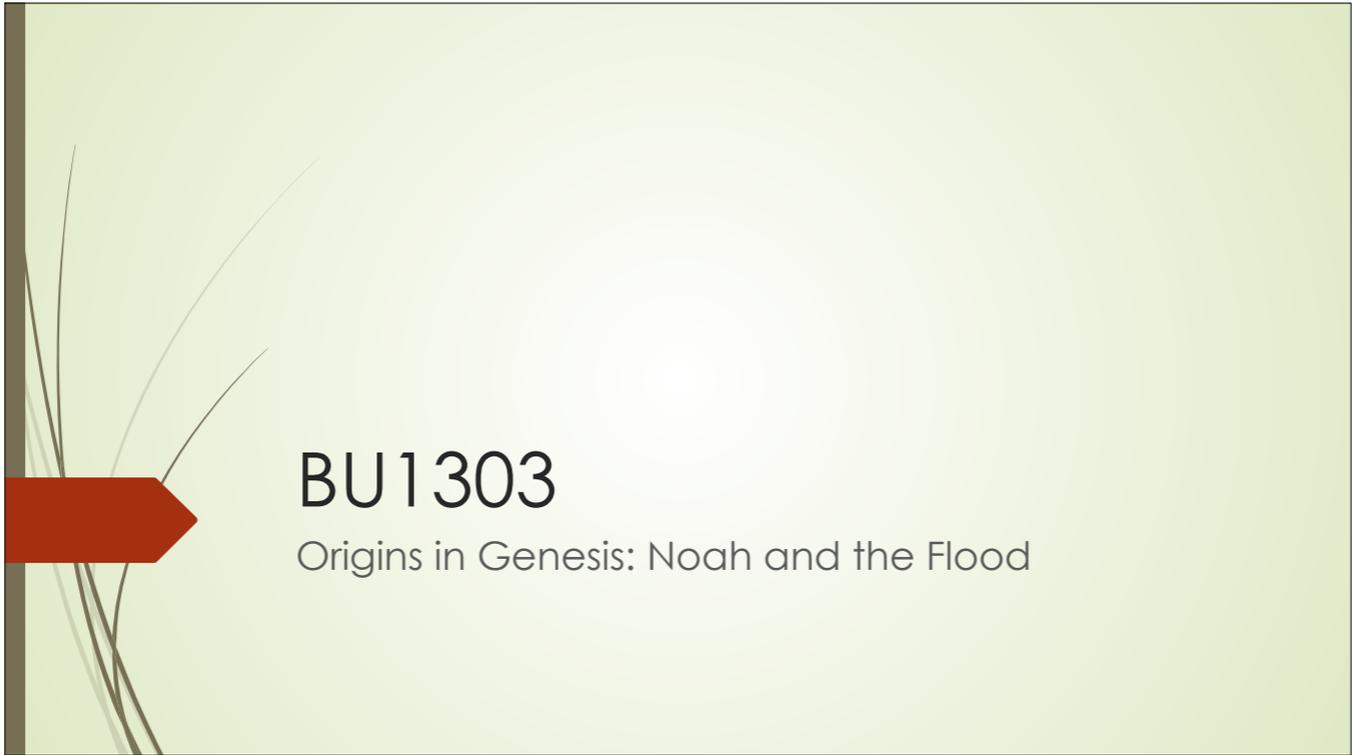


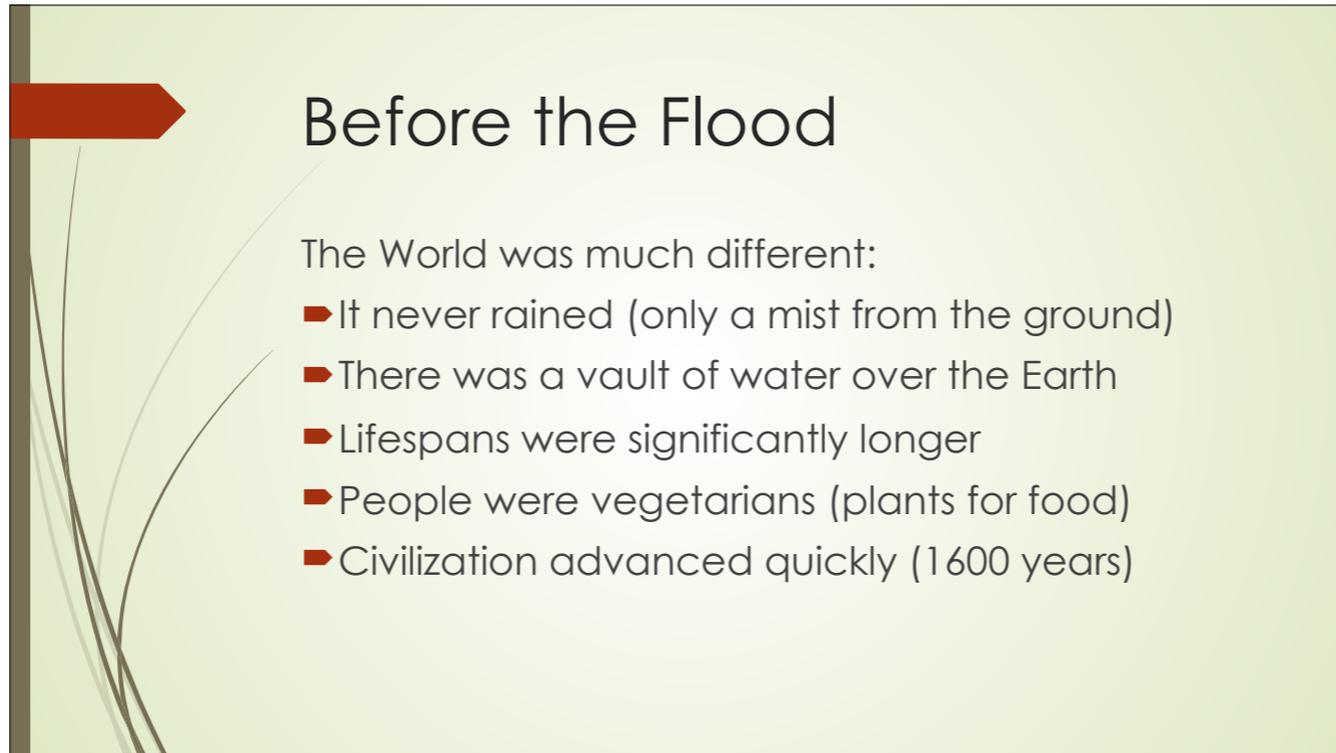
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Origins in Genesis: Noah and the Flood



Before the Flood

The World was much different:

- It never rained (only a mist from the ground)
- There was a vault of water over the Earth
- Lifespans were significantly longer
- People were vegetarians (plants for food)
- Civilization advanced quickly (1600 years)

Vault:

-According to scientists, the ancient atmosphere was the equivalent of a hyperbaric chamber, with more pressure and 50% more oxygen. Using these variables, the body would live longer and heal faster. If a layer of water shielded the atmosphere, there would have been no harmful radiation from the Sun. It was the perfect scenario for long, healthy lifespans.

Civilization:

*Remember that man was created as an intelligent being.
(humanity did not have to evolve over millions of years)

During the 1600 years of human history before the flood:

- Man built cities (Genesis 4:17)
- Had cattle ranches (Genesis 4:20)
- Composed and played music (Genesis 4:21)
- Discovered metals and even made brass (Genesis 4:22)



The Yonaguni Ruins
82 feet below sea level

The Ruins at Yonaguni, Japan, are believed to be a pre-flood city, with a structure remarkably similar to the Ziggurat of UR, the birthplace of Abraham.



The Axis of the Earth
Dr. George Dodwell, Adelaide Observatory

Dr. George Dodwell, an Australian mathematician and Astronomer, did extensive research on the axis of the Earth compared to ancient times. According to his calculations, the Earth used to spin completely on axis, as opposed to the 23 degrees off axis today. That would mean that our planet used to be in a state of constant Springtime. According to geological and astronomical data, something hit the Earth around 2345 BC, causing the Earth to spin off axis by 23 degrees. *That's consistent with the date of Noah's flood.



This hammer was found inside a layer of rock in London, Texas. It's an Iron hammer head with a fossilized wood handle. According to geologists, the rock layer was from the beginning of the Cretaceous period... which, according to Evolutionists, would put this IRON hammer head at 110 million years old. (The Creation account makes more sense. No evolutionists is going to say that iron tools existed 110 million years ago.)

*When you think about the lifespans before the flood, that was PLENTY of time to increase in knowledge and wisdom. If I could live 900 years and not grow feeble, I guarantee you I'd know enough to be dangerous. I'd be the smartest man alive...unfortunately people used that gift for EVIL and not for GOOD.



Wickedness of Man

Leading up to the Flood:

- ▀ Sin and wickedness was widespread
- ▀ People were violent ("The Earth was filled with Violence")
- ▀ Angels sinned against God and humanity
- ▀ Mankind had evil thoughts/imaginings continually
- ▀ Sinfulness was so profound that it grieved God's heart, and He planned to destroy humanity
- ▀ Noah found favor in God's sight

*The whole Earth was full of sin and evil.

(Jesus said in the Last Days, it would be like the Days of Noah)

-Culture is falling more and more away from God

Even some of the ANGELS left their Heavenly Form to come down to the Earth

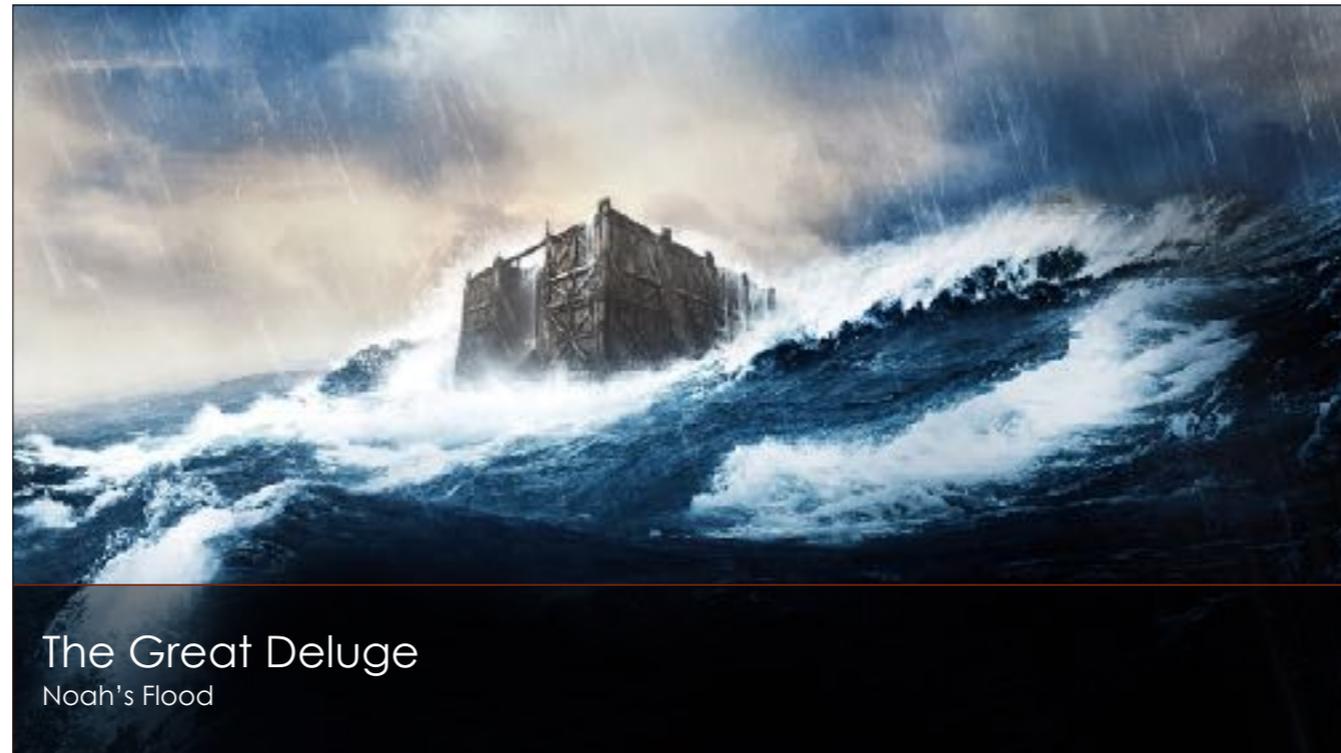
*Interbreeding between these fallen angels and the daughters of men

-Led to an offspring called the Nephilim (Giants)

-Led to race of mankind that God determined to wipe out

(This happens again when Israel enters the Promised Land)

Every time God commanded Israel to COMPLETELY destroy a nation (which didn't happen often) it was when they were interbred with Nephilim



The Great Deluge

Noah's Flood

Amazingly, every major ancient civilization has record of a world-wide flood. The Bible records the story of Noah and the Ark. The Babylonians had the Epic of Gilgamesh (a man who apparently met Noah). The Ancient Greeks and Romans had the story of a man and wife, who were saved from the flood, along with their children and the animals, inside a giant wooden box. The American Indians had a legend very similar to the Story of Noah.

*BTW: The Ark would have been nothing more than a wood box, not a ship with a hull and rudder.



Floating Ark Replica
Amsterdam, Netherlands

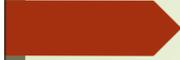


Ark Encounter features a full-size Noah's Ark, built according to the dimensions given in the Bible. Spanning 510 feet long, 85 feet wide, and 51 feet high, in Williamstown, Kentucky.



The Ark Tablet
Cuneiform Tablet from Mesopotamia

Dr. Irving Finkel, curator for the British Museum, translated this ancient Cuneiform tablet from ancient Mesopotamia, around 4,000 years old. The tablet contains instructions for building the Ark, and even refers to the animals entering “Two by two.”



Evidence for the Flood

- Thick beds containing minerals that were buried quickly can be found worldwide
- Conglomerate rock, rounded and displaced by water/waves, are common worldwide, including on Mount Everest
- Fish fossils and shark's teeth have been found at high elevations
- Coal and Oil Deposits indicate sudden and widespread destruction of biological lifeforms
- Massive graveyards of fish, dinosaurs, and mammals have been discovered in the Americas, Europe, and Africa
- The petrified forest of Yellowstone National Park contains a mixture of 200 types of trees, including those from cold and tropical climates.

Beds: San Francisco area, for example, contains rock several hundred feet thick, that was deposited quickly (due to mineral composition). If it had not happened suddenly, many of the minerals in that layer would have dissolved.

Conglomerate Rock: Football sized stones in Alberta Canada that were washed all the way from the Rocky Mountains. That particular layer of conglomerate is over 100 feet thick and extends over 300 miles.

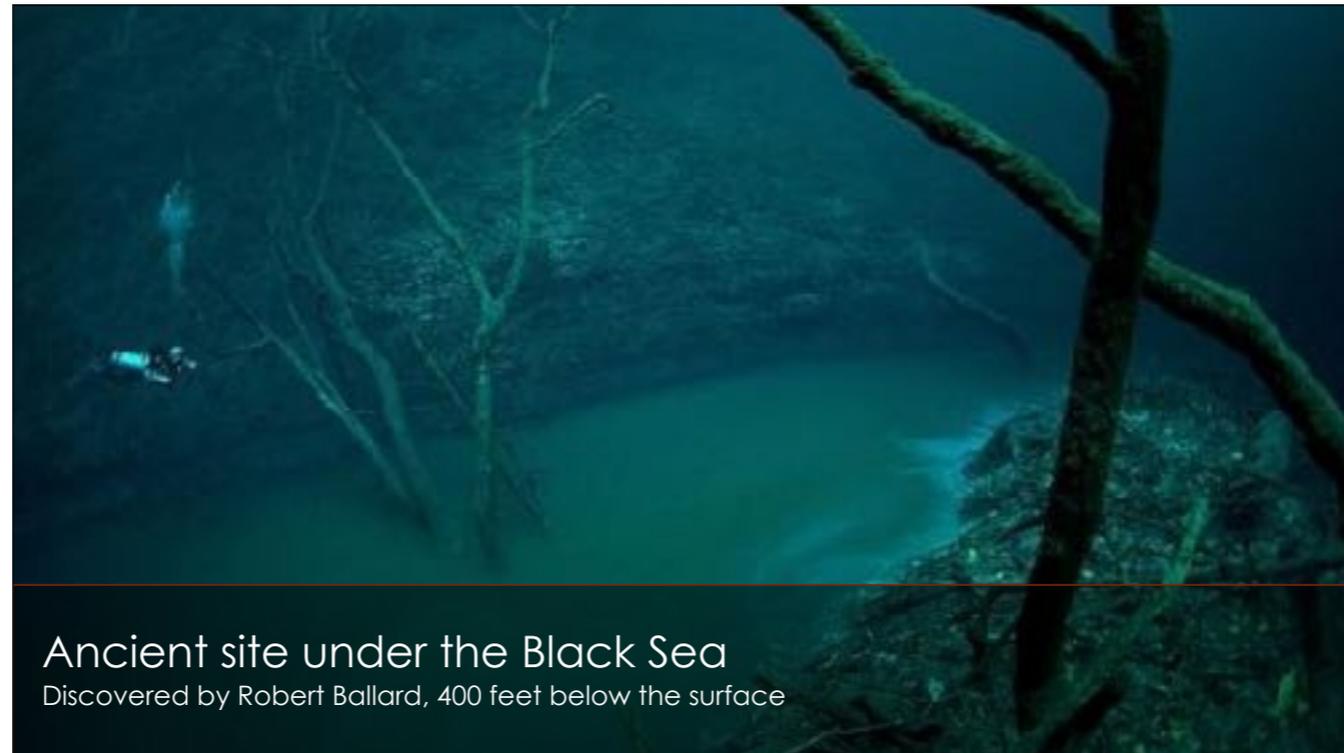
Many marine fossils have been found in the Himalayas.



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Ancient site under the Black Sea
Discovered by Robert Ballard, 400 feet below the surface

Robert Ballard, the Underwater Archeologist who discovered the Titanic, also discovered an ancient seaside village in the Black Sea. The village is 400 feet underwater, and is located near an ancient river. *According to his calculations, the ancient site was flooded suddenly, with a force of water 200x that of Niagara Falls.



Mt. Everest
Peak is made up of Marine Limestone

The top 3,000 feet of Mt. Everest (from 26,000 to 29,000 feet) is made up of sedimentary rock packed with seashells and other ocean-dwelling animals.



Mt. Everest

Marine life fossilized in Limestone

John McPhee, a famous geologist, said: ““When the climbers in 1953 planted their flags on the highest mountain, they set them in snow over the skeletons of creatures that had lived in the warm clear ocean.”



Overview of the Flood

- The Ark was designed to float, not sail
- The dimensions of the Ark were 300 cubits by 50 cubits by 30 cubits (A ratio of 30:5:3, the same as modern shipbuilding)
- It took Noah and his family 100 years to build the Ark
- God brought the animals to the Ark (Genesis 6:20)
- Noah preached righteousness (2 Peter 2:5), but no one listened
- The door was opened until the Day of Judgment, when God closed the door to save Noah and his family

300 cubits by 50 cubits by 30 cubits (If a cubit is 18 inches, then the Ark was 450' long, 75' wide, 45' tall)

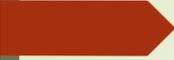
*It was a big boat...basically a barge. (People say it couldn't be done...but if you give me 100 years, I think I could figure it out!)

God led every KIND of animal...IOW: Every category of animal into the Ark.

In John 10:7 Jesus said "I am the door"

***There was only one door to the Ark, and there's only one door to God**

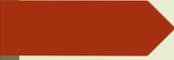
(The Ark is a Type of the Cross)



Overview of the Flood

- Hebrews 11:7 says, "By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith."

- Noah was the first evangelist recorded in the Bible "He preach righteousness" (2 Peter 2:5)
- Noah was saved "by faith" (he took God at his word)
- Christianity is built on the principle of salvation by faith alone.



Overview of the Flood

- It rained for 40 days and 40 nights (water from above and below)
- The foundations of the deep were opened
- The Bible says that the highest mountains were covered by 15 cubits of water (half the height of the ark).
- Noah and his family were in the Ark for a long time (over a year)
- During this time, the mountains rose and the valleys sank (Psalm 104:8)
- The Ark rested in Mt. Ararat (in or near modern Turkey)

40 DAYS AND 40 NIGHTS: LITERAL OR "A LONG TIME"

The number 40, in the bible, is associated with judgment.

- Moses killed the Egyptian task master, he fled to Midian for 40 years
- Moses interceded for Israel for 40 days
- When the Israelites doubted God, they spent 40 years in the wilderness
- Goliath taunted Saul's army 40 days before David arrived
- When Elijah fled from Jezebel, he traveled 40 days and nights to Mt. Horeb

FOUNDATIONS:

Ocean basin crust material is younger than the continental material which sits on it. This suggests that the Earth's land mass broke apart and expanded rapidly (Pangea was divided: continents all fit together)

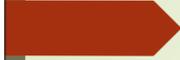
TIME:

Noah entered the Ark on the 17th day of the 2nd Month, and left the Ark on the 27th day of the 2nd Month of the following year.

*Where did all the water go? It's still here. If all the land on Earth was flat, it would be covered in 8,000 feet of water. (Remember, God divided the land, the mountains rose, and the valleys sank.)



God set a Rainbow in the Sky as a promise to never flood the whole Earth again.
(The Rainbow is a Christian symbol)



After the Flood

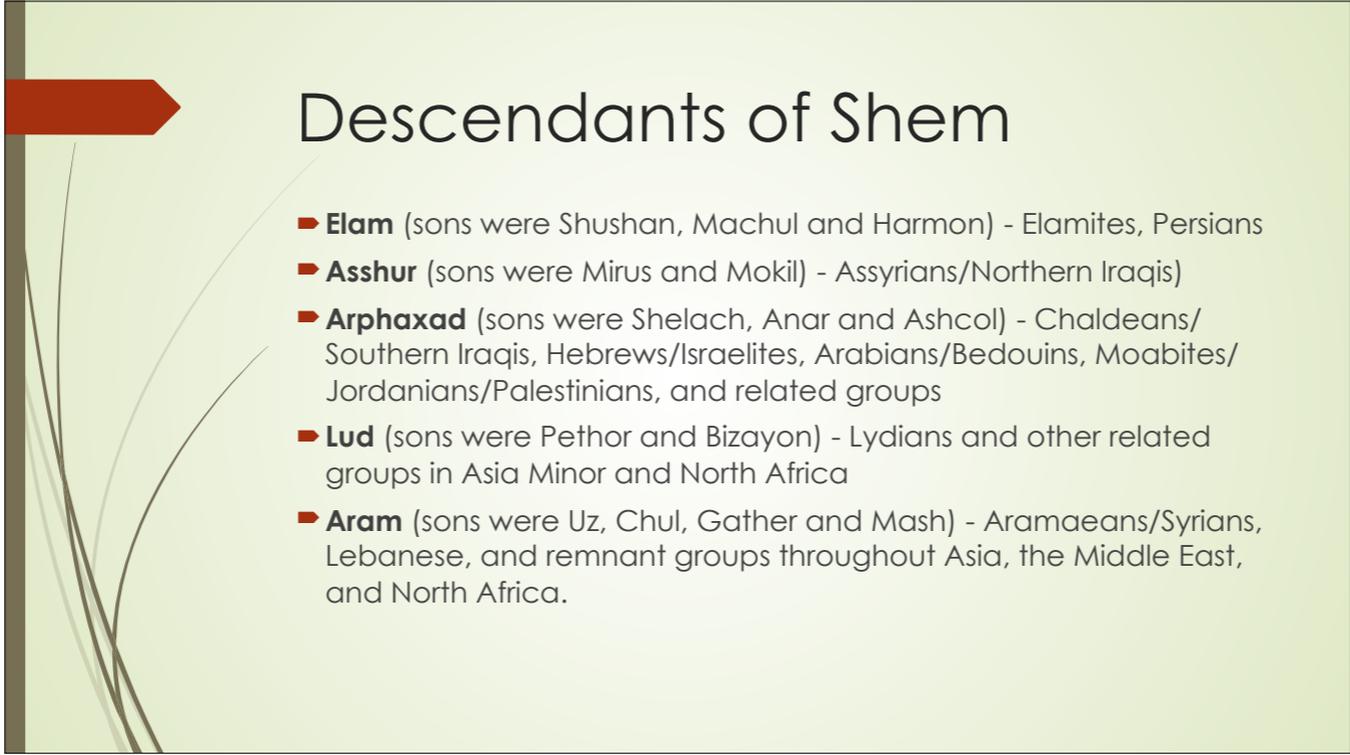
- God instituted the 4 seasons (Genesis 8:22)
- Man was given meat for food (Genesis 9:3)
- Capital Punishment is established for Murder because man is "made in the image of God" (Genesis 9:6)
- God told Noah to "replenish the Earth" (Genesis 9:1)
- Noah planted a vineyard, and got drunk off the wine
- Ham was cursed for mocking his father's nakedness
- Japheth and Shem were blessed by Noah (The Semitic people are descendants of Shem)



The Table of Nations

- Genesis Chapter 10 gives details about the origin of nations
- All modern nations are descendants from Shem, Ham, and Japheth
- 16 Grandsons of Noah are listed

Genesis 10 is the most ancient document in existence detailing the spread of people groups and nations



Descendants of Shem

- **Elam** (sons were Shushan, Machul and Harmon) - Elamites, Persians
- **Asshur** (sons were Mirus and Mokil) - Assyrians/Northern Iraqis)
- **Arphaxad** (sons were Shelach, Anar and Ashcol) - Chaldeans/Southern Iraqis, Hebrews/Israelites, Arabians/Bedouins, Moabites/Jordanians/Palestinians, and related groups
- **Lud** (sons were Pethor and Bizayon) - Lydians and other related groups in Asia Minor and North Africa
- **Aram** (sons were Uz, Chul, Gather and Mash) - Aramaeans/Syrians, Lebanese, and remnant groups throughout Asia, the Middle East, and North Africa.

Shem was the father of the Semitic people (Shemites)

The Hebrew people are descendants of Heber, the great grandson of Shem.



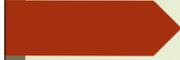
Descendants of Ham

- **Cush** (sons were Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah, Sabteca and Nimrod): Cushites, Nubians, Ethiopians, and other related groups
- **Mizraim** (sons were Lud, Anom, Pathros, Chasloth and Chaptor) The Egyptian people are descendants of *Mizraim*, which is the Arabic name for Egypt.
- **Phut** (sons were Gebul, Hadan, Benah and Adan): Libyans, Cyrenacians, Tunisians, Berbers, Somalians, Sudanese, North Africans, other related groups
- **Canaan** (sons were Sidon, Heth, Amor, Gergash, Hiv, Ark, Sin, Arod, Zemar and Hamat) - All Canaanites, Phoenicians (Sidon), Asians, Native Americans, and other related groups

Ethiopia, in the Bible, is called "The Land of Cush." The Egyptian word for Ethiopia is also "Kush"
Moses' wife, Zipporah, was a Cushite.

There was a Cushite Pharaoh who ruled Egypt, King Taharqa, who saved King Hezekiah and Jerusalem from the Assyrians. (Isaiah 37)

The Canaanites were known for "spreading out" and moving into new territories. It is believed that the people who settled much of Asia, the Americas, and the Pacific are descendants of Canaan.



Descendants of Japheth

- **Gomer** (sons were Ashkenaz, Riphath and Togarmah) : Caledonians, Armenians, Phrygians, Turks, Picts, Milesians, Umbrians, Helvetians, Celts, Galatians, Ostrogoths, Visigoths, Goths, Scandinavians, Franks, Burgundians, Alemanni, Germans, Belgians, Dutch, Austrians, Swiss, Angles, Saxons, Britons, and other related groups
- **Magog** (sons were Elichanaf, Lubal, Baath, Jobhath and Fathochta) -Russians, Ukrainians, Chechens, Finns, Estonians, Siberians, Poles, Czechs, Croatians, Bosnians, Armenians and other related groups
- **Madai** (sons were Achon, Zeelo, Chazoni and Lotalso) - Medes, Persians, Iranians, Achaemenians, Kurds, East Indians, the peoples of Afghanistan, Pakistan, and other related groups
- **Javan** (sons were Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim and Dodanim) -Greeks, Spartans, Dorians, Macedonians, Albanians, Carthaginians, Italians Sicilians, Spaniards, Portugese, other related groups
- **Tubal** (sons were Qriphi, Kesed and Taari) - Cossacks, Siberians, other related groups
- **Meshech** (sons were Dedon, Zaron and Shebashnialso) - Muscovites, Latvians, Lithuanians, Romanians, other related groups
- **Tiras** (sons were Benib, Gera, Lupirion and Gilak) - Trojans, Scandinavians, Vikings, Swedes, Norwegians, Danes, Baltics, other related groups).



The Diversification of People

- All modern ethnic groups trace their ancestry back to one man: Noah
- All nations and people groups are descendants from Shem, Ham, and Japheth
- The DNA of all living humans is closely related, meaning that diversification only happened within the past 5,000 years
- Skeptics question whether different ethnic groups could diversify so quickly (could Noah's grandchildren have been so ethnically diverse?)

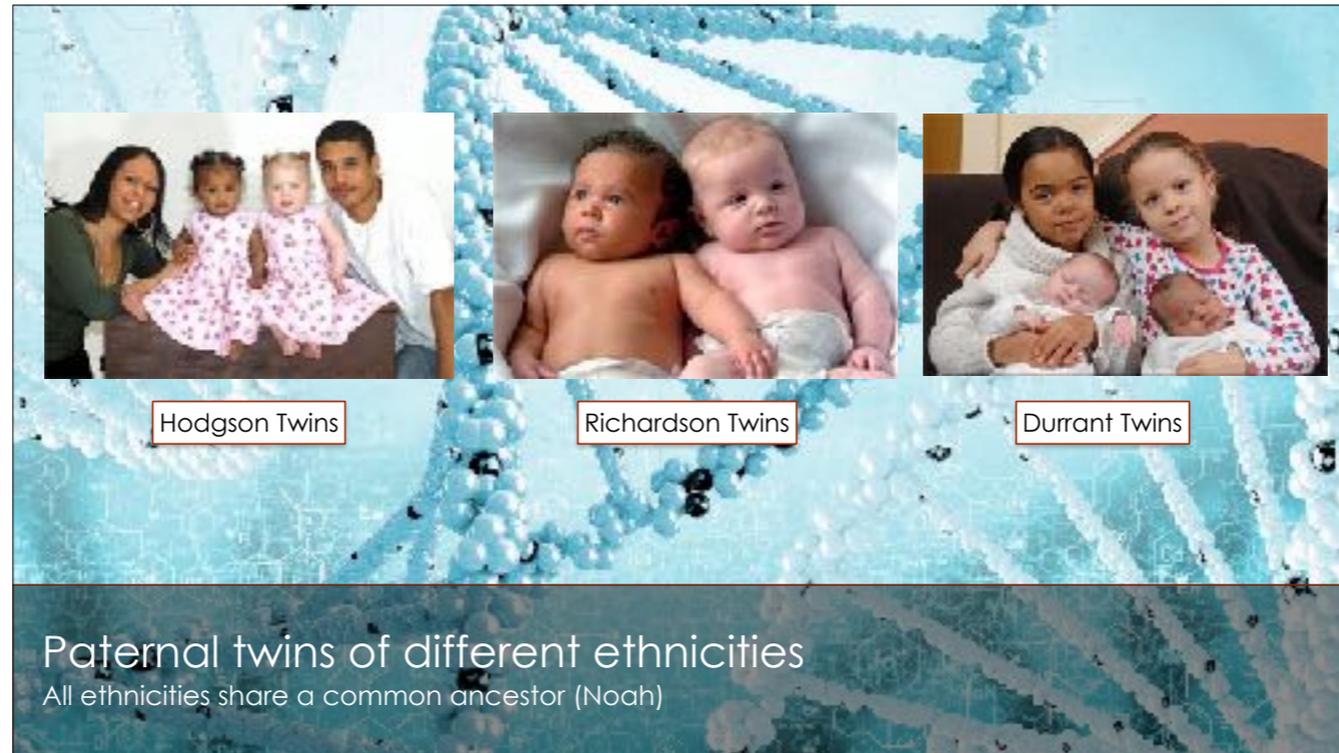
Pascal Gagneux, an biologist at the University of California at San Diego, and other members of a research team studied genetic variability among humans, compared to African chimpanzees.

According to evolution, humanoids have split off from chimpanzees about 5 million to 6 million years ago. With the passage of all that time, humans should have grown at least as genetically diverse as our cousins. That turns out to be not true.

The study found that one single group of 55 chimpanzees in west Africa has twice the genetic variability of all humans.

Dr. Gagneux stated: "Chimps who live in the same little group on the Ivory Coast are genetically more different from each other than you are from any human anywhere on the planet."

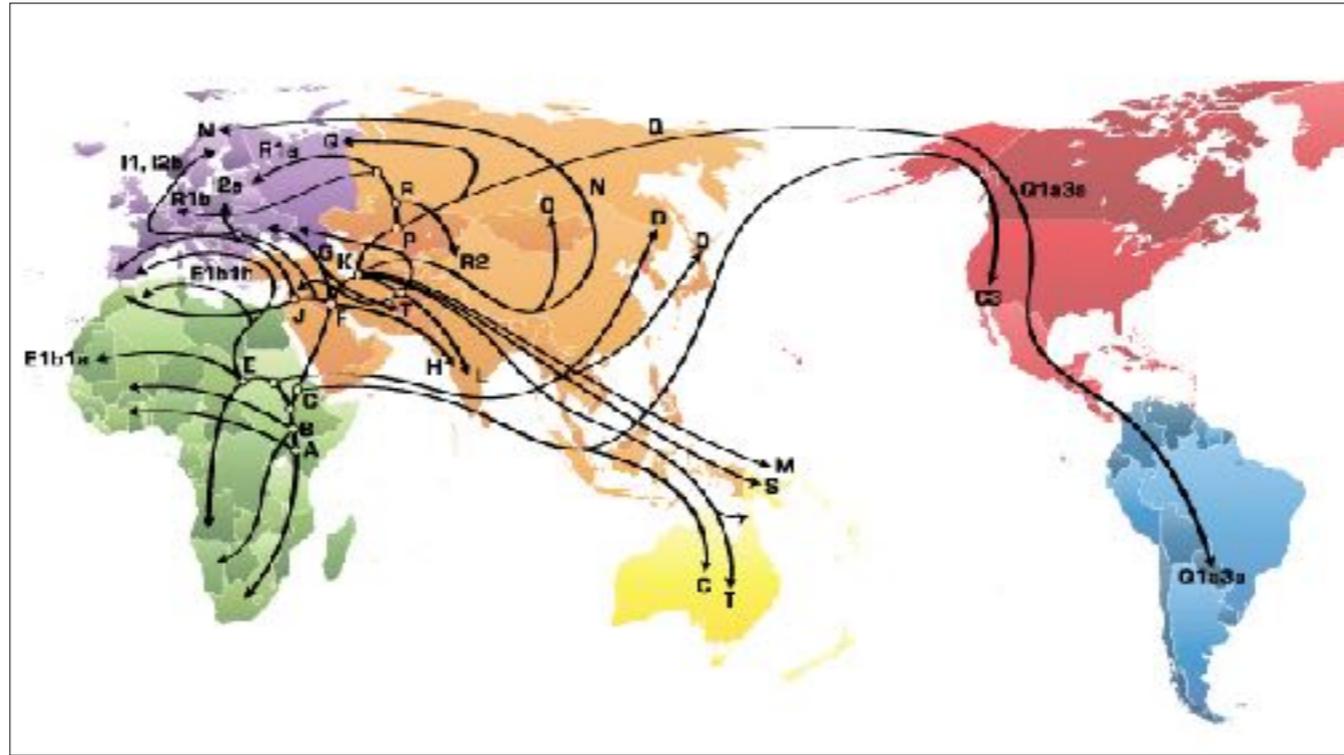
*That means that there was a near-extinction event, and that human DNA only began to diversify in the past 5,000 years.



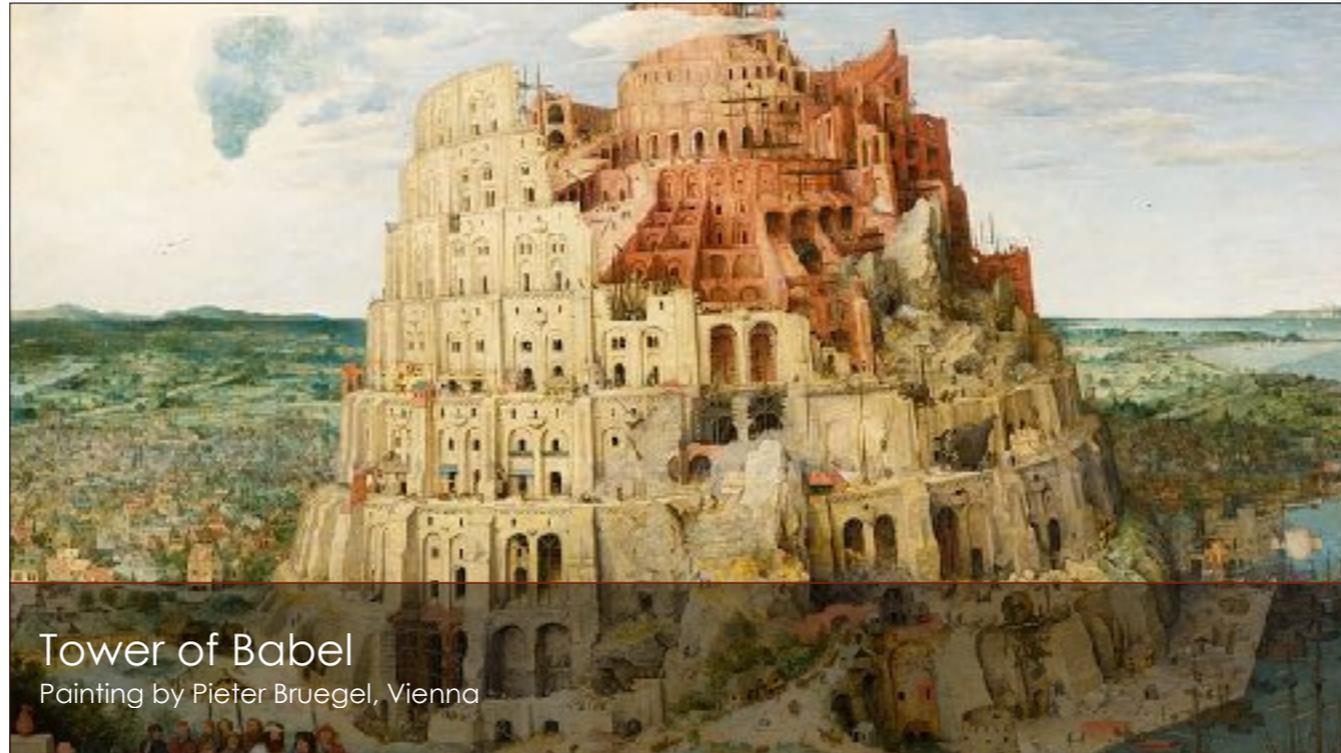
-Reme and Kian Hodgson born April 2005

-Layton and Kaydon Richardson born July 2006 are fraternal "black and white" twins.

More incredible was the birth of two sets of "Black and White" twins by Alison and Dean Durrant. Their first twins were born in 2001, and their second twins arrived in November 2008



DNA map tracing all humans back to the Middle East/Northern Africa (which is consistent with the Bible).



Tower of Babel
Painting by Pieter Bruegel, Vienna

We don't really know what the Tower of Babel looked like, or how Tall it was...but the point of Genesis 11 is not the SIZE of the Tower, it's the ARROGANCE of man.



The Tower of Babel

- All people spoke a common language (Genesis 11:1)
- The Tower was built on the Plain of Shinar (Babylon)
- The intent was to unite all mankind together into one empire (Genesis 11:4)
- God declared that nothing would be impossible for a united world (Genesis 11:6)
- To limit the ambitions of man, God “confused their languages” (Genesis 11:7)
- Diversification of peoples and languages then ensued

According to Evolutionists, all human language must have evolved from one common language. According to Linguists, that’s not what happened. Linguists have identified 20 families of languages, and the perplexing thing is that these 20 families aren’t related to each other.

*That lines up with what the Bible says...that independent languages suddenly appeared.

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PENTECOST was the reverse of curse of Babel...

