

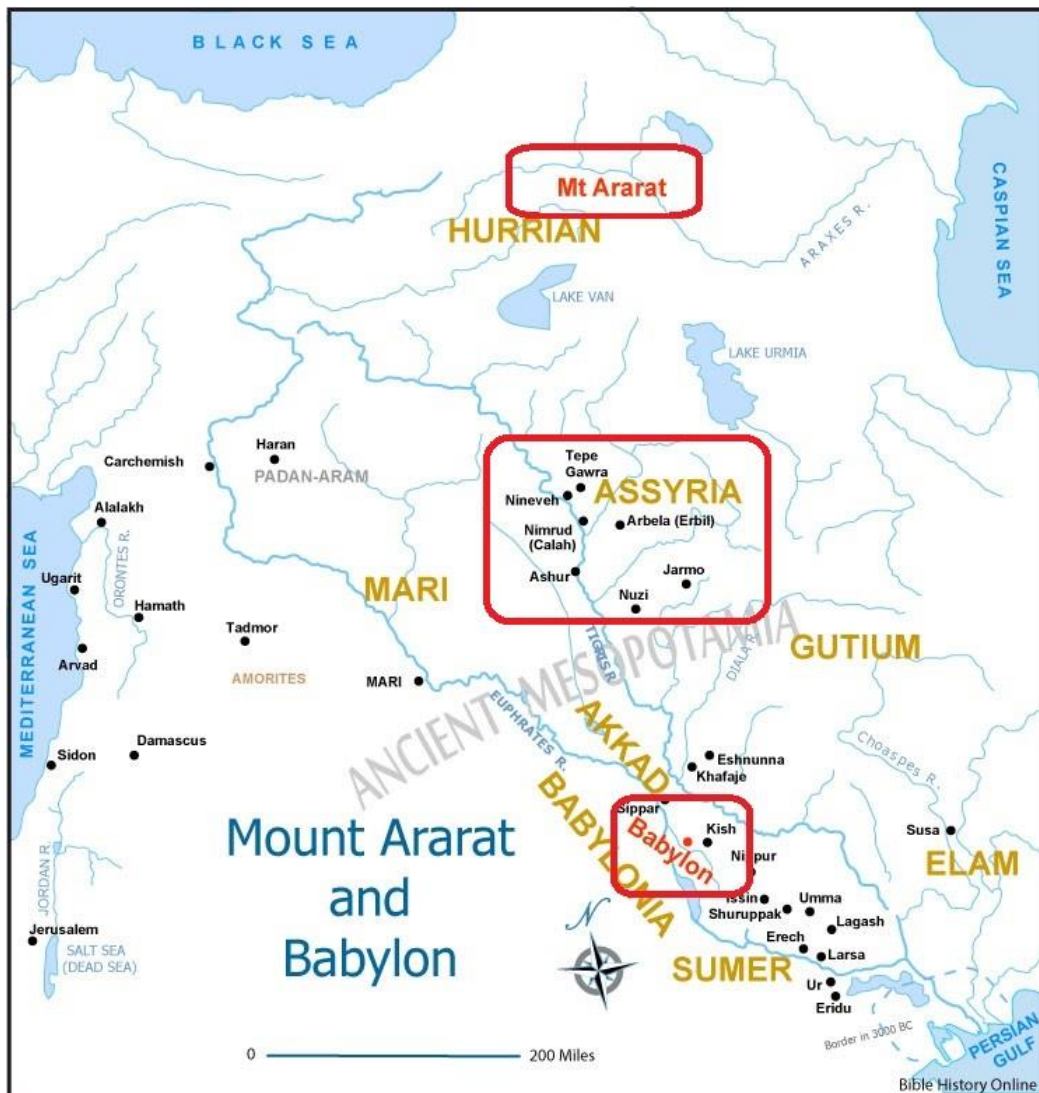
Genesis 11

Verse 1-2

Now all the earth used the same language and the same words. ² And it came about, as they journeyed east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there.

The sons of Noah started out near Mount Ararat but as the population grew they spread out to the land of Shinar

See map 1105 Mount Ararat and the land of Shinar



This is the plain on which Nimrod built Nineveh, Babylon and other cities

See Genesis 10:8-12

All the people were descendants of Noah and lived in the same region so the language remained the same

Verse 3 – 4

³ Then they said to one another, “Come, let’s make bricks and fire *them* thoroughly.” And they used brick for stone, and they used tar for mortar. ⁴ And they said, “Come, let’s build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top *will reach* into heaven, and let’s make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered abroad over the face of all the earth.”

Let’s build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top *will reach* into heaven

The Babylonians called such a tower a ziggurat

An immense tower shaped like a pyramid rising in terraces and crowned with a temple

See pics 1107 and 1108





Lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth

God had commanded Noah to multiply and replenish the earth

But Noah's ancestors wanted to stay in one area

Verse 5 – 6

⁵ Now the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the men had built.

⁶ And the Lord said, "Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they have started to do, and now nothing which they plan to do will be impossible for them.

God intervened at the time of Noah because all of mankind was evil continually

Life on earth had become unbearable, and the only solution was a complete reset

In this case, the problem was less dramatic, but if God had not intervened this would have become a huge problem over time.

So God intervened once more to help mankind in the long run

Verse 7 – 9

Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, so that they will not understand one another's speech.”⁸ So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth; and they stopped building the city.⁹ Therefore it was named Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language

By confusing their speech, God insured their separation

See video 1110 8.1 Tower of Babel

<http://www.levickfamily.com/8.1.html>

The time frame for the Tower of Babel is during the life time of Peleg

See chart 1115

	Father	born	son	died	age
10	NOAH	3698	502	2748	950
11	SHEM	3196	100	2596	600
	Flood	3098			
12	ARPHAXAD	3096	135	2561	535
13	SHELAH	2961	130	2501	460
14	EBER	2831	134	2427	404
15	PELEG	2697	130	2358	339
16	REU	2567	132	2228	339
17	SERUG	2435	130	2105	330
18	NAHOR	2305	179	2001	304
19	TERAH	2126	130	1921	205
20	ABRAM	1996	100	1821	175

We know this because in Genesis 10:25 it says,

²⁵ Two sons were born to Eber; the name of the one was Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided; and his brother's name was Joktan.

If one was to follow the dates given in modern translations, there would only be 100 years between the flood and the Tower of Babel.

See chart 1117

		born	son	died	age
1	ADAM	4004	130	3074	930
2	SETH	3874	105	2962	912
3	ENOSH	3769	90	2864	905
4	KENAN	3679	70	2769	910
5	MAHALALEL	3609	65	2714	895
6	JARED	3544	162	2582	962
7	ENOCH	3382	65	3017	365
8	METHUSELAH	3317	187	2348	969
9	LAMESH	3130	182	2353	777
10	NOAH	2948	502	1998	950
11	SHEM	2446	100	1846	600
	Flood	2348			
12	ARPHAXAD	2346	35	1908	438
13	SHELAH	2311	30	1878	433
14	EBER	2281	34	1817	464
15	PELEG	2246	30	2008	239
16	REU	2217	32	1978	239
17	SERUG	2185	30	1955	230
18	NAHOR	2155	29	2007	148
19	TERAH	2126	130	1921	205
20	ABRAM	1996	100	1821	175
21	ISACC	1896	60	1716	180
22	JACOB	1836	91	1689	147
23	JOSEPH	1745		1635	110

Using that time frame, the population would not be large enough to build the tower.

This is another reason why the dates in the Septuagint should be used.

Verses 10 – 26

¹⁰ **These are *the records of the generations of Shem*.** Shem was a hundred years old when he fathered Arpachshad, two years after the flood; ¹¹ and Shem lived five hundred years after he fathered Arpachshad, and he fathered *other* sons and daughters.

¹² Arpachshad lived thirty-five years, and fathered Shelah; ¹³ and Arpachshad lived 403 years after he fathered Shelah, and he fathered *other* sons and daughters.

¹⁴ Shelah lived thirty years, and fathered Eber; ¹⁵ and Shelah lived 403 years after he fathered Eber, and he fathered *other* sons and daughters.

¹⁶ Eber lived thirty-four years, and fathered Peleg; ¹⁷ and Eber lived 430 years after he fathered Peleg, and he fathered *other* sons and daughters.

¹⁸ Peleg lived thirty years, and fathered Reu; ¹⁹ and Peleg lived 209 years after he fathered Reu, and he fathered *other* sons and daughters.

²⁰ Reu lived thirty-two years, and fathered Serug; ²¹ and Reu lived 207 years after he fathered Serug, and he fathered *other* sons and daughters.

²² Serug lived thirty years, and fathered Nahor; ²³ and Serug lived two hundred years after he fathered Nahor, and he fathered *other* sons and daughters.

²⁴ Nahor lived twenty-nine years, and fathered Terah; ²⁵ and Nahor lived 119 years after he fathered Terah, and he fathered *other* sons and daughters.

²⁶ Terah lived seventy years, and fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

Verse 10

These are *the records of the generations of Shem*

Here is the Hebrew word for generations again. This is the 5th section

Verses 10 – 26 **From Shem to Abraham**

In chapter 5 we were given the 1st 10 generations of mankind from Adam to Noah

Here in chapter 11 we are given the next 10 generations

See Chart 1120 Shem to Abraham

	Father	born	son	died	age
1	ADAM	5340	230	4410	930
2	SETH	5110	205	4198	912
3	ENOSH	4905	190	4000	905
4	CAINAN	4715	170	3805	910
5	MAHALALEL	4545	165	3650	895
6	JARED	4380	162	3418	962
7	ENOCH	4218	165	3853	365
8	METHUSELAH	4053	167	3084	969
9	LAMESH	3886	188	3133	753
10	NOAH	3698	502	2748	950
11	SHEM	3196	100	2596	600
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Verses 27- 32

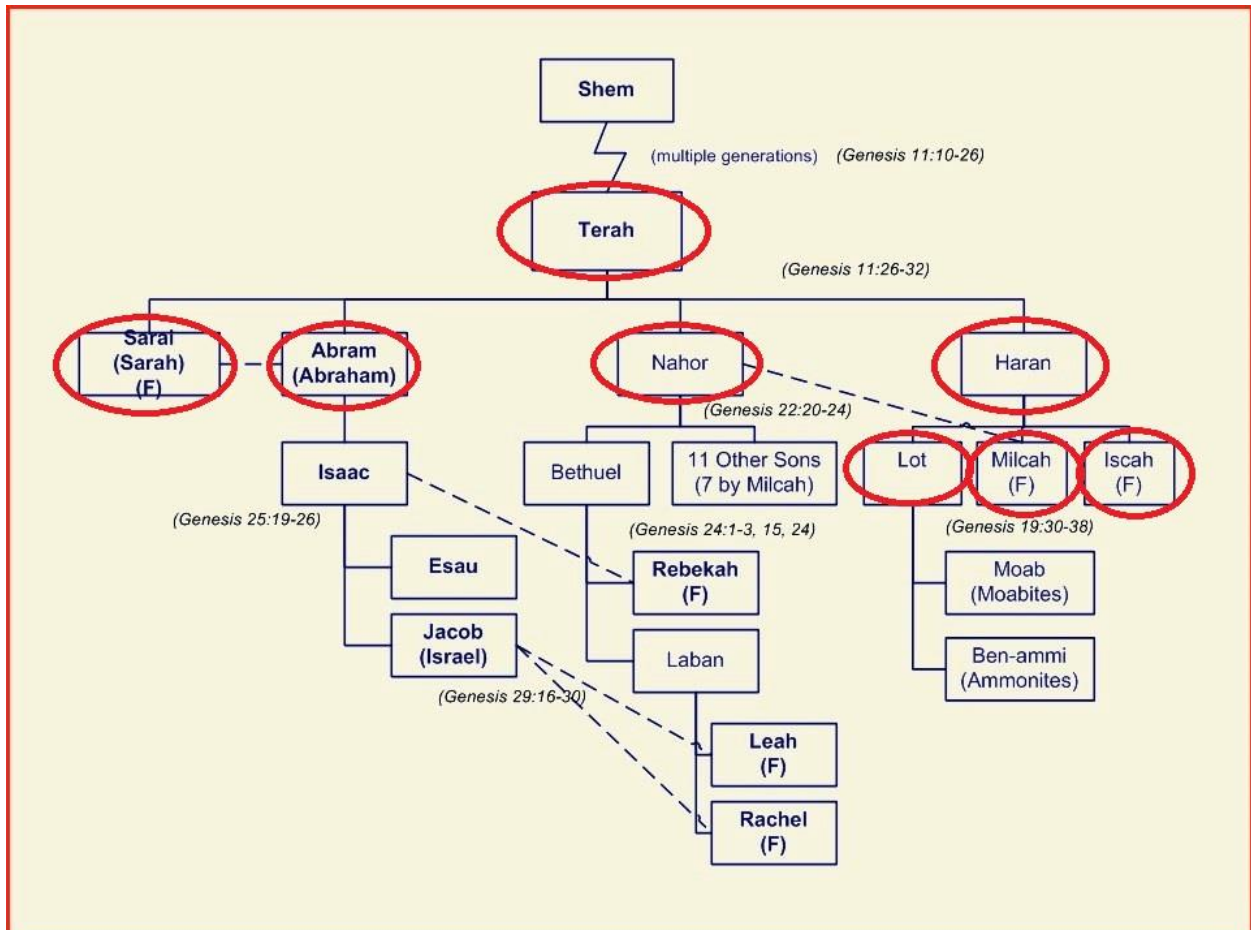
²⁷ **Now these are the records of the generations of Terah.** Terah fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran fathered Lot. ²⁸ Haran died during the lifetime of his father Terah in the land of his birth, in Ur of the Chaldeans. ²⁹ Abram and Nahor took wives for themselves. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife was Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah and Iscah.

Now these are *the records of the generations of Terah*

Here is the Hebrew word for generations again. This is the 6th section

Terah fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran fathered Lot.

See Chart 1125



A lot of years have passed in this chapter

From the Tower of Babel to the time of Abraham was about 700 years

²⁹ Abram and Nahor took wives for themselves. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife was Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah and Iscah.

Up to this point, just a few major events in the life of mankind have been told

The creation of Adam & Eve in chapters 1 & 2

The fall of Adam and Eve in chapter 3

The global flood in chapters 6 thru 8

The Tower of Babel here in chapter 11

The first 11 chapters of Genesis span a period of about 3,200 years

Genesis 12 to the end of the O.T., 918 chapters, covers about 1600 years

As we can see, the relationship with Israel took a lot of ink to explain

And it was worth every Jot and tittle

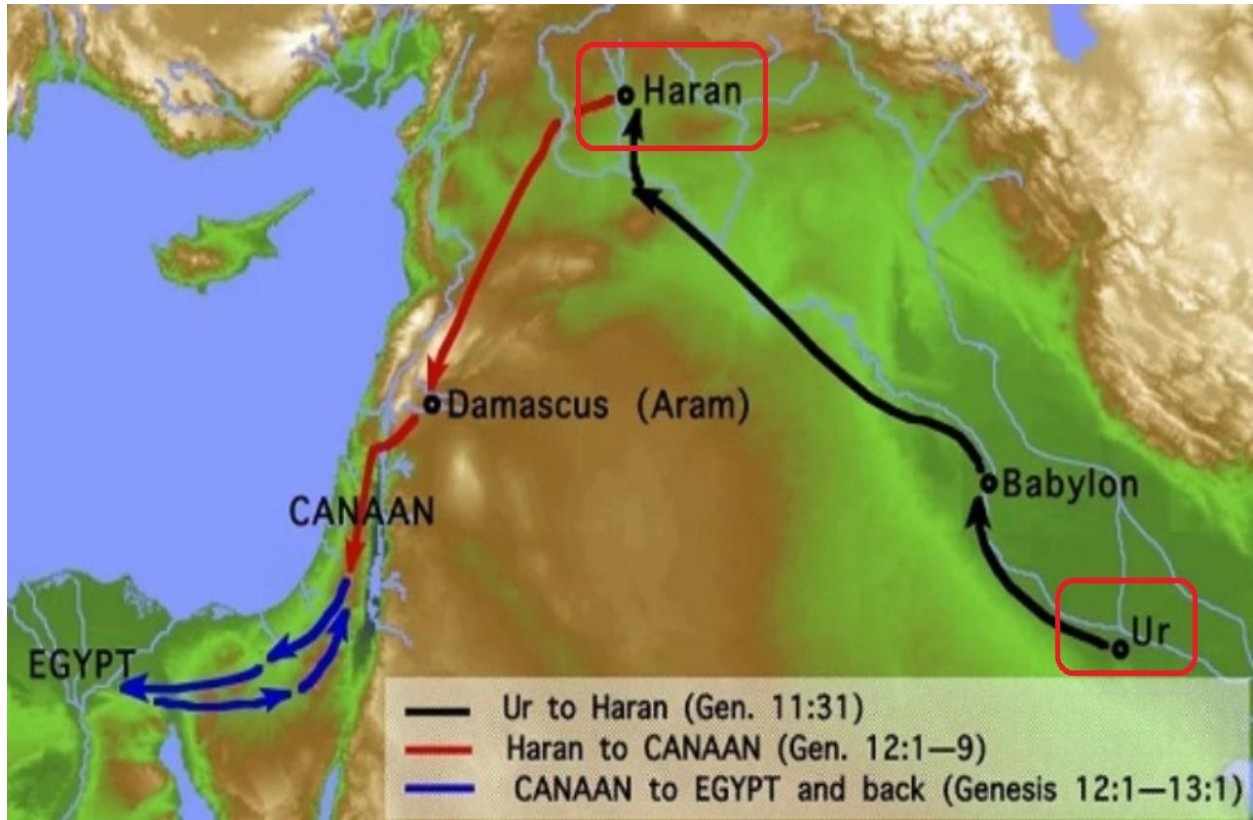
Verses 30-32

³⁰ Sarai was unable to conceive; she did not have a child. ³¹ Now Terah took his son Abram, and Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, his son Abram's wife, and they departed together from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to the land of Canaan; and they went as far as Haran and settled there.

³² The days of Terah were 205 years; and Terah died in Haran.

They departed together from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to the land of Canaan; and they went as far as Haran and settled there.

See map 1130 below



If Terah and his family could have traveled west thru the desert

It would have been a much shorter trip (about half the distance)

Instead they had to take the established route along the Fertile Crescent

³² **The days of Terah were 205 years; and Terah died in Haran.**

Terah died at age 205

And Abraham was 75 when he left Haran

So Terah was 130 years old when Abraham was born.