

## Exploring the Word – Week #2

### Overview of Genesis for Week Ending January 10

#### Chapters (6–9)

God flooded the earth because humankind became filled with violence and corruption (6:1-8). Noah was the only one who honored God (6:9). Noah's ark was about 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high. In this vessel, a remnant of humanity (Noah and family) and two "each of the various animals were preserved from the flood. Covenant - never again to destroy the earth by water. The sign of this covenant is the rainbow. Noah, a farmer with a vineyard, gets drunk. Ham sees his father's nakedness and tells his brothers, then they, Shem and Japheth cover it. Noah curses Canaan, the son of Ham, saying that his descendants will serve the descendants of Shem. Noah dies at 950.

#### Chapters (10–11)

After the flood, descendants of Noah's son Ham developed a wicked kingdom and began building the tower of Babel. This project was a pagan effort to observe and worship the heavens. God confounded the workers, causing them to speak different languages—thus the name Babel (confusion). This confusion caused them to scatter. Family history of Shem's descendants to Abram. Abram's father = Terah. Wife = Sarai. Son-in-law = Lot. Abram's story starts in Ur in the Chaldeans (Babylon).

#### Chapters (12–25)

God commanded Abram to leave Ur and go to Canaan. With this command, God gave Abram a promise: His descendants would grow into a great nation that would be as numberless as the stars. God changed Abram's name to Abraham, meaning "father of a multitude" (17:5). God promised that this nation would bring blessing to all the nations (12:3). But Abraham was 100 years old, and Sarah was 90. How would they bear a son? In unbelief, Sarah offered Abraham her younger servant, Hagar, through whom Ishmael was born. But he was not the child of promise. God's promise was eventually fulfilled when Sarah became pregnant. God asks Abraham to sacrifice Isaac. Isaac asks where the lamb is to be sacrificed before he is himself bound. God prevents the human sacrifice, and a ram caught in a thicket by the horns is sacrificed instead. God reconfirms covenant – through Abraham's seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed. A list of the descendants of Nahor, Abraham's brother.