



THE EARTH WAS DIVIDED

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A BIBLICAL STUDY of Genesis 10-11:26

“Nothing Will Be Restrained From Them Which They’ve Imagined to Do”

Although the earth would never again be destroyed by a flood, God intervened within a short period of time by scattering mankind and dividing the land.



HEBREW/GREEK DEFINITIONS



- 1 **DIVIDED (H6385)** “PaIag” - to split (a physical separation)
- 2 **BOW (H7198)** “qesheth” - of bending, a bow for shooting, (hence fig. strength)
- 3 **BABEL (H894)** “bawbel” - confusion. Also known as the “gate of God.”
- 4 **SHINAR** - the plains later known as Babylonia or Chaldea through which the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers flow.

A YOUNG EARTH

Biblical timelines support 2000 years from Creation to Abraham, 2000 years from Abraham to Christ and 2000 years from Christ to the present age. Hence, our earth is very young in comparison to what the science of man teaches. These timelines give even stronger emphasis that we are living in the time close to the second judgment, fire.

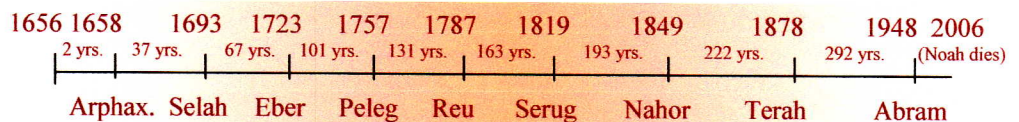
TEXT OF THE WEEK

*“For I will not trust in my bow,
neither shall my sword save me.”*

-Psalm 44:6



1. After God rid the earth completely of the evilness of mankind with the flood, what did He imply would happen? Gen. 8:21
2. Although God knew sin would return, He made a covenant with Noah, his sons and all the flesh on the earth. Describe that covenant:
 - Gen. 8:21 1) “I will not again...”
 - 2) “...neither will I again...”
 - Gen 9:11-17
3. Notice the definition of the word “bow.” Compare to Ps. 44:1-7; 46:9-10. What was God’s purpose for the (rain) “bow”? What would be the spiritual meaning of the “bow”?
4. Let us review the generations of the sons of Noah:
 - From which lineage did the Canaanites descend, hence the promised land of Canaan? Gen. 9:18 Why were these people cursed to be a servant of servants? Gen. 9:24-25
 - From which lineage did Abraham descend? Gen. 11:10,26
 - What can be learned about the descendents of Japheth? Gen 10:2,5; Ps. 72:10
 - Even though there were 8 souls saved on the ark, what can be concluded about the lineage of Noah?
5. Using a KJ Bible Genesis map, approximate the location of the land of Shinar near Assyria. Here the grandson of Ham, Nimrod, and his kingdom wanted to build a tower that would reach heaven. (Gen 10:10, 12; 11:1-9)
 - A. What was the intent? (vs. 4) Why did they think they might soon be scattered abroad?
 - B. What is meant by the Lord’s response in verse 6?
 - C. What was the result of this sin? (vs. 7-9)
6. Of the three sons of Noah, a timeline is given only for the line of Shem (Gen. 11:10-26) *(See timeline of Creation-Flood in a previous study of Gen. 5 - “Book of Generations”)* Flood (Shem):1656 yrs. from Creation/Adam.



- What happened to the earth during the time Peleg was born? What does his name mean? How is this significant? Gen 10:25; I Chron. 1:19
- According to Genesis 10-11, Nimrod was the 3rd generation of Ham and Peleg was the 4th generation of Shem. The scattering of the people in Babel happened almost simultaneously with the dividing of the continents. Job, who lived before the time of Abraham, wrote of the dividing (H6385) of the water course. King David wrote (Ps. 55:9-19) over 1000 years later with a knowledge and understanding of the division (H6385) of tongues and the evil of mankind. Read and discuss these verses. Give special emphasis to Ps. 55:18-19 and the picture of God’s amazing mercy to those He has drawn to salvation in the midst of it all.