

**THE  
TRUE STORY  
OF THE  
OLD  
TESTAMENT**

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**Responding to God's Revelation and Redemption**

# Responses to God's Revelation and Redemption

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2. Respond to God as your creator.
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# I. Cain Kills Abel

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# II. God Preserves Noah and His Family

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# III. God Confuses the Languages

← Today: Lesson 3c



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## Revelation and Redemption after the Fall

## I. Cain Kills Abel

A. Anger

B. Murder

C. Punishment



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**What is a key point that you may have learned from this lesson?**

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## II. God Preserves Noah and His Family

- A. Sinfulness of humanity
- B. Piety of Noah
- C. The Flood
- D. Covenant with Noah



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# Covenants in the Old Testament

## 1. Noahic (Gen. 9:8–17)

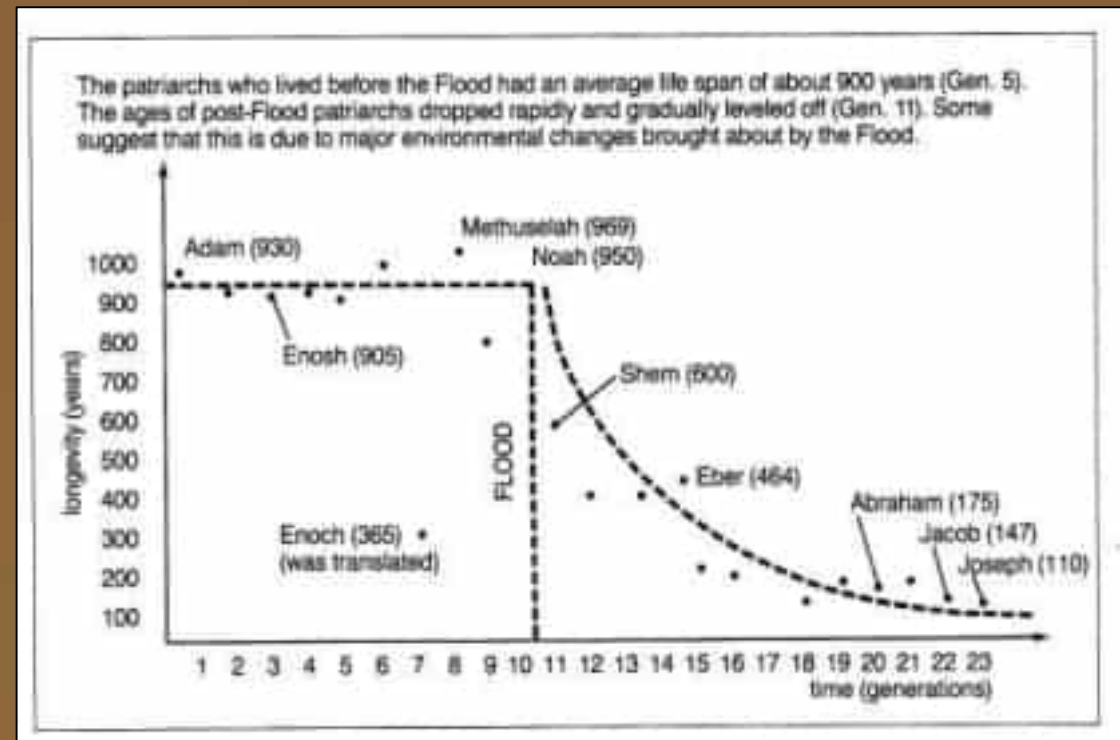
- Unconditional.
- God promised never again to destroy the earth by water.

### III. God Confuses the Languages

## Background of the Times

## Life spans – before and after the Flood

*What has been the impact on man's history due to the change of life spans?*



*"Nelson's Complete Book of Bible Maps & Charts: Old & New Testaments", Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1993, p. 11, used by permission*

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### III. God Confuses the Languages

A. The people build a tower (11:1-4)

B. God thwarts their intentions (11:5-9)



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### III. God Confuses the Languages

#### A. The people build a tower (11:1-4)

The tower served three purposes (11:4), the people wanted:

1. Its top to reach “heaven”.
2. To make a name for themselves.
3. To halt the spread of humanity throughout the earth.



*The Tower of Babel, Pieter Brueghel the Elder (1563)*

*“The True Story of the Old Testament”, Adult Bible Study Leader’s Guide, 2014, Regular Baptist Press, p.32*

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### III. God Confuses the Languages

#### A. The people build a tower (11:1-4)

The key problem of the tower is rebellion to the Lord's command given in Genesis 9:1, 7.



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### III. God Confuses the Languages

#### A. The people build a tower (11:1-4)

People have tried to reach the heavens by various ways, but there is only one Way.

#### John 14:6

Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**



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### III. God Confuses the Languages

#### A. The people build a tower (11:1-4)

“Throughout ancient Mesopotamia numerous towers, called ‘ziggurats’, have been discovered.

The word ‘ziggurat’ means ‘hill of heaven’,...”



*Drawing of the Ziggurat of Ur, Iraq, by Marjorie V. Duffell for C. L. Woolley, 1937*

*“World’s Bible Handbook”, Robert Boyd, World Publishing, 1991, p. 38*

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#### B. God thwarts their intentions (11:5-9)



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“During Peleg’s day, the nations were divided by multiple languages (Gen. 10:25).

Peleg means “division”.

Peleg was born 101 years after the Flood.”

*“Mastering the English Bible: OT History – Genesis to the Silent Years”, David Cloud, p.80*

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#### B. God thwarts their intentions (11:5-9)

The table of nations "...lists a total of seventy individual founders of nations or racial groups, and divides them into the three primary classifications of: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

While much is unknown concerning the classification of nations, ethnologists generally agree that mankind divides into three basic groups."



*"The Pentateuch", L. Thomas Holdcroft, Western Book Company, 1966, p. 18*

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#### B. God thwarts their intentions (11:5-9)



“God responded to man’s rebellious efforts by imposing a penalty that exactly fitted the offence.

Men had sought to remain together were scattered abroad ‘*upon the face of all the earth*’ (11:8a).”



“The Pentateuch”, L. Thomas Holdcroft, Western Book Company, 1966, p.20

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### III. God Confuses the Languages

#### B. God thwarts their intentions (11:5-9)



“Even though today there are considered to be upwards of 3,000 languages spoken by mankind, it is generally agreed by philologists that all human language can be demonstrated to have a common origin.”

It is interesting to note that the name ‘*babel*’ which was given to the tower, in Hebrew means ‘*confusion*’.”

“*The Pentateuch*”, L. Thomas Holdcroft, Western Book Company, 1966, p.20

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### III. God Confuses the Languages Aftermath – Abram (Gen. 11:27-32)

“In the divine providence, this scattering of families became the first step in the plan of God to call apart a particular people.

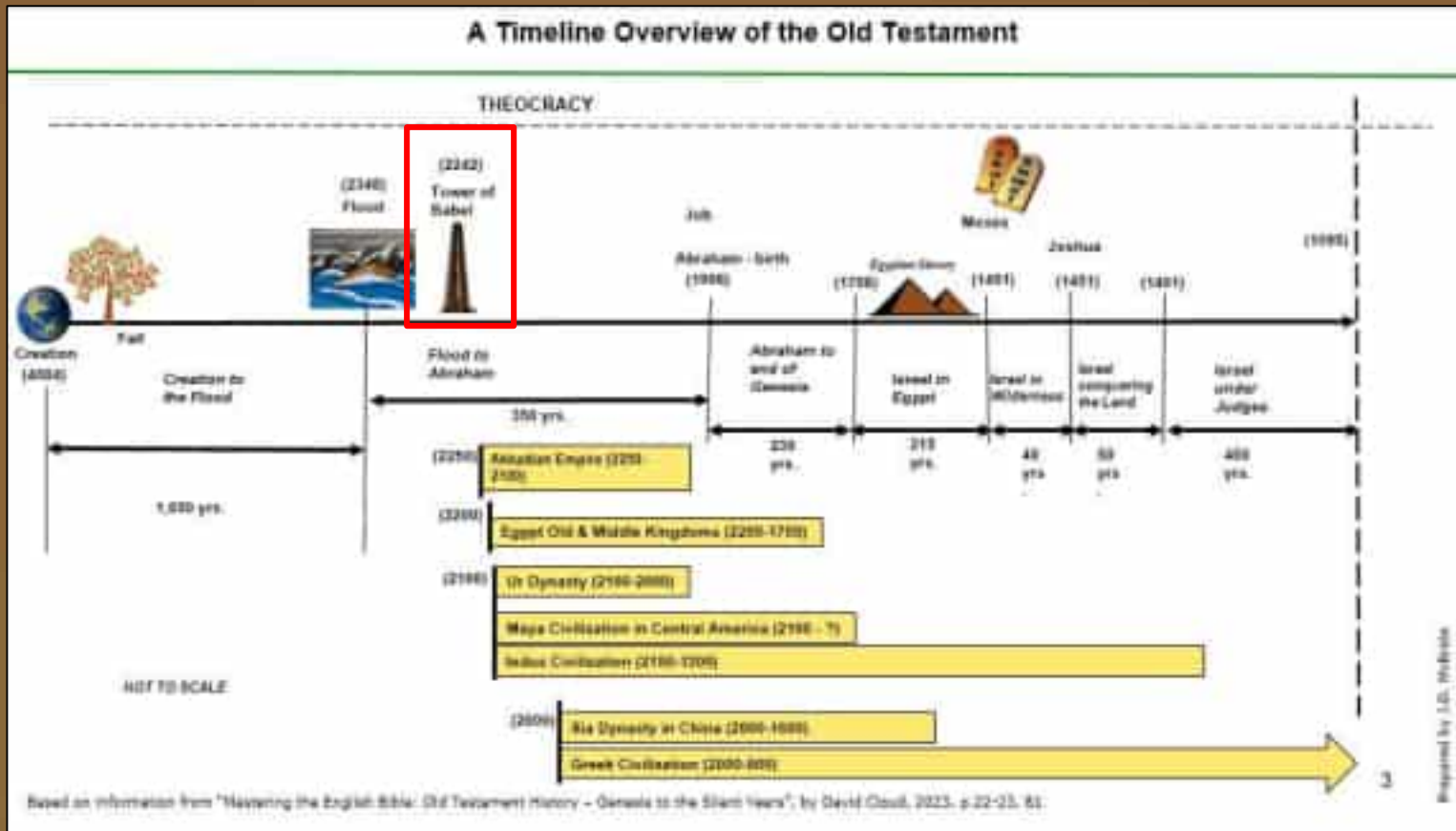


The genealogy of the family of Shem leads to the first mention of Abram, and serves to reveal the immediate parentage and family connections of this man who is to be the leading character of the narrative to follow.”

*“The Pentateuch”, L. Thomas Holdcroft, Western Book Company, 1966, p.21*

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### III. God Confuses the Languages Aftermath - Kingdoms



After the Tower of Babel, there was an influx of kingdoms.

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# God's Judgment and Mercy

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**Cain and Abel**

**The Flood**

**Tower of Babel**

**Judgment**

God kept the ground from yielding fruit for Cain.

God destroyed the world.

God confused mankind's language.

**Mercy**

- God did not take Cain's life.
- God protected Cain from revenge seekers.

- God spared Noah and his family.
- God made a promise not to flood the earth again.

- God did not destroy humanity.
- God protected humanity from worse corruption.

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