

**From Age To Age – A Divine Agenda  
From the First Adam to the Last – God’s Story  
Lesson 3 – Outline**

**Human Government Established: From the Flood to the Call**

**A Fresh Start After the Flood**

- \* We are all descendants of Noah and Adam**
- \* Family was God’s first authority structure (husband, wife, children)**
- \* After the flood, God’s second authority structure became human government**
  - The need for community order and authority, for rules and consequences**

**The Table of Nations – Genesis 10:1 – 10:32**

- \* The account of Noah’s sons -Genesis 10:1**
- \* The descendants of Japheth – Genesis 10:2 – 5**
  - Sons: Gomer, Magog, Madal, Javan, Tubal, Meshech and Tiras – Genesis 10:2**
- \* The descendants of Ham – Genesis 10:6 –20**
  - Sons: Cush, Mizraim, Put and Canaan – Genesis 10:6**
  - Nimrod’s kingdom – Genesis 10:8–12**
- \* The descendants of Shem – Genesis 10:21 – 31**
  - Sons: Elam, Asshur, Arphaxad, Lud and Aram – Genesis 10:22**
- \* From the clans of Noah’s sons the nations spread out over the earth – Genesis 10:32**

**The Tower of Babel – Genesis 11:1 – 11: 9**

- \* Settling instead of filling – Genesis 11:1 – 4**
  - The whole world had one language – Genesis 11:1**
  - Men moved eastward and settled in Shinar – Genesis 11:2**
  - They built with bricks and tar instead of stones and mortar – Genesis 11:3**
  - They built themselves a city with a tower to the heavens – Genesis 11:3**
  - They wanted to make a name for themselves and not be scattered over the whole earth – Genesis 11:4 (Beginnings of false religion – self worship)**
- \* Then the LORD came down – Genesis 11:5 – 9**
  - To see the city and the tower they were building – Genesis 11:5**
  - To confuse the language so they do not understand each other – Genesis 11:6–7**
  - To scatter them over all the earth – Genesis 11:8**
  - To stop the city from being built – Genesis 11:8**
  - The place is called Babel because there the LORD confused the language of the whole world and He scattered them over the whole earth – Genesis 11:9**

**The Types of Human Government**

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| <b>* Democracy</b> | <b>* Colonialism</b> | <b>* Totalitarianism</b>       |
| <b>* Communism</b> | <b>* Socialism</b>   | <b>* Military Dictatorship</b> |
| <b>* Monarchy</b>  | <b>* Oligarchy</b>   |                                |
| <b>* Theocracy</b> | <b>* Aristocracy</b> |                                |

## **From Shem to Abram – Genesis 11:10 – 11:32**

- \* Compare this ten generation genealogy to the first ten generations of Genesis 5:3 – 5:32 and Genesis 9:28 – 29**
  - Length of life
  - The two sets of ten generations are separated by God's act of judgment upon the whole world – the flood
  - The prominent characters that began and ended each of the two sets of ten generations - Adam and Noah; Shem and Abram
  - Consider how many generations were living at the same time
  - The lives of these twenty characters covered 2183 years

## **The Call of Abram – Genesis 12:1 – 12:9**

- \* What the LORD had said to Abram when he was still in Mesopotamia – Genesis 12:1 – 3**
  - Leave
    - Your country, your people, your father's household
  - Go
    - To the land I will show you
  - I will
    - Make you a great nation
    - Bless you
    - Make your name great and you will be a blessing
    - Bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse
  - All peoples on earth will
    - Be blessed through you
- \* As the LORD had told Abram, he left from Haran when Abram was 75 years old – Genesis 12:4 – 6**
  - He left Haran with Sarai, his wife, and his nephew Lot, with their possessions and the people they had acquired in Haran
  - They set out for Canaan and arrived there at Shechem
- \* The LORD appeared to Abram at Shechem – Genesis 12:7**
  - The LORD promised to give Abram's offspring this land!
  - Abram built an altar there to the LORD
- \* Abram continued his journey in the promised land – Genesis 12:8 – 9**
  - Abram pitched his tent between Bethel on the west and Ai on the east and he built an altar there to the LORD and called the LORD by name – Genesis 12:8
  - Abram continued toward the Negev – Genesis 12:9