

# JANUARY 4

## Read Genesis 10–12

### CHAPTER 10

**N**OW these *are* the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth: and unto them were sons born after the flood.

2 The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras.

3 And the sons of Gomer; Ashkenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah.

4 And the sons of Javan; Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim.

5 By these were the isles of the Gentiles divided in their lands; every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.

6 ¶ And the sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, and Phut, and Canaan.

7 And the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabtah, and Raamah, and Sabtecha: and the sons of Raamah; Sheba, and Dedan.

8 And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth.

9 He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD.

10 And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

11 Out of that land went forth Asshur, and builded Nineveh, and the city Rehoboth, and Calah,

12 And Resen between Nineveh and Calah: the same *is* a great city.

13 And Mizraim begat Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim,

14 And Pathrusim, and Casluhim, (out of whom came Philistim,) and Caphtorim.

15 ¶ And Canaan begat Sidon his firstborn, and Heth,

16 And the Jebusite, and the Amorite, and the Girgasite,

17 And the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite,

18 And the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite: and afterward were the families of the Canaanites spread abroad.

19 And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon, as thou comest to Gerar, unto Gaza; as thou goest, unto Sodom, and Gomorrah, and Admah, and Zeboim, even unto Lasha.

20 These *are* the sons of Ham, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, *and* in their nations.

21 ¶ Unto Shem also, the father of all the children of Eber, the brother of Japheth the elder, even to him were *children* born.

22 The children of Shem; Elam, and Asshur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram.

23 And the children of Aram; Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Mash.

24 And Arphaxad begat Salah; and Salah begat Eber.

25 And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of one *was* Peleg; for in his days was the earth divided; and his brother's name *was* Joktan.

26 And Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah,

27 And Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah,

28 And Obal, and Abimael, and Sheba,

29 And Ophir, and Havilah, and

Jobab: all these *were* the sons of Joktan.

30 And their dwelling was from Mesha, as thou goest unto Sephar a mount of the east.

31 These *are* the sons of Shem, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, after their nations.

32 These *are* the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations: and by these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood.

## CHAPTER 11

**A**ND the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.

2 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.

3 And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them throughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.

4 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top *may reach* unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

5. And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the

children of men builded.

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.

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

8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.

9 Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

10 ¶ These *are* the generations of Shem: Shem *was* an hundred years old, and begat Arphaxad two years after the flood:

11 And Shem lived after he begat Arphaxad five hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

12 And Arphaxad lived five and thirty years, and begat Salah:

13 And Arphaxad lived after he begat Salah four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.

14 And Salah lived thirty years, and begat Eber:

15 And Salah lived after he begat Eber four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.

16 And Eber lived four and thirty years, and begat Peleg:

17 And Eber lived after he begat Peleg four hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters.

18 And Peleg lived thirty years, and begat Reu:

19 And Peleg lived after he begat Reu two hundred and nine years, and begat sons and daughters.

20 And Reu lived two and thirty years, and begat Serug:

21 And Reu lived after he begat Serug two hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters.

22 And Serug lived thirty years, and begat Nahor:

23 And Serug lived after he begat Nahor two hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

24 And Nahor lived nine and twenty years, and begat Terah:

25 And Nahor lived after he begat Terah an hundred and nineteen years, and begat sons and daughters.

26 And Terah lived seventy years,

and begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

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

28 And Haran died before his father Terah in the land of his nativity, in Ur of the Chaldees.

29 And Abram and Nahor took them wives: the name of Abram's wife *was* Sarai; and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah, and the father of Iscah.

30 But Sarai was barren; she *had* no child.

31 And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran his son's son, and Sarai his daughter in law, his son Abram's wife; and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Haran, and dwelt there.

32 And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years: and Terah died in Haran.

## CHAPTER 12

**N**OW 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:

2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

4. So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram *was* seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.

5 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came.

6 ¶ And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite *was* then in the land.

7 And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.

8 And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, *having* Bethel on the west, and Hai on

the east: and there he builded an altar unto the LORD, and called upon the name of the LORD.

9 And Abram journeyed, going on still toward the south.

10 ¶ And there was a famine in the land: and Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine *was* grievous in the land.

11 And it came to pass, when he was come near to enter into Egypt, that he said unto Sarai his wife, Behold now, I know that thou *art* a fair woman to look upon:

12 Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Egyptians shall see thee, that they shall say, This *is* his wife: and they will kill me, but they will save thee alive.

13 Say, I pray thee, thou *art* my sister: that it may be well with me for thy sake; and my soul shall live because of thee.

14 ¶ And it came to pass, that, when Abram was come into Egypt, the Egyptians beheld the woman

that she *was* very fair.

15 The princes also of Pharaoh saw her, and commended her before Pharaoh: and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house.

16 And he entreated Abram well for her sake: and he had sheep, and oxen, and he asses, and menservants, and maidservants, and she asses, and camels.

17 And the LORD plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai Abram's wife.

18 And Pharaoh called Abram, and said, What *is* this *that* thou hast done unto me? why didst thou not tell me that she *was* thy wife?

19 Why saidst thou, She *is* my sister? so I might have taken her to me to wife: now therefore behold thy wife, take *her*, and go thy way.

20 And Pharaoh commanded *his* men concerning him: and they sent him away, and his wife, and all that he had.

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## DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

In chapter 12 God calls Abraham. This chapter begins one of the great adventures of the Bible, Abraham's walk of faith. God called Abraham to begin the fulfillment of His promise in Genesis 3:15 to send a Saviour to the world. Abraham was of the line of Shem, and was the father of the Jewish nation. From this one man God was to bless the whole world!

God had called Abraham in Ur of the Chaldees, but he had lingered at Haran until the death of his

father. God promised to give Abraham a land, a great name, a great nation, and a blessing that would spread to the whole world. It took a great deal of faith for Abraham to respond to these promises, for he had no children and he and his wife were getting old.

Chapter 12:10 tells us that "Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn there...." Egypt is a picture of the world, the life of self-confidence, while Canaan is a picture of the life of faith and victory. Abraham encountered much trouble while in the land of Egypt,

and in chapter 13 he returns to a life of faith and God's leadership. His sojourn in Egypt can be compared to a Christian living in the world today. Because Abraham had faith in God, he could not be happy living in worldly Egypt. A person who is genuinely born-again must be separated from the world to be happy. In II Corinthians 6:17 Paul tells us, "Wherefore, come out from among them, and be ye separate...." Christians must live a separated and dedicated life. They cannot participate in the things of the world and continue to be strong Christians. When a Christian becomes spotted and blighted by the sin and corruption of the world, he loses his testimony for the Lord.

### PROVERB FOR TODAY

"But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day" (Proverbs 4:18).

### TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

**ASSIGNMENT 1:** For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 8.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

**MAMIE RANDOLPH**

### HYMN FOR TODAY

#### **GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH** by William Williams, 1717-1791

The need for daily guidance is one of the believer's greatest concerns. How easily our lives can go astray without the assurance of divine leadership. Today's featured text is one of the great hymns of the church on this subject. It is a product of the revival movement that swept through Wales during the 18th century. This revival was led by a 24-year-old Welsh preacher, Howell Harris, who stirred the land with his fervent evangelistic preaching and his use of congregational singing.

One of the lives touched by Harris' ministry was 20-year-old William Williams. Young Williams, the son of a wealthy Welsh farmer, was preparing to become a medical doctor. But, upon hearing the stirring challenge by evangelist Howell Harris, Williams dedicated his life to God and the Christian ministry. William Williams, like Harris, decided to take all of Wales as his parish and for the next 43 years travelled

100,000 miles on horseback, preaching and singing the gospel in his native tongue. He became known as the "sweet singer of Wales."

The vivid, symbolic imagery of this text is drawn wholly from the Bible. The general setting is the march of the Israelites from Egypt to Canaan. Although the Israelites' sin and unbelief kept them from their destination for 40 years, God provided for their physical needs with a new supply of manna each day.

Twice during the Hebrews' years of wandering, they became faint because of lack of water. At the command of God, Moses struck a large rock with his wooden staff. Out of it flowed a pure, crystalline stream that preserved their lives. God also continued to guide them with a pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night.

*Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim thru this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty—  
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand:  
Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven,  
feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through;  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,  
be Thou still my strength and shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
Bear me thru the swelling current;  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to Thee.*

### ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

**1581**

**JAMES USSHER WAS BORN IN DUBLIN, IRELAND.**

He will be remembered for his "Annals of the Old and New Testament," which forms the basis of the Biblical chronology in the King James Version of the Bible. Many believers still hold to the dates that he has set. He especially adhered to the fact that man was created in God's image only six thousand years ago. Too often, I think, we take our Bibles for granted. Those who have labored in translation, etc., should be the object of our gratitude. Many lan-

guages and dialects still do not have the Bible. Let us thank God that we can buy Bibles in any bookstore, and let us read the Bible more and live by it.

**1864  
GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER WAS BORN  
IN DIAMOND GROVE, MISSOURI.**

As an American Negro, educator, and scientist, he is thought of by many as America's greatest Negro. He certainly was a devout Christian. He never attempted to patent any of his discoveries, but gave freely to everyone who would learn about them, saying, "My discoveries come like a direct revelation from God." Pray today for black Christians, in fact, for the black race everywhere. How long has it been since you witnessed to a member of another race? It is not enough to send missionaries to Africa or to some other part of the world, when there are people from every race who need to hear that Jesus died for them.

**1896  
UTAH WAS ADMITTED AS A STATE.**

**1809  
LOUIS BRAILLE WAS BORN.**

Louis Braille was a blind French teacher and the inventor of the "Braille" system. Many thousands of

people could never read the Bible (or for that matter read anything) were it not for this wonderful system.

**1904  
WILLARD ALDRIDGE WAS BORN IN TACOMA,  
WASHINGTON.**

His service has been as president of the Multnomah School of the Bible in Portland, Oregon. Pray for Bible schools, Bible colleges, and Christian colleges today. Pray for students whom you know personally in those colleges.

**ON THIS DATE IN  
AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY**

**1920  
THE FIRST BLACK BASEBALL LEAGUE,  
NATIONAL NEGRO BASEBALL LEAGUE,  
ORGANIZED.**

**1971  
DR. MELVIN H. EVANS INAUGURATED AS THE  
FIRST ELECTED GOVERNOR OF THE VIRGIN  
ISLANDS.**

**1971  
CONGESSSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS  
ORGANIZED.**

# The Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

## MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

### WHY MEMORIZE THE WORD?

(Assignment 1)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for the next seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see “The Treasure Path to Soul Winning,” page XIII near the front of this book.)

#### **A Command**

( ) Deuteronomy 6:6

And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

#### **An Imperative**

( ) Deuteronomy 11:18

Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.

#### **A Necessity**

( ) Job 22:22

Receive, I pray thee, the law from his mouth, and lay up his words in thine heart.

#### **A Promise**

( ) Proverbs 3:3-4

Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:

so shalt thou find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man.