

Discussion Questions for Small Group



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Instructions: Listen to the Shabbat audio reading together as a small group. Have your bibles with you and read along. After listening, go through the discussion questions below.

Date: Saturday, Oct 21, and Sunday Oct 22, 2023

Scripture Reading: Genesis 11:1-32, Jer 37:1-38:28, 1 Tim 6:1-21, Psalm 89:38-52, Prov 25:28, Genesis 12:1-13, Jer 39:1-41:18, 2 Tim 1:1-18, Ps 90:1-91:16, Prov 26:1-2

1. Read Genesis 11:1-4. What dark forces, entities, organizations do you see operating today that have a similar agenda as what we see expressed in the passage of scripture?

2. Read Genesis 11: 9 and compare to Genesis 2:16-17. The word "babel" in Hebrew, means: babel or Babylon = "confusion (by mixing)". We also saw in the garden of Eden, the tree of the knowledge of good AND evil...There was a "mixing" of fruit on this tree. How do you see this same tactic of the enemy operating today? Where do you see a "mixing", a crossing over of lines and boundaries?

3. Read Genesis 11:31-32. Terah left Ur of Chaldeas and was on his way to the land of Canaan (the promised land). But he stopped at Haran. He did not finish his journey. Has something like that ever happened to you?

Comment: Many people start well. But they don't finish. Terah, Abram's father, started well. He left Ur of Chaldeas, and he was headed for the promised land. But he stopped short, and settled in Haran. It is so important to finish well. To finish the race, to cross the finish line, to complete the task that the LORD gives to each of us.

4. Read Genesis 12:1. What are the LORD's instructions to Abraham? Why do you think Abram was obedient to this call, but his father, Terah, was not?

5. Read Genesis 12:2-3. What is the promise given here for those who bless Abraham and his descendants. What is the promise given here for those who curse Abraham and his descendants?

6. Israel is now at war with Hamas. The spirit of Anti-semitism has risen up. In my view:

Anti-semitism = Anti-Christ spirit.

Jesus (Yeshua) was a Jew. He is the King of the Jews and King of all nations. Yeshua (Jesus) loves the Jews. They are His family! All of His disciples were Jewish. Most of the early church described in Acts were Jewish. Jeremiah, Isaiah, Obadiah, Amos, Ezekiel, most all of the OT prophets were Jewish.

BEWARE of Anti-semitism in the media concerning the war Israel is engaged in to defeat Hamas once and for all. **Beware of news stories reporting on conspiracy theories that somehow, the government of Israel is to blame for the war with Hamas!** This is a "blame the victim" spin! That would be like blaming the Jews for their own Holocaust during WW2!

Below are two examples from the news of anti-semitism rising up:

[Muslims and Young Leftists March on UCLA Campus Chanting "Intifada! Intifada!" – or Bloody Uprising Against Israel](#)

[Israel commences illegal war crimes ethnic cleansing operation against 2 million Palestinian civilians](#)

Here is the takeaway:

*I will bless those who bless you,
And I will curse him who curses you;
And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."* Gen 12:3

How can you apply the principle from Genesis 12:3 right now, in your life?

To learn about some ways that you can stand with and support Israel in her time of need, please go to: <https://www.dailyaudiotorah.com/2023/10/12/israel-at-war-news-update-and-prayer-resources/>

7. Read Genesis 12:6-7. **Please note:** Ancient Shechem is where Joseph's bones are buried. It was the capitol city of the Northern Kingdom after the kingdom split described in 1 Kings 12. Ancient Shechem is now modern-day Nablus, a Palestinian stronghold, and a hotbed for Hamas terrorists.

8. Read 1 Timothy 6:6-8 and 1 Timothy 6:17. What is the principle that Paul teaches us here?

9. Read 2 Timothy 1:11-12. Where is Paul writing his letter from? Why is he there?

10. Read 2 Timothy 1:13. What is the pattern that Paul wants us to follow? What is the key focus and the core of it?

11. Read Psalm 91:4. How does this verse bring you comfort?