

Nobody has contended with God and had a victory, for the simple reason he has made everything and he owns everything.

From the angels in heaven, to the smallest creatures and viruses on the earth.

When Satan was in Heaven he tried to exalt himself above God and failed. The Angels that followed Satan rebelled also and lost and were cast out of Heaven.

Adam and Eve sinned against God and were driven from that beautiful garden,

That wicked Cain who slew his younger brother was driven from the presence of God.

The people of Noah's time rejected the call of God and perished in their sin in the flood. Then the people increased in number and travelled east for a short distance, then decided against the wishes of the Lord to build a city to live in and a tower to worship, a structure to reach Heaven by their own works and to keep the people under one church government. Now God has never condemned different Christian churches, but rather during times of Christian reformation has blessed them. But written Babylonian accounts describe every brick as being inscribed with the name of the Babylonian God Marduk, these people were idolators.

So what will happen next?

THE BEGINNING OF LANGUAGES

Gen 11:5 And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.

Gen 11:6 And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

Gen 11:7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

So God gave them different languages. The next verse tells us God scattered them, each group couldn't understand the other so they parted company.

Anyone who has embarked on the formidable task of learning or translating another language knows that you just don't create a new one at a whim. Some of the languages that God created are so complex that it can take trained linguists years to grasp even the fundamentals.

THE FAITH OF ABRAM

Now we come to,

Gen 11:27 Now these are the generations of Terah: Terah begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran begat Lot.

Gen 11:29 And Abram and Nahor took them wives: the name of Abram's wife was Sarai;...

Gen 11:30 But Sarai was barren; she had no child.

And this man Abraham (as he was later called) according to the divine will of God is the father of the people of faith who look to the promised Messiah.

Hebrews 11.8 tells us that when Abram left Ur of the Chaldees, which was close to where the tower of Babel was, he didn't know where he was going, yet like Noah he believed God and obeyed the command.

Abraham was a real man with real problems and trials, and he made mistakes like everyone else, but his victory was in his close association with his Living God.

Yes Abraham like Noah was a sinner, a descendent of Adam and needed to be saved.

The people where Abraham lived were idolaters, they had statues to represent their gods, which they prayed to contrary to the explicit command of God in,

Exodus 20:4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

OBEDIENCE BEFORE BLESSING

Gen 12:1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

Gen 12:2 And I will make of thee a great nation,

Once again we see God separating his people, then he is willing to bless them. The Lord guides his people one step at a time, obey him to-day and tomorrow you will be given fresh instructions.

If a person or nation disobeys or fails to do God's will he raises up another, men die and pass into eternity but the plan and purpose of God goes on.