

Revisiting Chapter 10: 21-25

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As I was doing some housekeeping I decided to listen to some Les Feldick re-runs. By Coincidence (Just kidding, with God there are no Coincidences) the segment covered Chapters 8+9+10 of Genesis and low and behold Les pointed out something that I missed. In verse 21 we are told of the descendants of Shem. 22-24 lists 3 generations leading to Peleg (Shem → Arphaxed → Salah → Eber → Peleg). In verse 25 it reads: To Eber were born two sons, the name of one was Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided.

Is this the continental shift, the continental divide? My theory is that this is God explaining to us, in scientific and historical manners, of how the people of the Tower of Babel were spread to all different parts of the world and where the origins of fallen man and his false gods with their diverse languages came from. And when I went to my office chart on the wall (the same one that is in our Sunday morning Bible study room) it puts Peleg at about 40 years old when the Tower of Babel was being constructed. (see printout)

On a second note Les went deeper in my claim that all false religions, and pagan Gods, came about at the Tower of Babel by explaining Satans maneuvering. Les pointed out that Nimrods wife, Semiramus had a child out of wedlock ^{by the gods} after he died. The child's name was Tāmar. Tāmar was supposedly gored by a bull and died. After three days the gods came down and brought Tāmar back to life.

Interestingly enough this started the worship of female gods that has ruined the truth to this day. We of course now see "mother earth" being worshiped throughout the

Christian church. But there are many that satan (the (26)
Originator and impostor, or counterfeit of all things
God) instituted at Babel. When searching for false goddesses
a sight came up with 187 of them in just the Greek, Hindu,
and Hawaiian traditions. Names like Aphrodite, Athena, Diana,
Aurora, Juno, Luna, Minerva, Venus, Victoria, Freya and on
and on. And those were just from those three nations. The
Roman Catholics of course have Mary and the Vatican in 2020
minted the "Pachamama" 10 Euro coin depicting a pregnant
woman embracing her round belly, which looks like a globe.
The mint's website depicts "a mother carrying the earth in
her womb, to whom we owe care and love," Or as we
know it "mother earth". (See Catholic News Agency article Oct 16 2020).

So in one verse God might be explaining to us how all the
evil of satan's Tower of Babel found its roots in every tongue
and tribe around the world. (This is only my opinion).

back to Genesis 12: 4-6 Abram took Lot and the people whom
they had acquired in Haran and they departed to go to the
land of Canaan. But was that God's actual will? I say no.
God told Abram, in verse 1: "Get out of your country, from
your family and from your father's house to a land that I
will show you". In plain english, "Leave it all behind. Do
not bring any of it with you." After all Abrams family were
idol worshippers. When God purchases us, He wants us to
leave our old sin nature behind! And out of Abram
He was going to make a nation of priests. Holy and pure.
Lot would cause him trouble and later what he brought
back from Egypt (Hagar) would cause not only him but
the whole world trouble. We must always remember
that there is God's absolute will and there is also God's
permissive will. The later is always worse for all involved!

Genesis 12:7-9 God makes His first promise to Abram (27)
That promise is that his descendants will inherit the

promised land. And so Abram pitched his tent on the east side of Bethel. The Scripture says that Abram was 75 years old. Notice that Abram believed God. This was what God counted him as righteous for (Hebrews chapter 11) but in all his years he would remain a nomad. Pitching his tent here and there. God's promise would finally come to fruition many generations later when Joshua would lead the people in to the promised land. Abram's faith never caused him to ask God when it would be so!

Genesis 12:10-20 Abram takes things in his own hand without consulting or inquiring of God.

Abram lies because he doesn't think that God can protect him in Egypt. Sarai goes along with the lie and becomes part of Pharaoh's harem! Pharaoh gives sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male and female servants, female donkeys, and camels in exchange for her. Abram had wandered in to forbidden land and now his lying had caused him to lose his wife! This was God's permissive will but basically the polar opposite of God's actual will! God had said that He would have descendants that would inherit the promised land but now he had no wife to have descendants with! God comes to the rescue in verses 17-20!

Genesis 13:1 Scripture does not tell us till later that one of the things that Abram left Egypt with was Hagar until a little later on. So now "go from your family and your home to a place that I will show you" turns into: "I think I will grab all sorts of idolaters and strangers to take with me when I leave Egypt!"

Genesis 13:2-9 Over the years Abram and Lot acquired (28) much livestock. Both having so much that the herdsmen of each quarreled over who could graze where. Again, Lot should not have been taken in the first place. But Abram being a nice guy offers a solution, "You go to the right and then I will go to the left, or if you go to the left, I will go to the right."

Genesis 13:10-13 This is a testimony to my original statement that Lot should not have been taken. Lot was worldly and liked the worldly things. Where as Abram was Spiritual and knew that God would provide.

Genesis 13:14 The first time that God spoke to Abram was after his idoliz father Terah had died. Now the elaboration of that promise came after Lot had disappeared.

Genesis 13:15-18 God promises to bless Abram (in his late 70's) with a multitude of descendants who would be too numerous to number. Here He compares them to the dust (sand) of the earth and in Genesis 26:3-4 God tells Isaac, "Dwell in this land and I will be with you and bless you, for to you and your descendants I give all these lands, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father, And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven...."

To Abram He says, "as the dust of the earth" and to Isaac He says, "as the stars of heaven". Indeed God did both. Over the centuries the nation of Israel's people totalled to numerous millions and the nation would be blessed on earth. After Jesus, through Paul, God would stretch out His hand to bless Christians with the blessings of heaven. (Many scoffed at this

Scripture when in early A.D., star gazers came up with 5,600 to 5890 stars being in heaven. Today we know that they indeed can not be counted!