

**{01} Genesis**

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(26) And Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah,  
 (27) And Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah,  
 (28) And Obal, and Abimael, and Sheba,  
 (29) And Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab: all these *were* the sons of Joktan.  
 (30) And their dwelling was from Mesha, as thou goest unto Sephar a mount of the east.  
 (31) These *are* the sons of Shem, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, after their nations.  
 (32) These *are* the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations: and by these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood.

**Chapter 11**

(1) And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.  
 (2) And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.  
 (3) And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.  
 (4) And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top *may reach* unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.  
 (5) And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.

**King James Paraphrase**

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 (27) And Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah,  
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**Chapter 11**

(1) And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.  
 (2) And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they lived there.  
 (3) And they said one to another, Come now, let us make brick, and bake them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and tar for mortar.  
 (4) And they said, Come now, let us build for ourselves a city and a tower, whose top *may reach* to heaven<sup>a</sup>; and let us make a name for ourselves<sup>b</sup>, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.  
 (5) And the LORD {Jehovah} came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men built.

11:4a - whose top *may reach* heavens – literally – whose top with heavens [ וראשו בשמים ]

- see "[The Heavens Declare The Glory of God – God's Plan of Redemption in the Stars](#)" at [www.TheWordNotes.com](http://www.TheWordNotes.com) and [The Witness of the Stars](#) by E.W. Bullinger

11:4b – let us make a name for ourselves – the primary reason for building the tower

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(6) And the LORD said, Behold, the people *is* one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.  
(7) Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.  
(8) So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.  
(9) Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.  
(10) These *are* the generations of Shem: Shem *was* an hundred years old, and begat Arphaxad two years after the flood:  
(11) And Shem lived after he begat Arphaxad five hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.  
(12) And Arphaxad lived five and thirty years, and begat Salah:  
(13) And Arphaxad lived after he begat Salah four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.

**King James Paraphrase**

(6) And the LORD {Jehovah} said, **Look, the people *are* one, and they all have one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.**  
(7) **Come now, let Us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.**  
(8) So the LORD {Jehovah} scattered them abroad from there upon the face of all the earth: and they ceased to build the city.  
(9) Therefore the name of the city is called Babel {confusion}<sup>c</sup>; because the LORD {Jehovah} there confounded the language of all the earth: and from there the LORD {Jehovah} scattered them abroad upon the face of all the earth.  
(10) These *are* the generations {records} of Shem<sup>d</sup>: Shem *was* a hundred years old, and fathered Arphaxad two years after the flood<sup>e</sup>:  
(11) And Shem lived after he fathered Arphaxad five hundred years, and fathered sons and daughters.  
(12) And Arphaxad lived thirty-five years, and fathered Salah:  
(13) **And Arphaxad lived after he fathered Salah four hundred and three years, and fathered sons and daughters.**

11:9c – Babel {בבל} - confusion

11:10d - end of Shem's records section 5 beginning of Terah's records section 6

11:10e - two years after the flood - Gen. 7:6 says that Noah was 500 when he fathered Shem, Ham, and Japheth. - Shem is named first in 7:6 because from his descendants Jesus will come. Japheth was actually born when Noah was 500, by doing the math we know that Shem was actually born when Noah was 502 years old. [See Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

100<sup>th</sup> year of Shem's life – Arphaxad's birth  
[\*1658 A.H./C-2384 B.C.]

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(14) And Salah lived thirty years, and begat Eber:  
(15) And Salah lived after he begat Eber four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.  
(16) And Eber lived four and thirty years, and begat Peleg:  
(17) And Eber lived after he begat Peleg four hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters.  
(18) And Peleg lived thirty years, and begat Reu:  
(19) And Peleg lived after he begat Reu two hundred and nine years, and begat sons and daughters.  
(20) And Reu lived two and thirty years, and begat Serug:  
(21) And Reu lived after he begat Serug two hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters.  
(22) And Serug lived thirty years, and begat Nahor:  
(23) And Serug lived after he begat Nahor two hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.  
(24) And Nahor lived nine and twenty years, and begat Terah:  
(25) And Nahor lived after he begat Terah an hundred and nineteen years, and begat sons and daughters.  
(26) And Terah lived seventy years, and begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

(14) And Salah lived thirty years, and fathered Eber:  
(15) And Salah lived after he fathered Eber four hundred and three years, and fathered sons and daughters.  
(16) And Eber lived thirty four years, and fathered Peleg {division}\*:  
(17) And Eber lived after he fathered Peleg four hundred and thirty years, and fathered sons and daughters.  
(18) And Peleg lived thirty years, and fathered Reu:  
(19) And Peleg lived after he fathered Reu two hundred and nine years, and fathered sons and daughters.  
(20) And Reu lived thirty two years, and fathered Serug:  
(21) And Reu lived after he fathered Serug two hundred and seven years, and fathered sons and daughters.  
(22) And Serug lived thirty years, and fathered Nahor:  
(23) And Serug lived after he fathered Nahor two hundred years, and fathered sons and daughters.  
(24) And Nahor lived twenty-nine years, and fathered Terah:  
(25) And Nahor lived after he fathered Terah a hundred and nineteen years, and fathered sons and daughters.  
(26) And Terah lived seventy years, and fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran<sup>f</sup>.

11:26f - Terah at age 70 fathered Nahor, Abram was born when Terah was 130 (Gen. 11:31-32; Gen. 12:4; Acts 7:4) Abram is named first because of his importance. - See note on Gen. 5:32. We know this because Acts 7:4 tells us that Abram went to Canaan at age 75 after his father's death and Terah died at the age of 205 [see Gen. 11:32].

See [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

34<sup>th</sup> year of Eber's life – Peleg born; 100 years after the Flood  
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