

Genesis 10–11

National Dispersion



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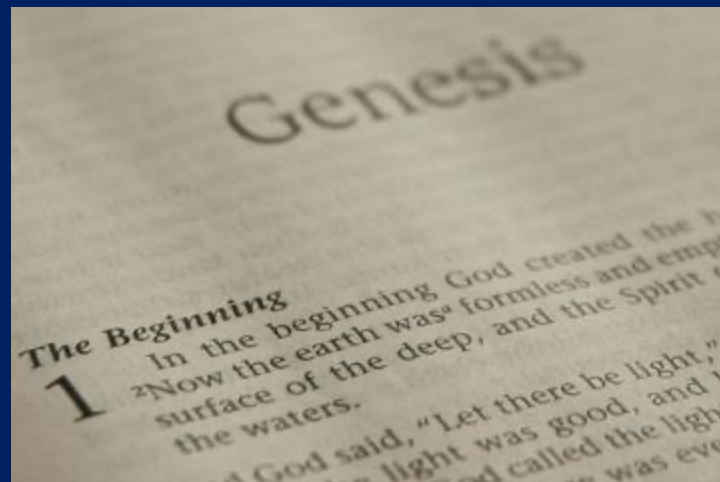
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I. Beginning of the Human race (Gen. 1–11)

II. Beginning of the Hebrew race (Gen. 12–50)



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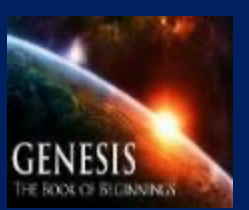


Genesis 3:15

“And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel.”



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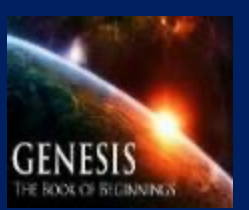
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Questions & Answers



- Origin of the nations?
- Dispersal of the nations?
- Corruption of the nations?
- What happened in the days of Peleg? (Gen. 10:25)
- Nimrod's empire in Shinar? (Gen. 10:10)
- How did Nimrod get to Assyria? (Gen. 10:11-12)

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- I. The Former World (1-2)
- II. The Rebellion (3-4)
- III. God's Condescension (5)
- IV. God's Observations (6)
- V. God's Intervention (7-8a)
- VI. The Results (8b-9)



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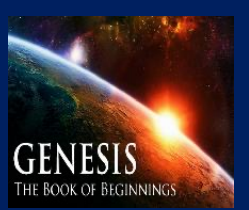


Genesis 9:26

“He also said, ‘Blessed be the Lord, The God of Shem;
And let Canaan be his servant.’”



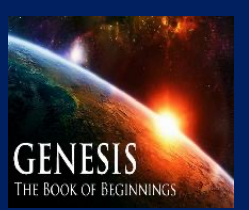
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- Judah (49:10)



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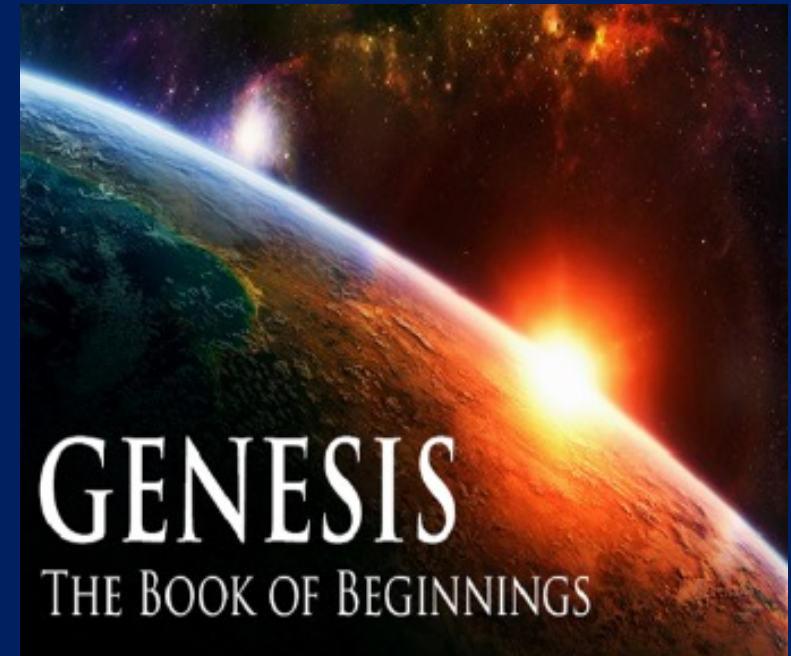


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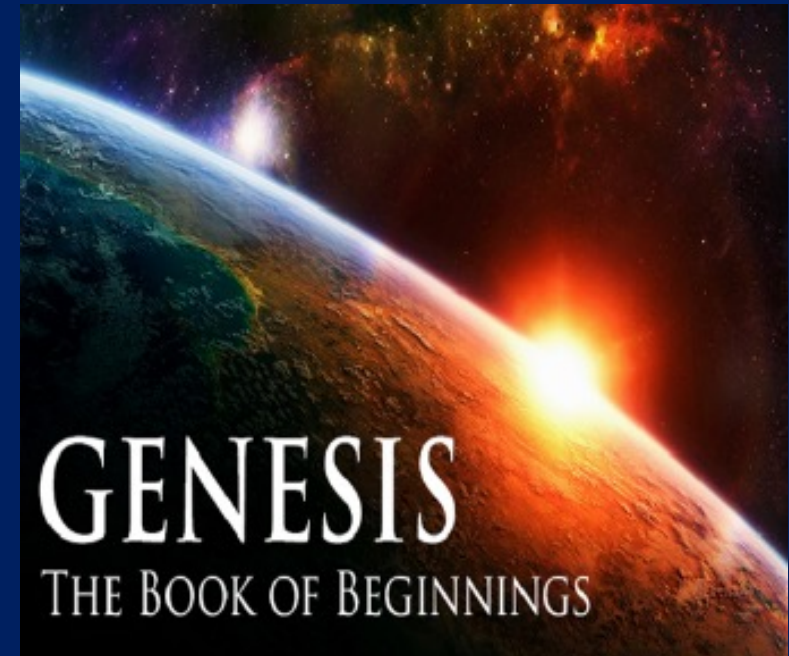
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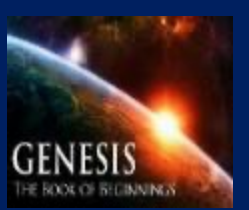
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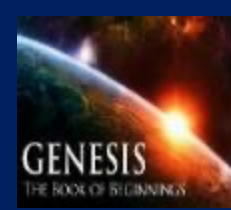


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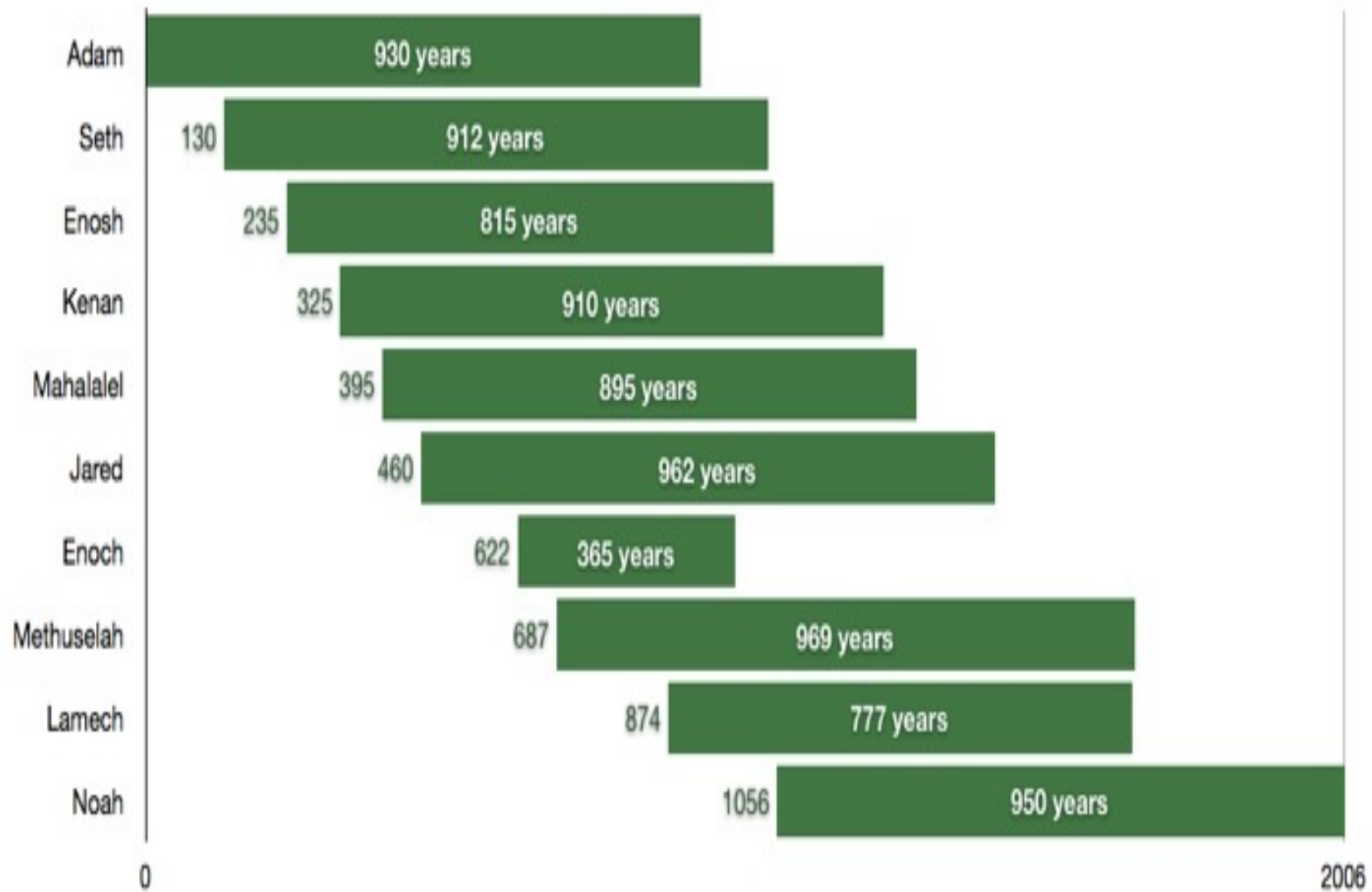
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“...only four life spans link together the continuity of tradition from Adam to Jacob, and these make three links. The four life spans are Adam, Lamech, Shem and Jacob. The three links are from Adam to Lamech, since Adam was living when Lamech was born; from Lamech to Shem, since Lamech was living when Shem was born; and from Shem to Isaac and Jacob, since Shem was still living when both Isaac and Jacob were born. Therefore, there are not many gaps in the tradition to retain the history.”

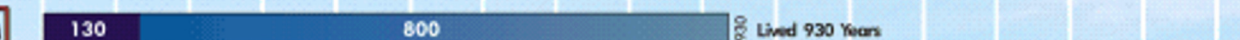
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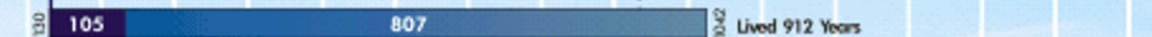
Years After Creation

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ADAM



SETH



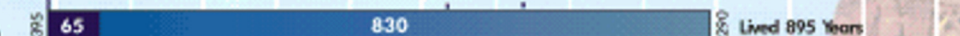
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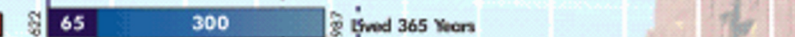
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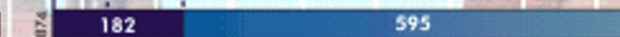
ENOCH



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LAMECH



NOAH



SHEM



ARPHAXAD



SALAH



EBER

PELEG

REU

SERUG

NAHOR

TERAH

ABRAHAM

ISAAC

JACOB

JOSEPH

(About 4000 B.C.)

POINTS TO PONDER:

1. From the information given in Genesis 5 and 11, it is easy to construct a chart like this. Genealogies are also found in Luke 3 and 1 Chronicles 1; however the spelling varies in a few instances and three people are excluded in some lists for good reason. Some have unwisely used this fact to justify adding millions of years to scripture.

2. Jesus said in Matthew 19:4 and Mark 10:6 that the creation of Adam and Eve was "the beginning" (see 1 Cor. 15:45 and Romans 5:12-14). By further comparing Genesis 20:11, Acts 13:20-21, 1 Kings 2:11, 13:42 and other dates given in the Bible and known history, it becomes obvious that the Bible teaches that Adam was created about 6,000 years ago, not "billions of years ago" as the textbooks and even some Christians now teach.

3. There are scores of scientific ways to show that the earth and universe are not "billions of years old." For example:

a. The sun is losing 5 million tons per second. At this rate, several billion years ago, the sun's gravity would have been much stronger, pulling the Earth into it.

b. The earth's spin is slowing down about 1/1000 of a second per day. Because of this fact we have a "leap second" where a second is added to the clock every 10 months. Billions of years ago, the earth would have been spinning so fast that life on earth would have been impossible.

c. The distance to the moon is increasing with each revolution. Since the moon obviously used to be closer to the earth,

and the moon causes the tides, the tides would have been great enough to drown everything on earth billions of years ago.

d. The thin layer of dust on the moon, the small amount of sediment in the oceans, the rate of heat loss of Earth, Jupiter, and other bodies in space, the erosion rate of the mountains, the weakening magnetic field, the small (though increasing) amount of salt in the ocean, the small human population (compared to the growth rate), the rate cave formations develop and a host of other facts from all branches of science show that the earth is not billions of years old. (See videotape #1 for more information on this subject.)

4. Genesis 1:6-7 and II Peter 3 tells of a canopy of "water above the firmament." Many scientists believe this canopy of water (or possibly ice) provided greater air pressure and a shield from the sun's harmful rays. These factors could explain the great age and size of man and animals before the flood. After the flood, the canopy was gone and the life span dropped off rapidly in the next few generations. (See Gen. 4:7 and order video tapes # 1, 2 & 4 for more on this.)

5. The tower of Babel incident probably took place during the days of Peleg when "the earth was divided" (see Gen. 10:25). The languages, nationalities and possibly the races were created at the tower of Babel. Over the next few decades people migrated to all parts of the world before the earth was "divided." (Order video tape #6 for more information on this.)

6. II Peter 3:8: "One day with the Lord is as a thousand (not billion) years, and a thousand years as one day." Bishop Usher calculated the creation to be 4004 B.C. (Our calendar is off by about four years since Christ was born around 4 B.C.) Could it be that God is working on a 7000 year calendar for the earth and that the 7th day (1000 years) is what is referred to in Rev. 20:2-7 and Isaiah 11:6-16; 65:17-25? I wouldn't be dogmatic about it, but it would be smart to be ready for I Thess. 4:16-18! (See also: Matt. 24:37-38; Luke 17: 26-27; Heb. 11:7; I Peter 3:20; II Peter 2:5)

7. Methuselah's name apparently means "when he dies it shall cease." Could it be that God told Enosh to name him that? The flood started when Methuselah died. Enosh did not know when his son would die. Maybe Enosh stayed so close to the Lord that God just took him to heaven without dying? (See Gen. 5:21-24.)

8. Adam knew Methuselah for 243 years.

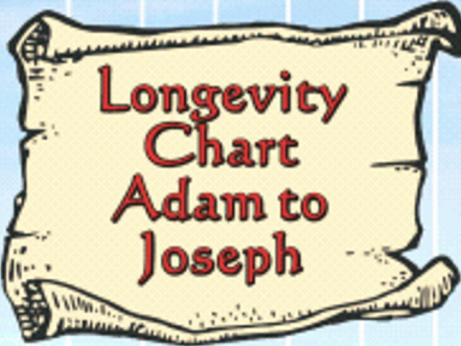
9. Shem knew Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

10. The first 2157 years of history are covered by three men whose lives overlap (Adam, Methuselah and Shem).

11. How much could you learn in 950 years? The wisdom and inventions of the pre-flood era were probably much greater than we can imagine. (See video #7.)

12. Noah had 6 living ancestors that could have known Adam personally.

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13. All 10 of Abraham's post-flood ancestors (even Noah) were alive for his early life (imagine family reunions)! There is a discrepancy about Sarah's age at birth of Abraham. This is explained on our web site in FAQ.

14. Noah had aunts, uncles, brothers and sisters that probably drowned in the flood (Genesis 5:30). Noah may have had other sons and daughters born before Sapheth that also drowned (Gen. 5:32).

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“Along this line, the following points should be made: Noah lived until Terah, the father of Abraham, was 128 years old; Shem and Eber outlived Terah; Eber outlived Abraham; and, based upon when Terah died, Shem died when Isaac or Jacob was 48 years old...So as to the question of how history was maintained and how the tradition was kept, there is really no problem here because quite a bit of overlapping occurs within these genealogies.”

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(Gen 11:10-26)

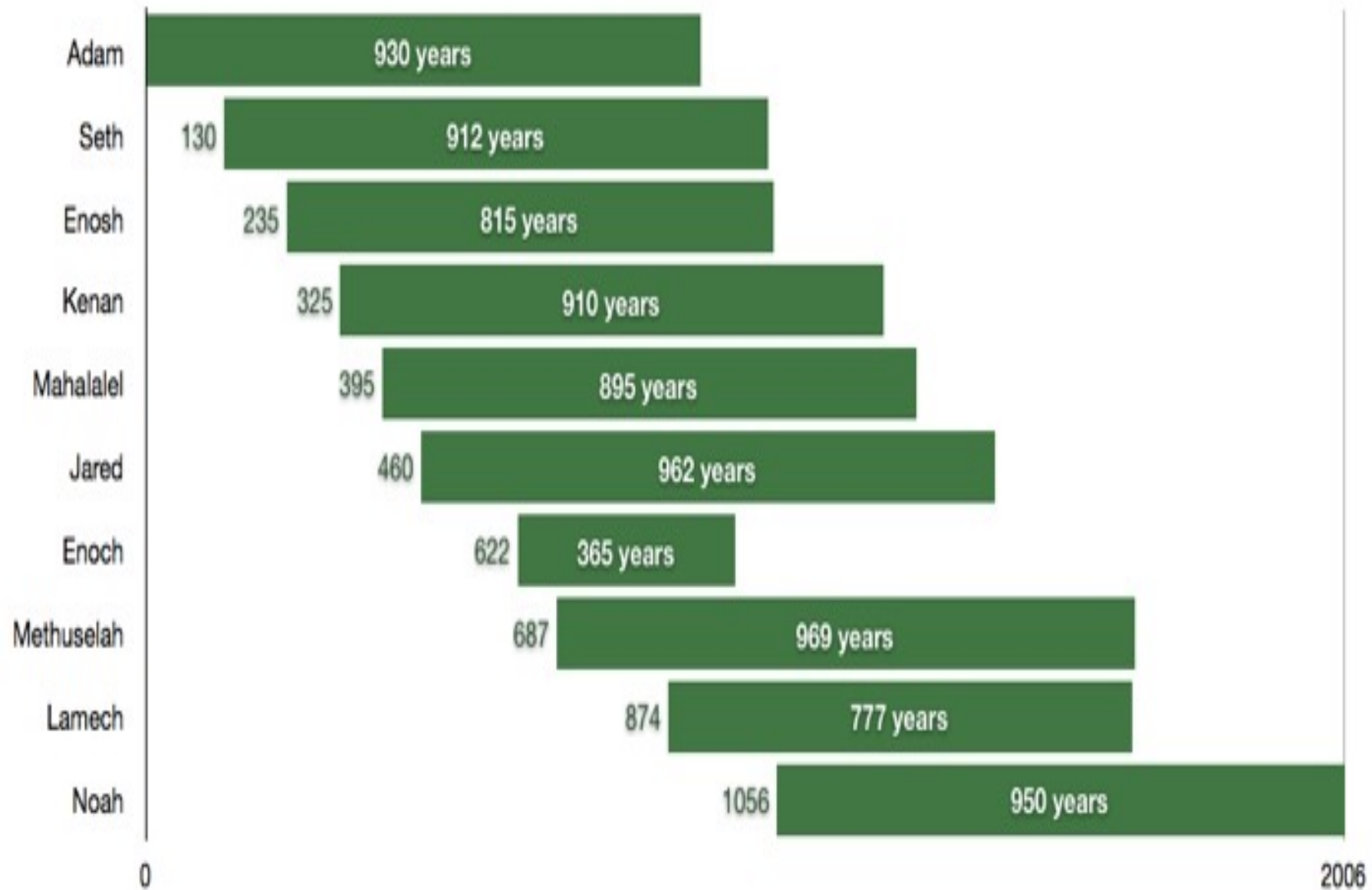


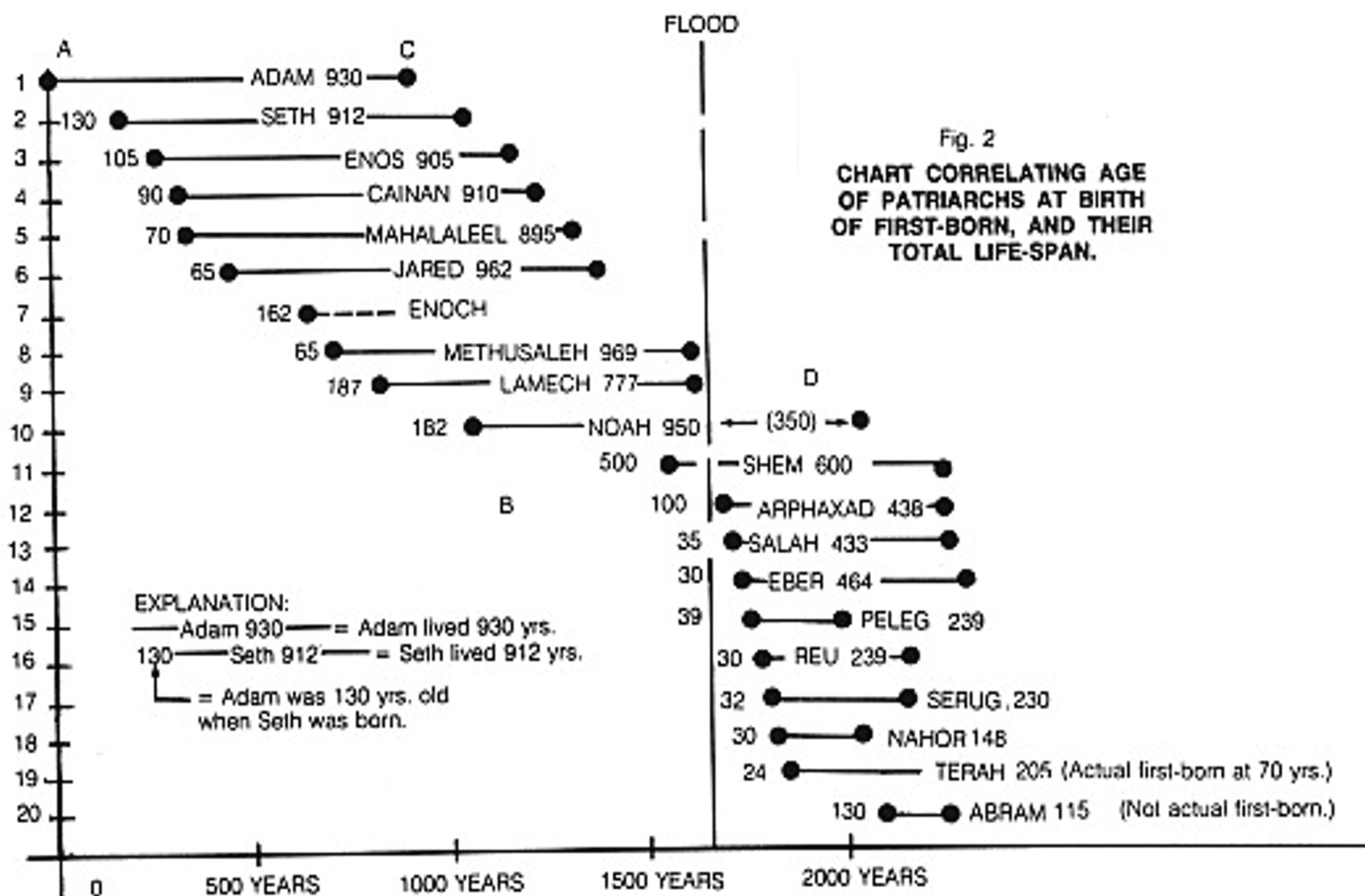
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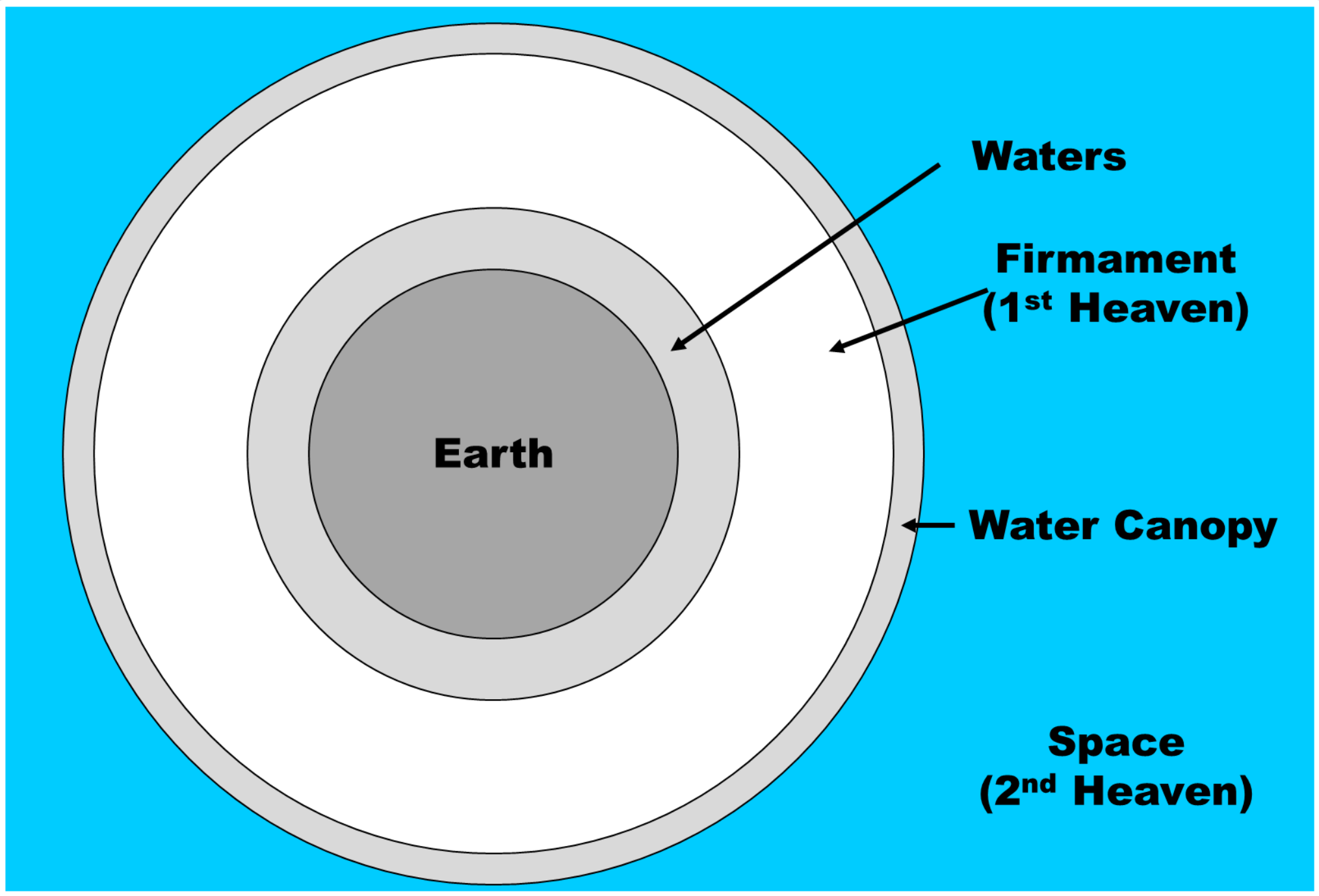
Patriarch	Age (in years)	Bible Reference
Adam	930	Genesis 5:4
Seth	912	Genesis 5:8
Enosh	905	Genesis 5:11
Kenan	910	Genesis 5:14
Mahalalel	895	Genesis 5:17
Jared	962	Genesis 5:20
Enoch	365 (translated)	Genesis 5:23
Methuselah	969	Genesis 5:27
Lamech	777	Genesis 5:31
Noah	950	Genesis 9:29

Source: Answers in Genesis

Genealogy From Adam to Noah







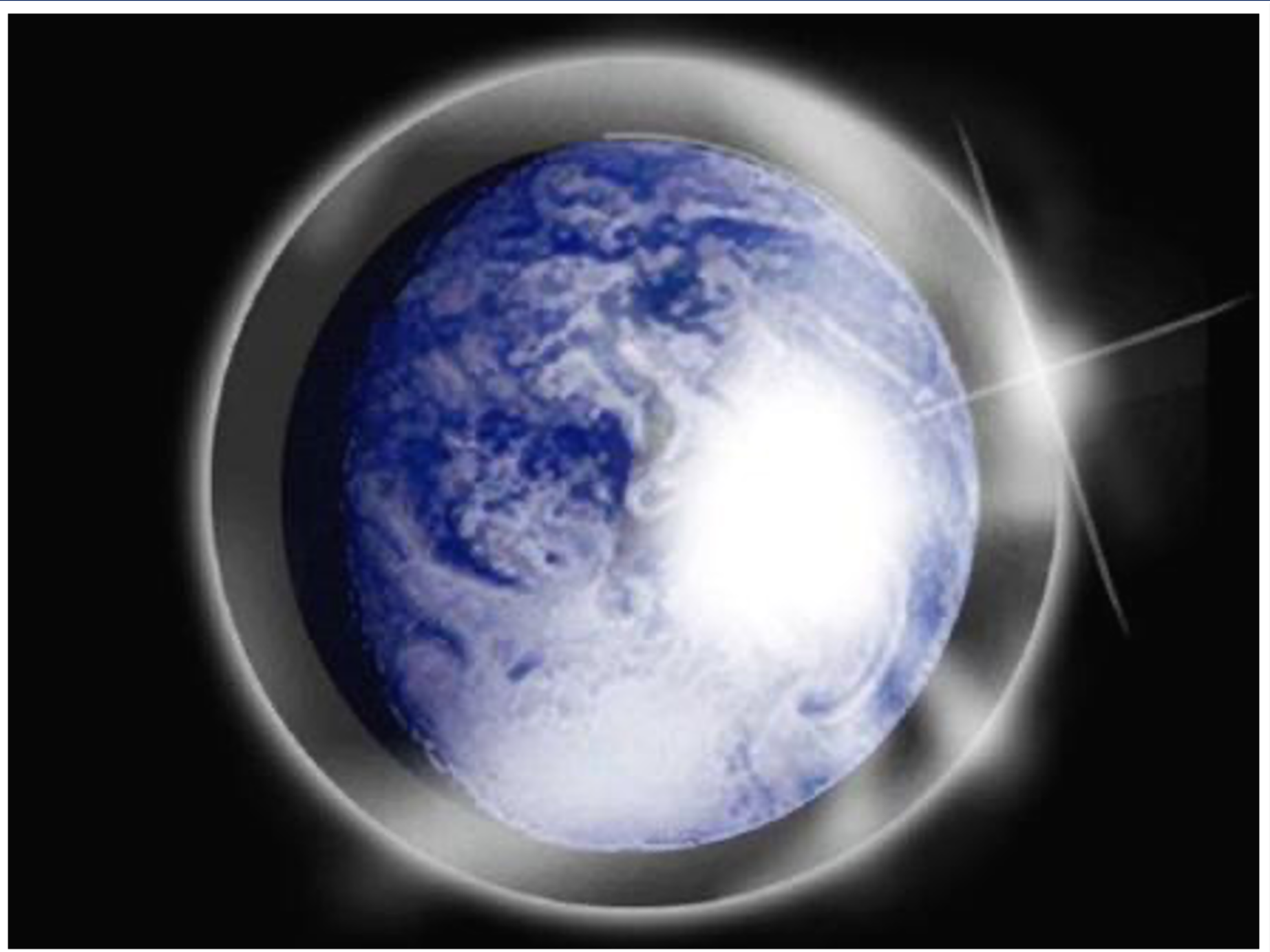
Earth

Waters

**Firmament
(1st Heaven)**

Water Canopy

**Space
(2nd Heaven)**





Day 2 Canopy Theory

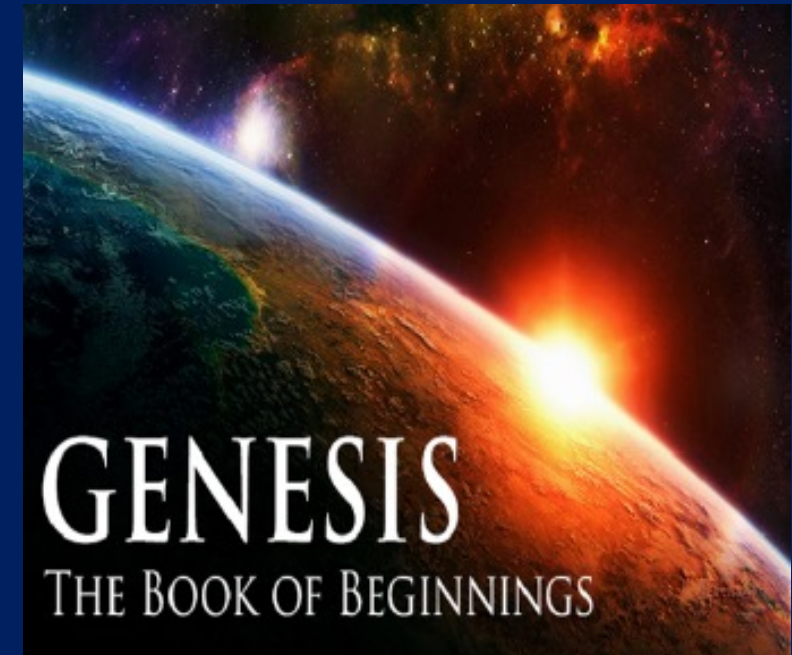
(Gen 1:6-8)

- Implied – Gen. 1:6-7; Ps. 148:4
- Explains
 - ◆ Long life spans of early man – Gen. 5:5, 27
 - ◆ Strange beasts – (Gen. 1:24-25; Job 40–41)
 - ◆ Where the flood waters came from – (Gen. 2:5-6)
 - ◆ Why man's post-flood life span cut short – (Gen. 11:24-25)

Eight-Fold Pattern

Genesis 11:10-11

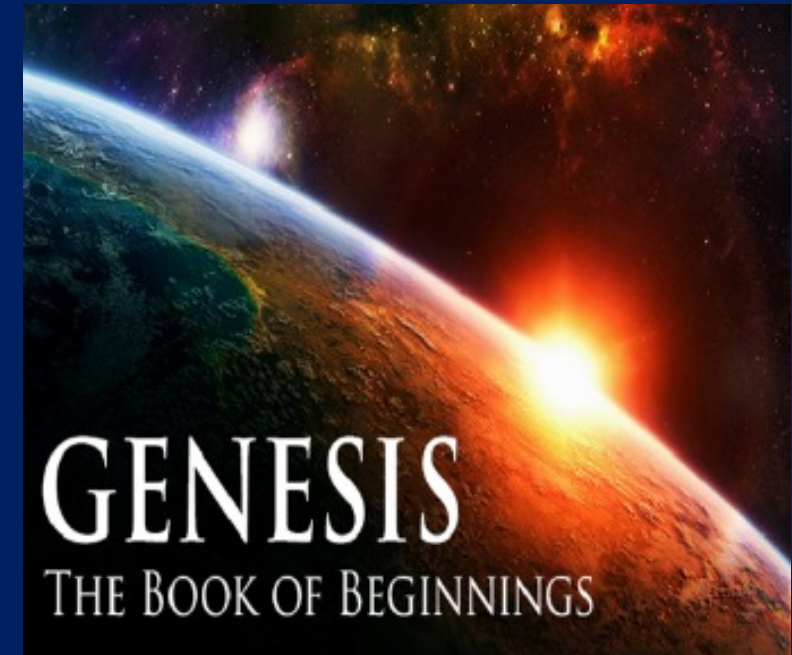
1. Generation of Shem: **First**
2. Name: **Shem**
3. Meaning: **Name**
4. Name of seed son: **Arphachshad**
5. Age at birth of seed-son: **100 years**
6. Additional years lived: **500 years**
7. Total years lived: **600 years**
8. Begat other sons & daughters: **Yes**



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Genesis 11:12-13

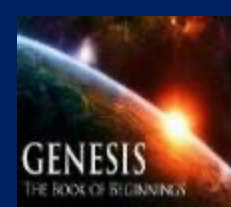
1. Generation of Shem: **Second**
2. Name: **Arphachshad**
3. Meaning: **Unclear**
4. Name of seed son: **Shelah**
5. Age at birth of seed-son: **35 years**
6. Additional years lived: **403 years**
7. Total years lived: **438 years**
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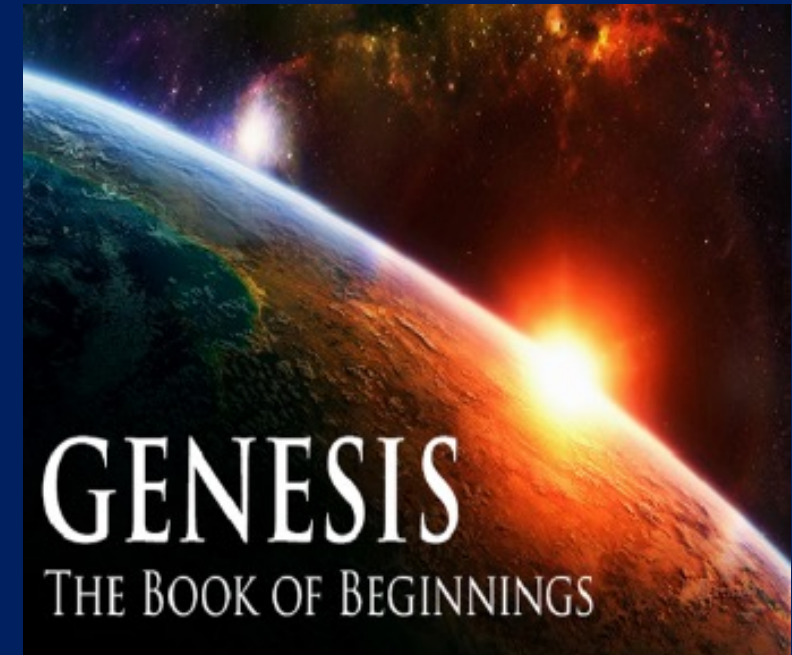


“...there is a gradual decrease in the age of man. A sharp drop occurs between Shem and Arpachshad, between the first and second generation, during which time the Flood occurred. What probably caused the sudden decrease was the Flood. This was part of God’s divine judgment on humanity.”

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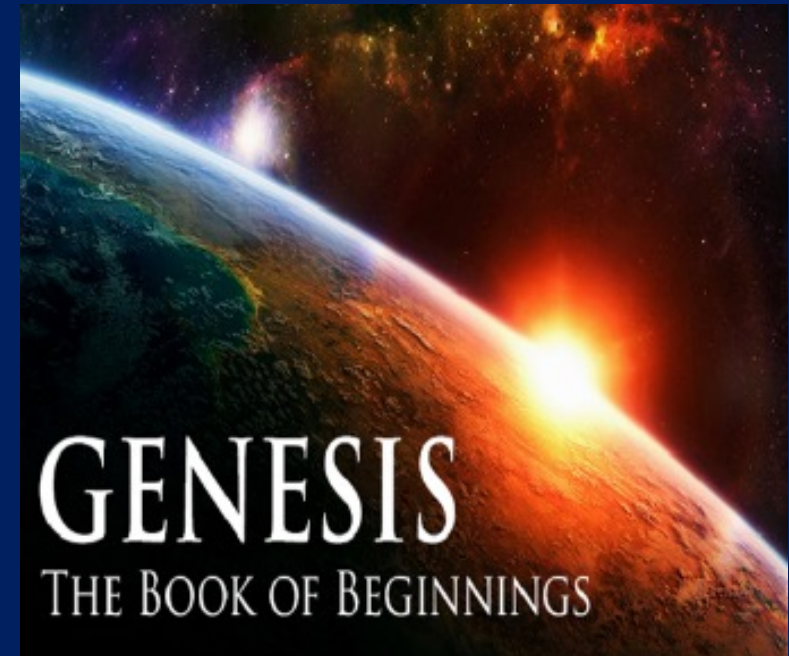
1. Generation of Shem: **Fourth**
2. Name: **Eber**
3. Meaning: **Cross over**
4. Name of seed son: **Peleg**
5. Age at birth of seed-son: **34 years**
6. Additional years lived: **430 years**
7. Total years lived: **464 years**
8. Begat other sons & daughters: **Yes**



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Genesis 11:18-19

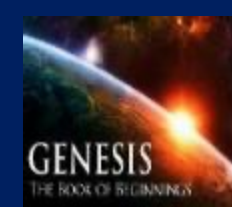
1. Generation of Shem: **Fifth**
2. Name: **Peleg**
3. Meaning: **Division**
4. Name of seed son: **Reu**
5. Age at birth of seed-son: **30 years**
6. Additional years lived: **209 years**
7. Total years lived: **239 years**
8. Begat other sons & daughters: **Yes**





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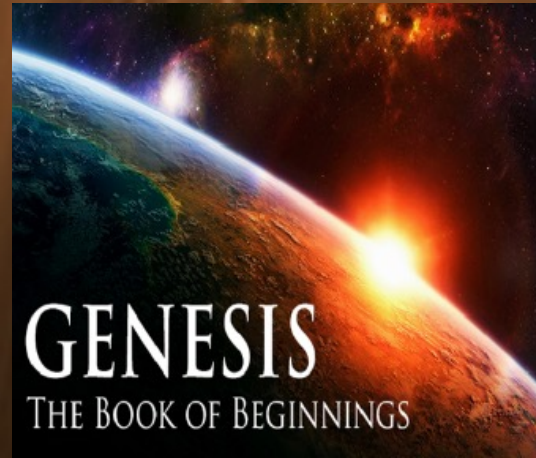
“A second sharp drop occurs between Eber and Peleg, which are the fourth and fifth generations. It was between the fourth and fifth generation that the Tower of Babel event occurred. Therefore, with these two divine judgments, a sharp drop in the longevity of man occurs. If the canopy theory is correct, that might account for it. However, even without the canopy theory, divine judgment will easily account for this decrease, because it is following the divine judgments that the sharp drops occurred.”

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	ERA	SCRIPTURE	DISTINCTIVES
1.	CREATION	Genesis 1-2	No death
2.	FALL	Genesis 3-6	Death, painful pregnancy & toil, long life spans, no human government
3.	FLOOD	Genesis 7-10	Shorter life spans, human government, one language, no nations
4.	<u>BABEL</u>	<u>Genesis 11-present</u>	<u>No global government, multiple languages, nations, ethnicities</u>
5.	ANTICHRIST	Rapture to 2nd Advent	Global government, restrainer removed
6.	KINGDOM	Rev. 20:1-10	Long life spans, kingdom conditions, reality of death, renovated earth
7.	ETERNAL STATE	Rev. 21-22	No death, new earth

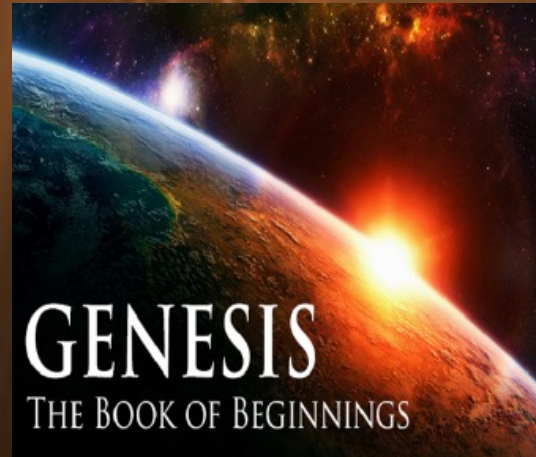
Psalm 90:10

“As for the days of our life, they contain seventy years, Or if due to strength, eighty years, Yet their pride is but labor and sorrow; For soon it is gone and we fly away.”



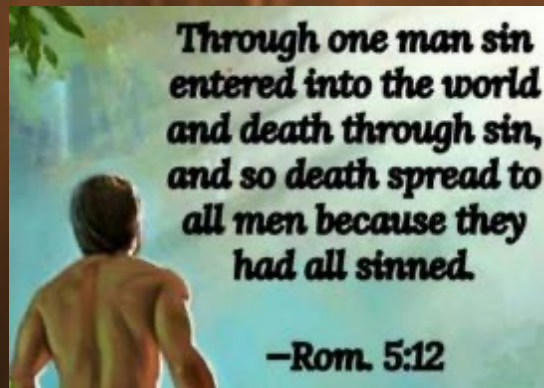
Romans 6:23

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”



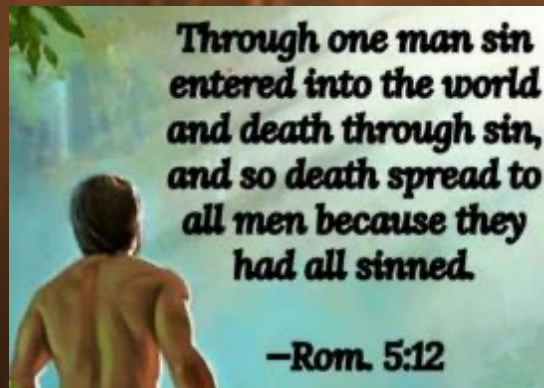
Genesis 2:16-17

“¹⁶ The Lord God commanded the man, saying, ‘From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; ¹⁷ but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely **die (muwth)**.’”



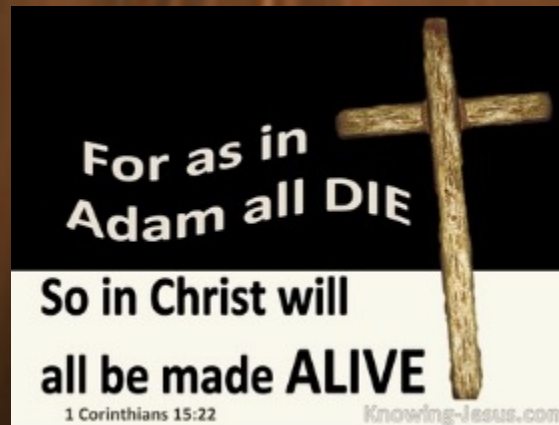
Genesis 3:19

“By the sweat of your face You will eat bread, Till you return to the ground, Because from it you were taken; For you are dust, And to dust you shall return.”



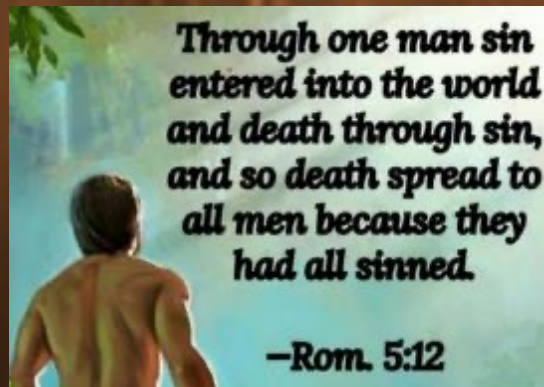
1 Corinthians 15:21-22

“²¹ For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.”



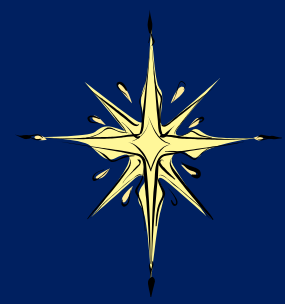
Romans 5:12

“Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned—.”



Why God Became Man

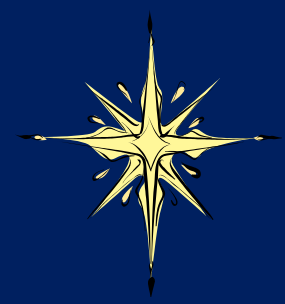
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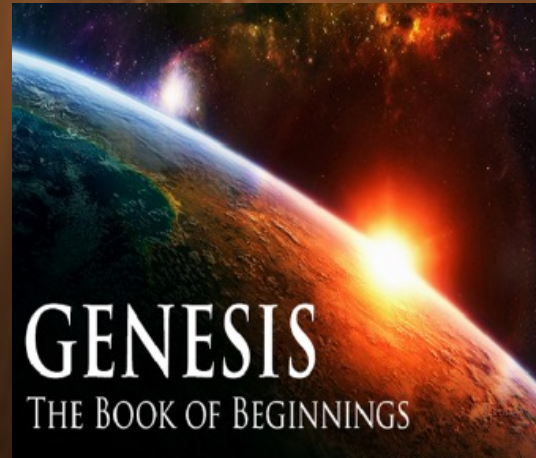
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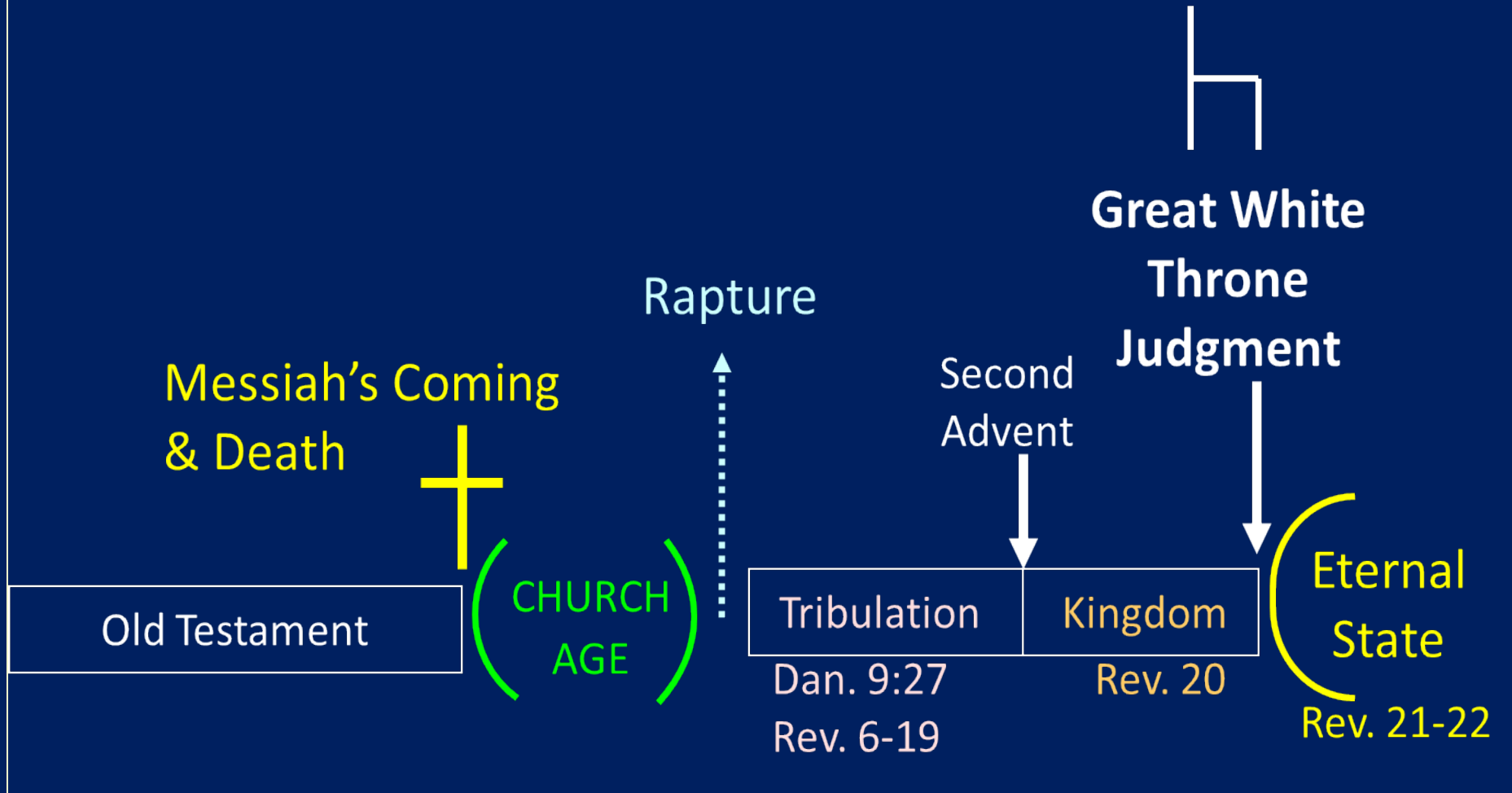
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Hebrews 2:15

“and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.”

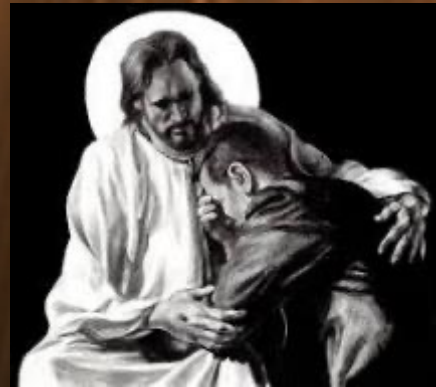


Prophecy Panorama



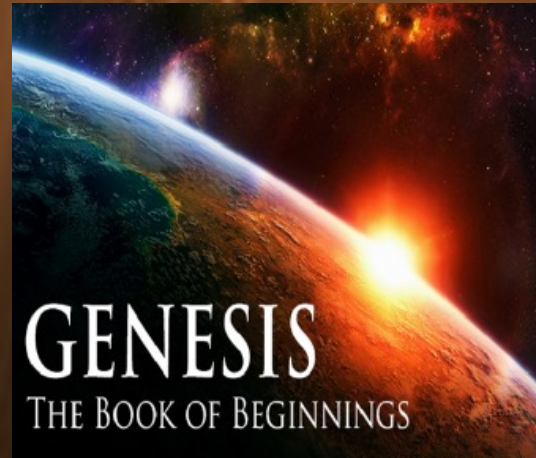
Revelation 21:4

“and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.”



Psalm 90:10

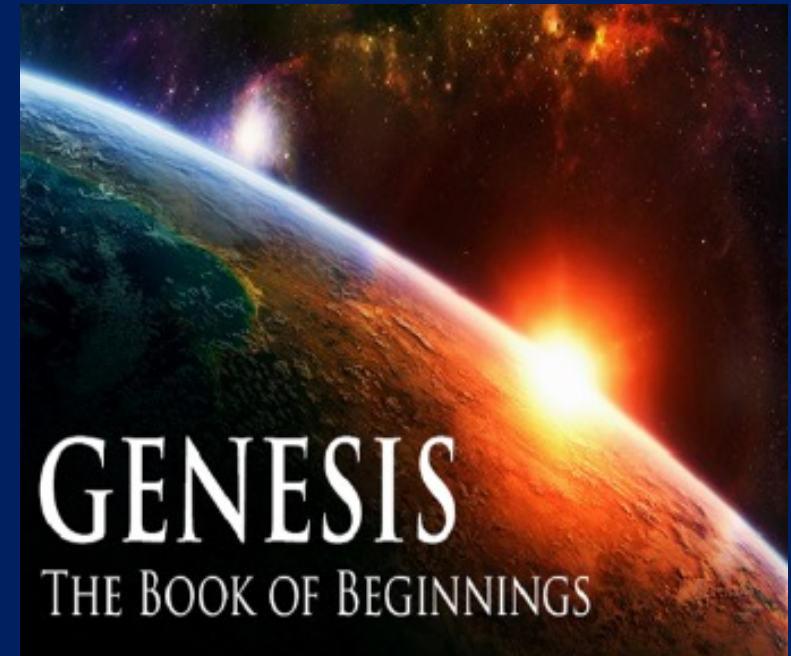
“As for the days of our life, they contain seventy years, Or if due to strength, eighty years, Yet their pride is but labor and sorrow; For soon it is gone and we fly away.”



Conclusion

Genesis 11:10-26 Outline

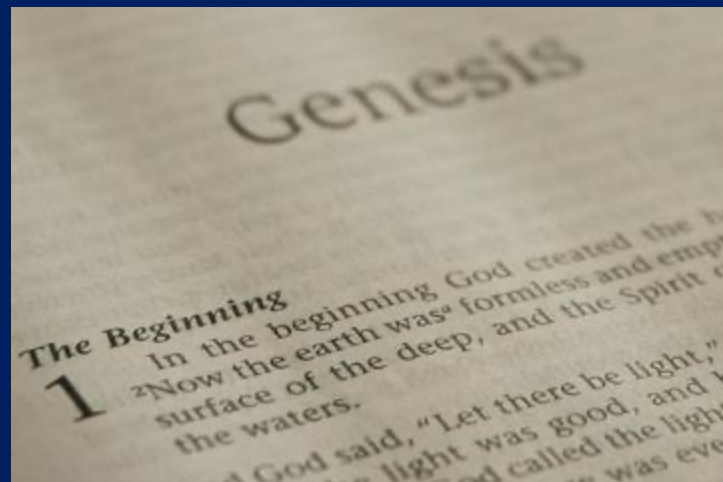
- I. Shem (11:10-11)
- II. Arphachshad (11:12-13)
- III. Shelah (11:14-15)
- IV. Eber (11:16-17)
- V. Peleg (11:18-19)
- VI. Reu (11:20-21)
- VII. Serug (11:22-23)
- VIII. Nahor (11:24-25)
- IX. Terah (11:26)





GENESIS STRUCTURE

- I. Beginning of the Human race (Gen. 1–11)
- II. Beginning of the Hebrew race (Gen. 12–50)**



GENESIS STRUCTURE



II. Genesis 12-50 (four people)

A. Abraham (12:1–25:11)

B. Isaac (25:12–26:35)

C. Jacob (27–36)

D. Joseph (37–50)



Isaiah 43:1

“But now, thus says the Lord, your Creator, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel, 'Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine!'”







“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.” (NIV)