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Text:

The Holy Bible, New International Version. Pradis CD-ROM:Ge 11:10.

From Shem to Abram

11:10-27 pp—Ge 10:21-31; 1Ch 1:17-27

Ge 11:10 This is the account^d of Shem.

Two years after the flood, when Shem was 100 years old, he became the father^e of Arphaxad.

Ge 11:11 And after he became the father of Arphaxad, Shem lived 500 years and had other sons and daughters.

Ge 11:12 When Arphaxad had lived 35 years, he became the father of Shelah.^f

Ge 11:13 And after he became the father of Shelah, Arphaxad lived 403 years and had other sons and daughters.⁶²

Ge 11:14 When Shelah had lived 30 years, he became the father of Eber.^g

Ge 11:15 And after he became the father of Eber, Shelah lived 403 years and had other sons and daughters.

Ge 11:16 When Eber had lived 34 years, he became the father of Peleg.^h

Ge 11:17 And after he became the father of Peleg, Eber lived 430 years and had other sons and daughters.

Ge 11:18 When Peleg had lived 30 years, he became the father of Reu.ⁱ

Ge 11:19 And after he became the father of Reu, Peleg lived 209 years and had other sons and daughters.

Ge 11:20 When Reu had lived 32 years, he became the father of Serug.^j

Ge 11:21 And after he became the father of Serug, Reu lived 207 years and had other sons and daughters.

Ge 11:22 When Serug had lived 30 years, he became the father of Nahor.^k

Ge 11:23 And after he became the father of Nahor, Serug lived 200 years and had other sons and daughters.

Ge 11:24 When Nahor had lived 29 years, he became the father of Terah.^l

Ge 11:25 And after he became the father of Terah, Nahor lived 119 years and had other sons and daughters.

Ge 11:26 After Terah had lived 70 years, he became the father of Abram,^m Nahorⁿ and Haran.^o _

I. Intro:

A. Children naming grandparents = whatever child calls him/her is his/her name.

B. Text is a genealogy

1. Genealogy establishes legitimacy (e.g. inheritance)

2. Genealogy establishes identity

- i. Necessary for acceptance into a family
- ii. Necessary for personal security
- iii. Necessary to be significant

II. Title: God has a Shem for the human family

A. God has a Shem for the human family in spite of His judgment of sin

1. Genesis 11:4 “Then they said, ‘Come, let us build ourselves a city with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth.’”

- i. Humanity tried to make a ‘name’ in Shinar
- ii. Refused God’s command to fill the earth in Gen. 1:28
- iii. God causes arrogant humanity to Babel

2. Genesis 6:3 “Then the Lord said, ‘My Spirit will not contend with man forever, for he is mortal; his days will be a hundred and twenty years.’”

3. Each generation’s life is dramatically shorter than the previous

- i. Shem lived 600 years
- ii. Arphaxad lived 438 years
- iii. Shelah lived 433 years
- iv. Eber lived 464 years
- v. Peleg lived 239 years
- vi. Reu lived 239 years
- vii. Serug lived 230 years
- viii. Nahor lived 148 years
- ix. Terah lived 205 years

B. God has a Shem for the human family because of His promises

“The scaffolding of human pride would be dismantled by the erection of the Shemite line that culminates in obedient Abraham, who likewise is found in the region of Shinar. Abraham would prove to be the nation’s deliverance.”

-Kenneth Mathews, New American Commentary. B&H 1996. (487)

1. God continued the line of Seth after the flood, because He promised to crush the seed of the serpent
 - i. the phrase had “sons and daughters”
 - ii. Terah became the father of Abram from who Christ would come
 2. God continued the line of Seth because of His covenant with Noah
 - i. Absence of the phrase and he died
 - ii. Looks forward to the covenant with Abraham
- C. God has a Shem for the human family today – His name is Jesus
1. From Abraham would come one greater than Abraham
 - i. Matthew 1 records Jesus’ genealogy from Abraham
 - ii. Jesus descended from Adam conquered Satan on the cross, paying the price for all of humanity’s sins
 2. We are Abraham’s seed and heirs of the promise by faith in Jesus Christ. Galatians 6:26-29
 - i. Our identity is secure in Christ
 - a. I am accepted
 - b. I am secure
 - c. I am significant
 - ii. We don’t have to make a name for ourselves for we carry the name that is above every name.
 - iii. The serpent wants us to believe that we cannot have God’s name.