



THE BOOK OF  
**GENESIS**

# ***THE LINE OF SHEM***

Here we have the genetic line of the Semitic peoples—both Arabic and Jewish.

- For almost two centuries after the Dispersion and confusion of languages at Babel, or longer depending on whether there are gaps in the genealogies, almost nothing is revealed about the further history of mankind.
- The tribes were migrating and cultures were developing with knowledge of the true God receding further and further from man's consciousness.

# ***THE PROMISED SEED***

In this passage, the line of the promised Seed—the Messiah—was being preserved, the records of the patriarchs were being protected, and God’s plan was being placed fully on schedule.

- This record—“*Toledoth*”—has allowed us the ability to trace the genealogy of Jesus all the way back to Adam.
- It is obvious, in comparing **Genesis 5 and 11**, that patriarchal longevity began to decline immediately after the Flood. Sin and separation have a cost!

# ***THE CENTURY AFTER THE FLOOD***

Some may doubt that a single century would be a long enough period of time for the population to grow from the eight survivors of the Flood into sufficient people to build Babel and its tower.

- A growth rate of only 8 percent annually would produce a population of nine thousand in only one hundred years.
- This number could be higher if the genealogies are incomplete—and they likely are.

# ***THE WORLD'S POPULATION AT THE TIME OF ABRAM***

According to the record, when Abram was seventy-five years old, as we will see in **Genesis 12:4**, it had been 367 years since the Flood and 267 years since the Dispersion, allowing for at least 11 generations.

- If each of these were to experience a 500 percent increase, slightly less than did the first generation, then the world population at this time could have been at least 300 million people!

# ***GAPS IN THE GENEALOGY?***

- There are no actual, indisputable, written, dateable historical records in Persia, Egypt, Sumeria, or any other ancient nations which force the insertion of any gaps in these genealogies.
- The real reason for the gap theory, with mankind evolving over millions of years, is so one can avoid the scary eschatological truth that we are nearing the end of the 7th millennia and the end of the age of grace, nearing the Rapture and Second Coming.

## ***TERAH TO ABRAM***

- Marrying half-sisters and cousins? Say what? We cringe at the thought of such things. It has a major creep factor to it; Moses would outlaw it later.
- Note is made of Sarai's barrenness at this time, so that Abram, unlike Haran and Nahor (**Genesis 22:20-24**), had no children in either Ur or Mesopotamia.

**Why? The Child of promise must be born in the land of promise, which is the real reason for this record.**