwittingly entertained angels."

2. God told Abraham what he was going to do.

Genesis 18:16-21 "Then the men rose from there and looked toward Sodom, and Abraham went with them to send them on the way. ¹⁷And the LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing, ¹⁸since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? ¹⁹For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the LORD, to do righteousness and justice, that the LORD may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him." ²⁰And the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grave, ²¹I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it that has come to Me; and if not, I will know."



Abraham and Lot separate
Genesis 13:8-13

3. Abraham bargained with God.

Genesis 18:32 "Then he said, "Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak but once more: Suppose ten should be found there?" And He said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of ten."



#4: The people who obey God's covenant will have His guidance and _____.

4. The depth of sin in Sodom and Gomorrah is revealed in **Genesis 19:1-16**.

5. God honors Abraham's prayer, and saves Lot.

Genesis 19:29 "And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when He overthrew the cities in which Lot had dwelt."



Jude 7 "And don't forget Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighboring towns, which were filled with immorality and every kind of sexual perversion. Those cities were destroyed by fire and serve as a warning of the eternal fire of God's judgment." **NLT**

6. The Bible teaches us to remember Lot's wife.

Genesis 19:17 "So it came to pass, when they had brought them outside, that he said, "Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be destroyed."

Genesis 19:26 "But his wife looked back behind him, and she became a pillar of salt."

Matthew 6:21 "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

F. Abraham's Ultimate Test

1. Isaac was born when Abraham is 100 years old and Sarah is 90 years old.

Genesis 21:1-5 "And the LORD visited Sarah as He had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as He had spoken. ²For Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him. ³And Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him—whom Sarah bore to him—Isaac ⁴Then Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. ⁵Now Abraham was one hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him."

2. God tells Abraham to sacrifice his only son.

Genesis 22:1-2 "Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, Abraham! And he said, Here I am. ²Then he said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

3. Abraham was obedient, and he had faith that they would both return.

Genesis 22:3-8 "So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. ⁵And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you." ⁶So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. ⁷But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together."

Hebrews 11:17-19 "By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, 18 of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," ¹⁹concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense."



#5: God _____ fulfills His promises.

4. Standing firm for God we will never be let down.

Genesis 22:9-14 "Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood ¹⁰And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son ¹¹But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, Here I am. ¹²And He said, Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me. ¹³Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son.

¹⁴And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of The Lord it shall be provided."

Genesis 22:15-18 "Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time, ¹⁶and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son — ¹⁷blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. ¹⁸In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

III. THE CHOSEN NATION – ISRAEL

A. Isaac's children – Esau and Jacob

Genesis 25:21-26 "Now Isaac pleaded with the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his plea, and Rebekah his wife conceived. ²²But the children struggled together within her; and she said, "If all is well, why am I like this?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. ²³And the LORD said to her: "Two nations are in your womb, Two peoples shall be separated from your body; One people shall be stronger than the other, And the older shall serve the younger." ²⁴So when her days were fulfilled for her to give birth, indeed there were twins in her womb. ²⁵And the first came out red. He was like a hairy garment all over; so they called his name Esau. ²⁶Afterward his brother came out, and his hand took hold of Esau's heel; so his name was called Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them."

1. Jacob desired spiritual things, but Esau wanted physical things and despised the things of God. Again two very different kinds of people.
2. Esau sold his 'birthright', which belonged to him as the firstborn son. It gave him a double portion of his father's property and the right to be the physical and spiritual leader of the family. (Genesis 25:27-34)
3. Jacob steals the spiritual blessing. Blind Isaac was tricked, and he blessed Jacob as if he were Esau. When Esau returned, he was shocked and furious. (Genesis 27:1-34)

Genesis 27:35-36 "But he said, "Your brother came with deceit and has taken away your blessing." ³⁶And Esau said, "Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has supplanted me these two times. He took away my birthright, and now look, he has taken away my blessing!" And he said, "Have you not reserved a blessing for me?"

4. The rest of the story.

- a. Jacob was forced to run from Esau to Laban, his uncle. He had an encounter with God at Bethel on his way to Haran.
- b. Jacob was tricked into marrying Laban's older daughter Leah instead of Rachel after working for him for seven years. He worked another seven years and ended up marrying Rachel.
- c. After being deceived by Laban, Jacob and Rachel tricked Laban as they fled his home. As he was escaping, Jacob hears news that Esau was coming for him with 400 men.
- d. All this while, Jacob had never turned to God for anything in his life. This incident was the turning point in Jacob's life.
- e. Jacob then had a personal encounter with God where he wrestled with a manifestation of God and ended up walking with a limp. Jacob's new walk with a limp was evidence that he was no longer able to rely on his own natural strength, but needed to lean on God. (Genesis chapters 27 to 29, and 32)



JACOB (Israel)
Genesis 48:1 ~ 49:33

💡 # 6: God wants us to rely on His _____ rather than our own.

Genesis 32:27-28 "So He said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob." ²⁸And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed."

f. God changed his name from Jacob to Israel – 'Prince with God'. This is the beginning of the Nation of Israel, and the twelve (12) tribes of Israel.

B. The children of Israel

1. Israel (Jacob) has 12 sons.

- ① Reuben, ② Simeon, ③ Levi, ④ Judah, ⑤ Zebulun, ⑥ Issachar, ⑦ Dan, ⑧ Gad, ⑨ Asher, ⑩ Naphtali, ⑪ Joseph (Ephraim, Manasseh), ⑫ Benjamin

Leah	Zilpah	Bilhah	Rachel
Reuben	Gad	Dan	Joseph
Simeon	Asher	Naphtali	(Ephraim)
Levi			(Manasseh)
Judah			Benjamin
Issachar			
Zebulun			

the Promised Seed

2. The dreams and Jacob's favoritism created jealousy in his brothers and conflict for the family. The brothers plotted to murder Joseph, but instead of killing him, they sold him as a slave.

Genesis 37:3-4 "Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of many colors. ⁴But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him."



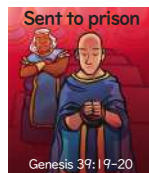
Genesis 37:28 "Then Midianite traders passed by; so the brothers pulled Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt."



Genesis 39:1 "Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. And Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him down there."

3. While working for Potiphar, Joseph gained the favor of Potiphar and the attention of Potiphar's wife. She tried to seduce Joseph, but he ran away from her. Joseph was then accused of a crime he did not commit and was thrown in prison.

Genesis 39:20 "Then Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were confined. And he was there in the prison."



4. While in the prison, Joseph gained the favor of the jailor and became the leader of the prison. He interpreted the dreams of two fellow prisoners, workers from Pharaoh's palace, and the dreams came to pass as interpreted. One of the workers returned to work for Pharaoh.



5. Years later this worker told Pharaoh about Joseph when Pharaoh had a dream. After Joseph correctly interpreted Pharaoh's dream, he was promoted as the second ruler of Egypt after Pharaoh. Because of this position, Joseph's own dreams came true and he saved his family from a great famine.

Genesis 41:39-40 "Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, there is no one as discerning and wise as you. ⁴⁰You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you."

6. Joseph's family travelled to Egypt to buy food, and they bowed before Joseph fulfilling Joseph's dreams. Israel and the entire family moved to Egypt and were given the best land in all of Egypt.

Genesis 46:5 "Then Jacob arose from Beersheba; and the sons of Israel carried their father Jacob, their little ones, and their wives, in the carts which Pharaoh had sent to carry him."

Genesis 46:27-29 "And the sons of Joseph who were born to him in Egypt were two persons. All the persons of the house of Jacob who went to Egypt were seventy. ²⁸Then he sent Judah before him to Joseph, to point out before him the way to Goshen. And they came to the land of Goshen. ²⁹So Joseph made ready his chariot and went up to Goshen to meet his father Israel; and he presented himself to him, and fell on his neck and wept on his neck a good while."

Genesis 47:11 "And Joseph situated his father and his brothers, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded."

7. Joseph forgave his brothers because he realized that God had allowed all the bad things that happened to him to be used for his good.



Genesis 50:19-21 "Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive. ²¹Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them."



#7: _____ releases God's grace; unforgiveness shuts God out!

C. Everything was great until Joseph died

1. **Exodus 1:8** "Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph."

This is where the Israelites trouble really starts! In **Lesson 4**, we will also learn great lessons from the experiences of the Israelites.

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