

Walking Through the Word

Creation to Judges (Week 2)

Story: **Corruption and the Flood** (E: The Great Flood, p 16-18)

Location: **Genesis 5:1-9:17**

Bios & definitions

1st 10 generations: Adam – Seth – Enosh – Kenan – Mahalalel – Jared – Enoch – Methuselah – Lamech – Noah

Enoch: the son of Jared, known as “one who pleased God” (Heb 11:5) because of how he lived his 365 years; his name means initiated, dedicated; unique to Enoch are several things: 1) “He walked with God; and he was not” (Gen 5:24) – that is, he was taken from the earth, but did not “die”; 2) He was the father of Methuselah, the longest recorded life in the Bible (M. lived 969 years); and 3) he was the seventh generation from Adam through the line of Seth, heralded as the prime example of godly living, compared with Lamech, seventh generation from the line of Cain, who was the definition of evil (introduced polygamy (4:19), claimed to master his own destiny (4:23-24))

Noah: whose name means “rest” because his father Lamech (from Seth’s line) said “This one will give us rest from our work and the toil of our hands arising from the ground which the Lord has cursed” (5:29); one who “found favor in the eyes of the Lord” (6:8) among all mankind on the earth; a “righteous man, blameless in his time” and another who “walked with God” (6:9); the builder of the “ark” in which God placed Noah, his wife, sons and their wives, as well as two of “every living thing of all flesh... of every kind,” one male and one female, food to sustain them, and seven of every clean animal (needed for sacrificial offerings (8:20) and food (9:3)); 600 years old at the time of the great flood; first man with whom God established a “covenant” (6:18 *will* / 9:9 *do*); father of Shem, Ham and Japheth

Story: **Tower of Babel** (E: The Tower of Babel, p 18-20)

Location: **Genesis 9:18-11:9**

Bios & definitions

Shem: a son of Noah, whose descendents (called Shemites, later called *Semites*) lead us to Abram; three generations from Shem is *Eber*, from whose name we get the word Hebrew

2nd 10 generations: Shem – Arpachshad – Shelah – Eber – Peleg – Reu – Serug – Nahor – Terah – Abram

Ham: a son of Noah, whose descendents include Canaan, Cush and Nimrod (who founded the cities of Babel, Assyria, Nineveh); he mocked his father’s nakedness instead of covering him up

Japheth: a son of Noah, whose descendents are listed first in Gen 10, was blessed by Noah to share in the blessings of Shem because of his godliness (9:27)

Babel: a city built by men with a tower “whose top [would] reach into heaven... to make [themselves] a name” (Gen 11:4); from the Hebrew *balal*, to confuse; so named by God because He confused the language of mankind while they were building and “scattered them over ... the whole earth” (11:9, opposite of goal of builders)

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Location: **Genesis 11:27-12:20**

Bios & definitions

Abram: a son of Terah (though listed first, may not be the oldest); uncle of Lot (whose father Haran died, and Abram became Lot's custodian); his name means "exalted father"; husband to Sarai; born in Ur of the Chaldees; traveled with his father, brother Nahor, and wife to "enter the land of Canaan" (11:31) but settled in Haran; called by God (12:1-4) to leave his home country and "go to the land which I will show you" with the promise that God would: 1) make him a great nation, 2) bless him, 3) make his name great, 4) make him a blessing

Sarai: wife of Abram, introduced as "barren" (10:30), emphasized because since naturally conceiving a child was impossible, the promise God makes with Abram must come through a divine act of touching a barren womb