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The Tower of Babel

- Shinar = Babylon (Mesopotamia).
- Tar = pitch (Heb. “kippur”) = covering.
- *“Make a name for ourselves”* = humanism.
- They disobeyed God’s command: Be fruitful and fill the earth.
- Many scholars believe Nimrod is the founder and leader at the Tower of Babel. (Gen. 10:10)
- Babel means confusion.

Josephus – Jewish Historian

“He [Nimrod] persuaded them to attribute their prosperity not to God but to their own valour, and little by little transformed the state of affairs into tyranny, holding that the only way to detach men from the fear of God was by making them continuously dependent upon his power. He threatened to have his revenge on God if He wished to inundate the earth again; for he would build a tower higher than the water could reach and avenge the destruction of their forefathers.”

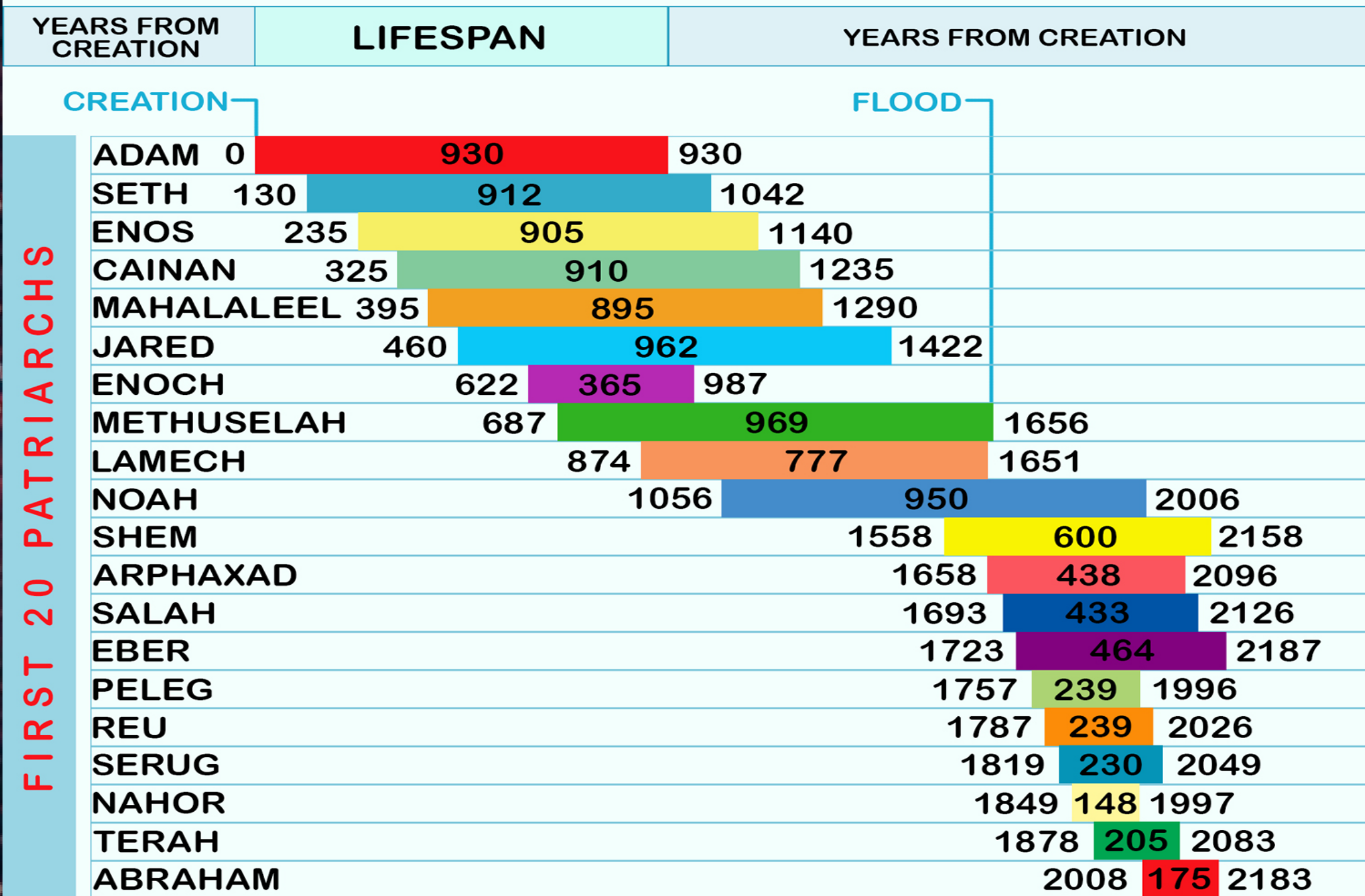
Babylon

- Mentioned 294 times in the Bible.
- The earliest form of human government.
- The seat of astrology and idolatry.
- The origin of paganism (Mother/Child cult)
- Semiramis: “Queen of Heaven” (Jer. 44:17)
- Tammuz: Nimrod reincarnated (Ezek. 8:12-15)
- Other cultures: Ishtar/Baal; Aphrodite/Eros; Venus/Cupid, etc.

Pentecost (Acts 2)

- The reversal of Babel.
- Wind coming from heaven.
- People united under Jesus Christ and *filled with the Holy Spirit*.
- Many languages to one language.
- *Vs. 5 – Every nation under heaven.*
- *Vs. 11 – Declaring the wonders of heaven.*

“I firmly believe this; and I also believe that, without his [God’s] concurring aid, we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of **Babel**... I therefore beg leave to move that, henceforth, prayers imploring the assistance of heaven and its blessings on our deliberations be held in the assembly every morning before we proceed to business, and that one or more of the clergy of this city be requested to officiate in that service.” – Benjamin Franklin (1787)



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