

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

CAN I TRUST GOD?

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PART 4: LIFE AFTER THE FLOOD

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Before we examine the life of Abraham, it is necessary to study the historical and geographical background of the time in which he lived.

Noah's ark landed someplace on the Ararat mountain range in Armenia, bordering Turkey to the west, Iran to the south, Azerbaijan to the east, and Georgia to the north.

Noah and his family did not stay in the highlands of Armenia, but moved south to what became known as Shinar (modern day Iraq). **Genesis 10:8-10**

Humanity's population rebounded as Noah's sons and grandchildren began to propagate.

Abraham was born approximately 500 years after Shem. Some 300 years after the flood, the world population would have risen to 500,000 people who lived in the same region and spoke a common language. When they tried to build the tower of Babel, God intervened and scattered them all over the earth. **Genesis 11:1-9**

LAND OF SHINAR

Noah stayed in the area of Shinar and died 2,006 years from Adam's creation.

| NAME | BIRTH | DEATH |
|----------|-------|-------|
| Noah | 1056 | 2006 |
| Shem | 1556 | 2156 |
| Arphaxad | 1658 | 2096 |
| Salah | 1693 | 2126 |
| Eber | 1723 | 2187 |
| Peleg | 1757 | 1996 |
| Reu | 1787 | 2026 |
| Serug | 1819 | 2049 |
| Nahor | 1849 | 1997 |
| Terah | 1878 | 2083 |
| Abraham | 1948 | 2123 |

Noah and Shem as survivors of the flood, along with eight further generations, were alive at Abraham's birth. The Bible does not reveal if there was close contact between these men, but it is obvious that Abraham knew his lineage and possessed written records of the creation, Adam and Eve, the Great Flood, not to mention the books of Enoch.

Abraham's father, Terah, left the city of Ur, which is in the southern part of Iraq, and traveled north to Haran, a city in northwest Iraq.

LAND OF UZ

Job was a contemporary of Abraham, but he lived in the land of Uz, located on the west coast of modern-day Yemen. Job was attacked by the Sabeans, who lived in Saudi Arabia, and by the Chaldeans from southern Iraq. **Job 1:1; 14-15; 17**

Other than what is included in the Bible, we don't know anything else about Job.



When Moses fled from Egypt after killing a man, he traveled east through the Sinai Peninsula, came to the Gulf of Aqaba, and then traveled south on the eastern shore to where the land of Midian was located. Some 400 years earlier, this land had been called the land of Uz.

Abraham never mentions Job, nor do we find his name in the Book of Genesis.

Moses was invited to the home of Jethro, a priest of God, and eventually married one of his daughters. Jethro was part of a remnant from Shinar who had stayed true to the God of Noah. **Exodus 2:15-22**

Scholars believe that since Job lived in this land, the written story of his life had been preserved by the remnant to whom Jethro served as a priest. A copy of Job's account was given to Moses and added to the written work he compiled, which became known as the Five Books of Moses.

MELCHIZEDEK

Melchizedek was the king of Salem. He was also a priest of the most-high God, which would have been known at that time as the God of Noah. When Abraham returned from rescuing Lot and the other people who had been captured by kings from Shinar, he gave tithe to Melchizedek. **Genesis 14:7-20**

The apostle Paul states Melchizedek had no father and mother, having no beginning or end. Melchizedek must have possessed copies of the written story of Adam and Eve, the books of Enoch, and the story of Noah and the flood, in order to understand God and know what God demanded of him as a priest. **Hebrews 7:1-4**

FOUR MEN OF GOD

Noah, Job, Melchizedek, and Abraham lived on the earth at the same time. They were true worshipers of God in a time when most people had turned to idol worship. Only the offspring of Abraham continued to worship the living God despite Satan's attempt to bring them into idolatry.

BRUTAL SPIRITUAL WAR

It is also interesting to note that there were only eight people left on the earth after the flood. God used them to repopulate the earth. Even though they came from the same family, it did not take long for them to form groups. The different groups became nations and they made war with one another. Outside of Christ, there is no love in people.

God's holy angels scattered the people at the tower of Babel and flew them to every continent and the different islands. It did not take Satan long to seduce them into abandoning the God of Noah and begin worshiping demon gods which demanded human sacrifices.

God had a very difficult time keeping the descendants of Abraham from idolatry and human sacrifice. The man (King Solomon) that God had blessed the most of Abraham's offspring eventually turned his back on God and participated in sacrificing children on fiery hot altars. **1 Kings 11:1-10**

When Jesus, the Son of God, arrived in Israel, He was not well received by the Israelites. **John 1:1-11**

Abraham's descendants demanded Jesus' crucifixion and brought a blood curse upon themselves. This generational curse is still applicable and can only be broken when a Jew comes to Christ and is born again. **Matthew 27:11-25**

ATTACKING THE BIBLE

The Devil has fought against mankind since the creation of Adam and Eve. Nevertheless, God's plan has marched forward and salvation for humanity was accomplished on the cross by Jesus Christ. The church was born in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and for the last 2,000 years, the church has been relentlessly attacked by Satan and his fallen angels.

The Word of God (Bible) has been a target since the Garden of Eden and Satan has incited kings to burn Bibles, forbidding people to read the Word of God, and using his agents (communists) to confiscate every Bible.

In the Western nations, Satan raised up double agents, who outwardly were ministers in the churches, but questioned the authenticity and truthfulness of God's word, calling into question nearly everything in the Bible.

Liberal seminary professors have attacked the existence of Noah, Job, Abraham, Moses, and the prophet Daniel.

The prophet Ezekiel served from 593-571 B.C. as a prophet to the exiles in Babylon. In a prophetic word from God, he spoke about Noah, Daniel and Job. If God told us that these men have existed, we should pay attention to the Lord and reject the scoffers. **Ezekiel 14:12-21**

Jesus referred to Noah as a real person. **Matthew 24:37**

Jesus mentioned the prophet Daniel. **Matthew 24:15**

Jesus also spoke about the prophet Jonah. **Luke 11:29-30**

SUMMARY

This has been a brief historical review of the period after Noah's flood until the time of Abraham, giving you the ability to understand Satan's fierce spiritual attacks on Noah and his descendants.

In the midst of the commotion, Job, Abraham, and Melchizedek stood firm and preserved the knowledge of God. They were successful because God made sure that His Word would be preserved and the history of creation would not be lost. **Matthew 5:17-18**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?