



Preserving the Godly Seed

Genesis 5-11

The development of the nations

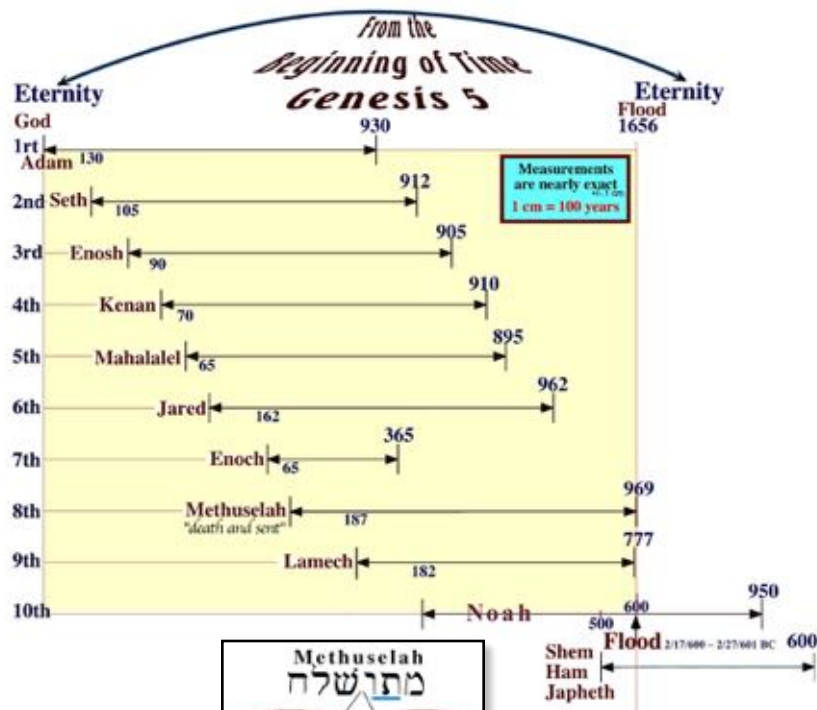
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A) Guard the Godly Seed (5-9)

From the Beginning of Time (Gen 5)

Enoch’s Secret Word: Methuselah (Gen 5:21-25)

21 And Enoch lived sixty-five years, and became the father of Methuselah. 22 Then Enoch walked with God three hundred years after he became the father of Methuselah, and he had other sons and daughters. 23 So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. 24 And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him. 25 And Methuselah lived one hundred and eighty-seven years, and became the father of Lamech. (Gen 5:21-25).



- Methusaleh
- Cosmic happening at death
- Great prophecy (Jude 14-15)

Sons of God (Gen 6)

1 Now it came about, when men land, and daughters were born to the daughters of men were themselves, whomever they chose. 3 Then the LORD said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.” 4 The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown (Gen 6:1-4).

- Identification of Nephilim (Literally “giants”)
- Identification of “Sons of God”
- Compromise often begins by intermarriage (1 Cor 7:39).

Judgment and Noah (Gen 6)

8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD. 9 These are the records of the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God. 10 And Noah

Methuselah
מתושלח

שלח

מת

sent death

This verb (shalach) means 'to send' or 'send out.' Also can mean weapon.

This noun (maveth) means 'death' and can also refer to the god of death.

Remember that Hebrew words are read from right to left!

שלח

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מת

sent and death

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became the father of three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. 11 Now the earth was corrupt in the sight of God, and the earth was filled with violence.

12 And God looked on the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth. 13 Then God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence because of them; and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth. (Gen 6:8-13).

- Favor of Noah
- Wickedness of mankind
- Without God's grace man declines into evil.

Preservation of God's People

Danger => Solution => Means

1. Intermingling by marriage => Destroy the wicked => Noah and the Ark
2. Strong power of the world => Weakened by isolation => Create multilingual world
3. Swallowed by pagan culture => Separate nation from others => Call Abraham from Ur
4. Dependent on world power => Keep separate from Egypt => Place Joseph to keep them

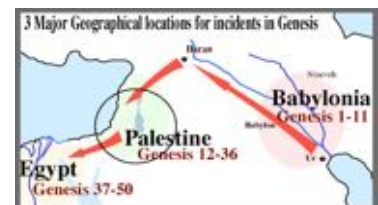
B) Understand Unity & Diversity (10-11)

A United History (Gen 10:6-11)

Genealogy – Noah's Three Sons (Genesis 10:1-32)

Shows how the different races developed under Noah's grandsons.

"And the sons of Ham were Cush and Mizraim and Put and Canaan. And the sons of Cush were Seba and Havilah and Sabtah and Raamah and Sabteca; and the sons of Raamah were Sheba and Dedan. Now Cush became the father of Nimrod; he became a mighty one on the earth. He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the LORD." And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel and Erech and Accad and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. From that land he went forth into Assyria, and built Nineveh and Rehoboth-Ir and Calah" (Genesis 10:6-11).



- Cush is city of Kish; Babel is Babylon near Bagdad; Erech is Uruk (Gilgamesh epic); Gilgamesh is probably Nimrod; Nineveh - mound outside Mosul means "Prophet Jonah"

Development of Language (Genesis 11:1-9)

Narrative – Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:1-9)

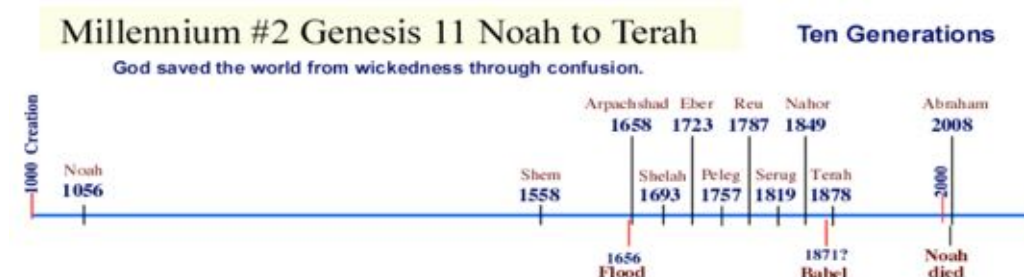
Reveals the reason for the many thousands of languages forming barriers between cultures.

- "The total number of languages in the world is estimated to be around 6000. Here are the most common spoken & written languages worldwide" (Ibid).

The Danger and Opportunities of Shifting Cultures (11:10-32)

Genealogy – Shem's line (Genesis 11:10-32)

Focuses us on the line of men through which God revealed His truth and would send a Savior.



- Cultures protect from fast decay - isolation
- Language barriers also protect one's traditions
- Each culture has its own accepted authorities
- Urbanization, internet, translators, music push rate of world culture
- Over the last twenty years an amazing 400,000 churches have started.
- Jesus' command to make disciples of the nations is almost fulfilled!
- Train up our own children - be careful (Dt 6)