

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of October 6, 2024
THEME: "FATHER ABRAHAM"

MANY NATIONS

Sunday Read Genesis 11:6-8

"Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." It did not take long for man to return to his sinful ways after God had destroyed all humanity except one family with the flood. God's enemy, Satan, attacks humans to draw them away from their creator. Satan tries to attract people with worldly lusts and is very successful in doing so. He is more dangerous when he succeeds in having people engage in false worship. That seems not to be sinful behavior, but if it is inconsistent with God's ways, it is sin. This effort to build a tower to heaven seems to have a right goal, but it ignored God's plan for getting to heaven. As a result God confused the speech of people resulting in many languages and then many nations.

A GREAT NATION

Monday Read GENESIS 12:1-8

" 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." God did not give up on people. What He did was to establish a nation in which He would reveal His way of life and His form of worship. He made a covenant with Abraham to build a nation through which He would bless all people. There would be other nations that would become great and powerful, but would fall short of complete world dominance. History shows that many great nations have arisen, but then suffered a downfall. The great nation would be one which God would be the focal point of an eternal kingdom. The story of Jesus will bring that to pass.

FAMILY

Tuesday..... Read Genesis 21:1-3

"For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him." Abraham and Sarah his wife were married for many years but were unsuccessful in having children. Finally, Sarah suggested she would give him her Egyptian slave-girl Hagar as a wife. That relationship did result in a son, whom they named Ishmael. But it also created a problem for Sarah because she became resentful and angry. When Sarah did become pregnant and delivered their son Isaac, the plan of God was fulfilled. He would make the great nation of Israel through Abraham and Sarah's son Isaac. The Arab nations were the result of Abraham's son Ishmael. The conflict caused by

the children of Abraham, Ishmael, Hagar's son and Isaac, Sarah's son, is an ongoing conflict even today by Arab nations hatred for Israel!

SPECIAL NATION

Wednesday Read I Chronicles 17:20-23

"And what one nation in the earth is like thy people Israel, whom God went to redeem to be his own people, to make thee a name of greatness and terribleness, by driving out nations from before thy people whom thou hast redeemed out of Egypt?" Israel is God's chosen nation through which He would save the world. At the time of the bondage of Jews in Egypt, things looked hopeless. God, however, called Moses to lead them out of bondage to the Promised Land of Israel. A kingdom was established and succeeded under David, but was later divided by special interest groups. It, however, was the nation into which the Messiah would be born. In His first advent, Jesus was the Savior who with His blood paid the penalty of sin. In His next coming, He will be crowned King in Jerusalem, capital city of this special nation.

OBEDIENCE

Thursday Read Genesis 22:16-18

"And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice." This is the forerunner of God's promise, God had tested Abraham by instructing him to offer up his son Isaac as a sacrifice. Abraham was obedient and actually placed his son Isaac on the altar. When Abraham was about to thrust his knife into his son, an angel appeared and stopped him. Abraham then spotted a ram that he slew and offered as a sacrifice. What an amazing illustration of what would be the experience of God the Father and God the Son. The difference being that Jesus, the Son of God, would die on the cross fulfilling the gift of eternal life paid for by the blood of His Son Jesus.

JEREMIAH'S LETTER

Friday Read Jeremiah 29:1-5

"Now these are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem unto the residue of the elders which were carried away captives, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon." The Jewish people had been taken captive by the Babylonians under the leadership of Nebuchadnezzar. That captivity was the result of their disloyalty to God's law, and they suffered the consequences. Again God would provide deliverance in His time. The prophet Daniel alluded to Jeremiah's writings, and God used Daniel to prophesy about the deliverance of the Jews as well as the timing of both the crucifixion of the Messiah and His kingdom!

GOD'S PURPOSE

Saturday.....Read Romans 8:28-30

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." A look at the life of Abraham is one of the examples of this great statement of Paul to the church at Rome at the beginning

of the Church Age. Abraham had a lot of bumps on his journey through life, as do a lot of Christians during the Church Age. Abraham had to face tough family issues as well as national difficulties. But always God intervened and showed Himself strong on Abraham's behalf. God will use "all things to work together for good" for those who are faithful to Him! Believers are in a war against Satan; but we are assured victory through faith in God.