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## **Hebrews 11**

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This chapter has a lot to do with and talk about Faith and Belief. Bear with me as we set the stage for that discussion by God.

I am not judging anyone other than myself, but in teaching I have used words like “us” and “we”, so you all understand that self-assessment, self judgement is one of the keys to walking in obedience to God. God tells us to judge ourselves:

***1 Corinthians 11:31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.***

This self judgement is a part of Faith and Belief. First do we have Faith in the One who told us to judge ourselves and secondly do we believe God when He tells us to judge ourselves?

When we honestly judge ourselves, we are really letting the Holy Spirit judge us. The Holy Spirit of God has much more accurate information about our hearts, minds and motives than we do. We tend to temper our self-accusations where the Holy Spirit speaks with boldness in TRUTH. Are we willing to listen to hear those

hard words that we are somehow lacking in our obedience to God.

The question is, are we willing to listen to that voice in our hearts when He tells us to change something or not to do something or TO DO something? Or do we refuse to move or do we just push ahead feeling we are in the right or it is no big deal? If the Spirit brings something to mind it is a big deal. Faith in the Holy Spirit's ability to judge our motives is where we all need to get to.

Beginning with Truth, God has said a few things about TRUTH.

***John 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. (Emphasis mine)***

***John 1:17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. (Emphasis mine)***

***John 8:36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.***

If we can all agree that if we fail to operate in TRUTH, then we are placing ourselves contrary to God. Seek the TRUTH from the Word of God and that TRUTH will set you free. In the end it will come down to FAITH in that TRUTH; Christ is TRUTH. Do we have FAITH in letting Christ run our lives or are we stuck on us running the show?

***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. (Emphasis mine); not a truth but **THE Truth**)***

***John 1:14 The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (Emphasis mine)***

Faith has this huge dynamic that embraces the unseen universe and all that it contains. We can all see parts of the physical universe both far and near, so it is not a matter of faith to believe it is there. What we see in the physical is contained in intellectual or head knowledge. From that worldly head knowledge/understanding we develop our World View. We see it; therefore, we believe it exists. This world view is often opposed to what is called a Biblical World View. A Biblical World View is defining what we see through the lens of the Word of God.

So, where does Faith and Belief and Godly knowledge come in? We can have faith a physical knowledge based faith in the seen universe mainly due to God's immutable laws of nature. We can know by experience that gravity will operate today as it did yesterday, and we believe that. We can know that our car will start and deliver us again based on physical experience and knowledge. We can also know that sometimes it won't start which

is probably due to our failure in proper maintenance. All this knowledge is based on our experience in God's laws and skills of those who make devices we use. All of this is based in the physical world we live in and see.

However, Faith in the unseen God is a different level of Faith and belief. It is a Godly realm type of Faith and Belief. Believing in something so completely that against all human wisdom we reject this world in a desire to live in the next one with Jesus more than here. We will walk in this Godly Faith against all common sense to the contrary. So assured that God is our Father and Protector that life here is merely a waypoint in eternity. Patiently waiting for our Redeemer to appear and to live in what Jesus has prepared for His Believers.

However, while here we are asked to walk in obedience to God's Word, to reach out to an unsaved world, to share the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Not religion but a relationship with our Creator and Savior.

There are three words that can cause us to struggle a bit. Biblical Belief, Faith, and Knowledge. Belief and Faith are I think

generated in the heart as opposed to the head or brain. God spoke to this idea of “faith”.

First let’s look at what man defines **faith** as:  
From *Century dictionary*

*“The assent of the mind to the truth of a proposition or statement for which there is not complete evidence; belief in general. Specifically Firm belief based upon confidence in the authority and veracity of another, rather than upon one's own knowledge, reason, or judgment; earnest and trustful confidence: as, to have faith in the testimony of a witness; to have faith in a friend.”*

This is what God says about “**Faith**”.

***Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.***

According to Strong’s Concordance the word “**substance**” in vs one in the Greek is “assurance or guarantee”.

*“Transliteration: hupostasis*

*Phonetic Spelling: (hoop-os'-tas-is)*

*Definition: a support, substance, steadiness, assurance”*

*“**5287** hypóstasis (from [5259](#) /hypó, "under" and [2476](#) /hístēmi, "to stand") – properly, (to possess) standing under a guaranteed agreement ("title-deed")”*

In our vernacular it would mean that “Faith”, given to us by God is the “guarantee” from Him to us about all that He has said He has done, and will do. It is what God calls TRUTH. God is TRUTH.

So, in that verse Hebrews:

***Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.***

Now faith is the guarantee of things hoped for.....

The seed of Faith that God plants in each new Believer is the Word of God. I can only speak to the moment in my life when I realized what God had said and what Jesus had done, He had done for me. It was like a light switch being turned on, all of a sudden, I could see what Jesus did on the cross was for me. The relationship that is created by Christ when He plants that seed of understanding (Faith) in our heart is like nothing else I have ever experienced. It is a total and complete agreement as to what Jesus said He would do and what He did. He saved me.

Today we have the Blood of the Lamb that if we have Faith in that Blood and what Christ did, we are saved, it is a guarantee to us from God.

In Hebrews 11 it is apparent that God through this author was address a crisis of Faith in these Hebrew Believers. If you are having a Crisis in Faith, just know in your heart that God loves

you so much He sent His Only Son to die on the cross for you. Just Believe and have Faith in Jesus. Start there and let Jesus take you the rest of the way.

## **Faith is Being Sure**

**1Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 2For by it the elders obtained a good report.**

God has blessed each Believer with the seed of faith.

***Ephesians 2:8 8For by grace are ye saved through **faith**; and that not of yourselves: **it is the gift of God**: 9Not of works, lest any man should boast. (Emphasis mine)***

God explains through Paul here that by the Grace or (Kindness) of God, Believers are saved. That Kindness or as Paul calls it “Grace” is predicated on our “Faith”. So, is God saying that we decide the salvation issue by self-generation of Faith? Not at all, the verse clearly points out that this Faith that saves us because of God’s Kindness (Grace) is also from Him. It is called not a gift, but **THE GIFT of God**. Faith is THE GIFT OF GOD to you.

There were many of the early Church fathers (elders) that saw first-hand what Christ did and spoke.

Vs 2 is a reference to early Church leaders or early mature men of the church.

From Strong's concordance:

*“**4245** presbýteros – properly, a mature man having seasoned judgment (experience); an elder.”*

One Disciple or early Church leader was gently rebuked by Jesus for his lack of Faith; in that Thomas said he could not believe in Jesus' resurrection unless he saw and touched Jesus' wounds.

*John 20: **24**But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. **25**The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.*

***26**And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. **27**Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and **be not faithless, but believing.** **28**And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. **29**Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.(Emphasis mine)*

In vs 27 it appears that Faith is the precursor to Belief. Thomas is told by Jesus to **“be not be faithless, but believe”**. If we don't have Faith in the Author of our Salvation, then it is impossible to Believe in our Salvation.

We can go back into the Old Testament when God brought Israel out of Egypt and see how many times, they did not have Faith in



God even after seeing miracle after miracle. They Believed that He was there but were challenged to have Faith in Him to do the next miraculous thing to bring them safely to the Promised Land.

On the issue of “belief” the Bible tells us that even the demons believe.

***James 2:19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.***

We are in a special position as Christians today. It is our privilege to Believe, to have Faith in all that God has said and done often without seeing. Most of us have seen or experienced some type of miracle and still we do not give ourselves fully over to Jesus like the disciple, Thomas. That is on us, it is time for total and complete FAITH in Christ and what HE did for us, period.

Troubling times are coming and the idea of surviving with the milk of the word is over, we need to feast on the “meat” of the word, fully giving ourselves to Jesus, the WORD of God.

God cautions us if we do not dig deeply into the Word rightly dividing it then we may drift away from God’s Word.

***Hebrews 5: [11](#)Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing. [12](#)For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. [13](#)For every one that useth milk is***

*unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.*  
**14***But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.*

**3**Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

This is a challenging verse in some sense. First, on this Faith issue, is God Himself. He is invisible to us in our 3-dimensional world, but we know He exists. He created all the things we can see and all the things we cannot see. The point of this verse is that everything that God created was created from nothing by God's Will. He created every molecule, every atom, every aspect of creation was by Him. When God says that that ***“there is no new thing under the sun”***, He means that nothing new can be created that He did not create.

***Ecclesiastes 1:9 The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.***

He is declaring that man can create nothing without using the limited number of atoms He already created. And man's creation is really just a realignment of the atoms God already created. Man cannot create a single new atom. As an example, God did not create rubber tires, man did. But that creation of rubber is using the already created molecules that God created from nothing into

a substance called rubber. It could not exist without all the molecules and atoms that God already created. Man added no new atom to creation, man simply coupled existing atoms in a way that made rubber. Same with concrete, asphalt, clothing, etc.

Have you heard of ChatGPT? As a side note I believe AI will be used eventually by the Anti-Christ to carry out many of his fake miracles, so just be aware of the dangers associated with AI.

ChatGPT is an Artificial Intelligence bot that they claim has a grasp of all known knowledge and can create documents in seconds after being asked a question. ChatGPT can then translate its answer into almost any language in seconds. It supposedly searches the knowledge contained on the internet which is connected to large storage of data or man's knowledge. ChatGPT can also respond to Biblical questions but be very suspicious of its understanding. I was searching for an answer to the same question someone asked ChatGPT.

*“Can man create an atom from nothing? Has it ever been done?”*

*ChatGPT*

*No, it is not possible for man to create an atom from nothing. Atoms are the basic building blocks of matter, and they are made up of protons, neutrons, and electrons. These particles cannot be created or destroyed, only rearranged. In terms of research, scientists have been able to manipulate atoms and create new*

*forms of matter. For example, scientists have been able to create new types of atoms by bombarding atoms with high-energy particles, and they have also been able to create molecules by combining atoms in new ways. But these processes involve the rearrangement of existing atoms, rather than creating atoms from nothing.”*

There were others, Humans to be exact, that held a different view. They say, looking back 14 million years and use the term “Big Bang”. As soon as I hear that my eyes glaze over and I know I am listening to an non-believer.

So, when new elements are discovered in the universe by space travel those also were created by God from nothing.

It was all created by an unseen God. The GOD of all creation. So, our FAITH starts there, FAITH in our unseen GOD. Faith that was planted in every Believer by that same unseen God. It was that Faith in an unseen God that led the men and women of renowned in mankind’s history that carried out God’s commands without question. We need to follow suit.

### **The Faith of Abel, Enoch, Noah**

**4By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.**

In Genesis we not told why Abel's offering was better than Cain's specifically. However, by deduction it appears that it was important of WHAT was offered by the FAITH but also the heart condition of the sinner that was offering it. In other words, how important was the gift to God from the giver and how important was the heart condition of the giver towards God?

We can see by looking at those verses that Able gave the first of his flock, which "obtained witness that he was righteous". The first the very best he had to give was given to God in the FAITH; that the heart of the giver was pure in presenting his very best that he had to offer. Plus, and perhaps more importantly Able offered an animal sacrifice before God. It was the second time an animal was sacrificed in order to address man's sin recorded in the Bible.

***Genesis 4: [4](#)And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:***

***Hebrews 9:22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.***

**Q.** The mention of this being the second time an animal was offered as a sacrifice; what was the first time recorded in the Bible?

***Genesis 3:[21](#)Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.***

The original sin of Adam and Eve required the shedding of innocent blood to make the coats that would cover their nakedness.

***Genesis 3: [8](#)And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. [9](#)And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? [10](#)And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. [11](#)And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?***

If you continue on to Genesis 3:21 you will see the order of what had to happen due to man's sin against God, the Creator.

Back to Able. Able held nothing back as to his FAITH and his heart-felt gift to God. Able realized that an innocent animal had to be sacrificed to appease God and be seen as righteous to God. The declaration of being righteous is from the one who determines what righteousness is, that's "God".

No mention was made as to what order of crop Cain had given God, in any case we know that Blood is required for the forgiveness of sin and Cain did not offer that type of sacrifice. The sense is that Cain brought something other than an animal sacrifice. The implication is that Cain's heart was not fully invested in God. It was an unwelcome labor by Cain to give this

gift to God and why give the best when the mediocre would do? When God “regarded” Abel’s offering and did not regard Cain’s offering it infuriated Cain and he killed his brother. Yet another sin and this one, the unrighteous spilling of innocent blood.

We are talking about Faith and Belief, but I think it is heart condition that plagued Cain. If Able new to bring an innocent animal to sacrifice to God why didn’t Cain? If we do what God’s asks of us begrudgingly, not with a joyful heart filled with Faith and Belief, God will likely not “regard” our acts. God will say something like this to us:

***Matthew 15: [8](#)This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.[9](#)But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.***

The last part of the verse 4 of Hebrews 11; “**and by it he being dead yet speaketh.**”, references the spirit of Abel’s blood cries out over the centuries to God for the wanton act of murder, seeking justice. God says that vengeance is His, He will provide justice for all in the end.

Remember this, you, we, have been redeemed by the innocent blood of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. Innocent Blood was shed for each of us. This blood, the Blood of Jesus is sufficient to cover not only our sins sitting in this room but the sins of the entire

world, the entire population that has ever lived and will live. Jesus's Blood was that special before the eyes of His Father and our Father God in Heaven. It was done for us.

**5**By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

*“he had this testimony”*? What was the “testimony”. The testimony is recorded in:

*Genesis 5:21*And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah: *22*And **Enoch walked with God** after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: *23*And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: *24*And **Enoch walked with God:** and he was not; for God took him.

Enoch's testimony according to God was that “Enoch walked with God.” Is there someone from the past that walked with God then hid from God due to sin? So, the issue here is Obedience. Adam and Eve, when given the chance to be obedient failed. Enoch, when given the chance to be “obedient” grasped that opportunity and was pleasing to God; “Enoch walked with God”. Enoch was obedient during extraordinarily evil times on earth.

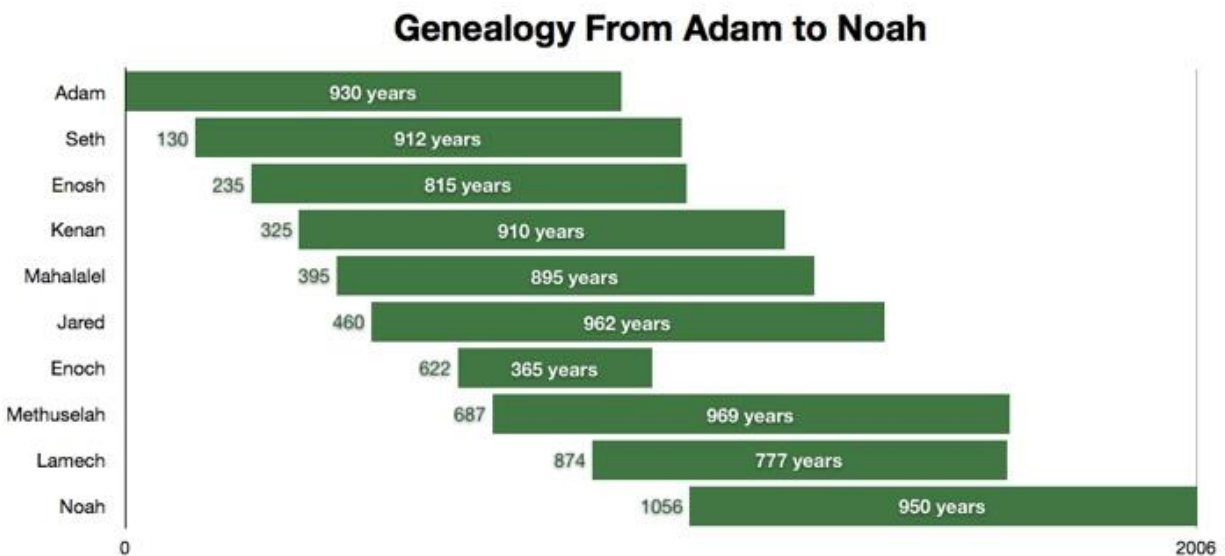
So, what is our “testimony”? Do we look like and act like and sound like disciples of Christ or do we look, sound and act like the world? Do we walk with God? Or do we walk with the world and



Satan? It is a horrible time to be a young person without Jesus, evil is everywhere, in almost everything that is trying to get the attention of our youth. They need our prayers and God's Guidance, from His Word.

Enoch was the father of Methuselah and great grandfather of Noah. God "took" Enoch the year before the flood, some suggest that Enoch was taken up 7 days before the flood. There are only 10 verses in the Old and New Testament that talk about Enoch, yet he was esteemed by God.

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Enoch pleased God with his testimony and was perhaps an example of the coming Rapture demonstrating God's ultimate power in the manner of Life/Death/Rapture.

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**I need to correct something I said last week that Mike questioned. I had said that Enoch was taken up the year of the flood. That was incorrect, it was Methuselah that died the year of the flood. Enoch was taken up by God about 69 years before the flood. The flood appears to have occurred in 1656, Enoch was taken in 987. That means Enoch was taken up about 669 years before the flood. I apologize for misstating that. Thanks Mike for catching the error in teaching.**

**6But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.**

We spend a lot of time considering our Faith in Christ and what He accomplished on the Cross. The basis of our Faith must start with our Faith in God the Father. It is that Faith in God that Jesus demonstrated all the way to the Cross. Jesus's basis of Faith was in God the Father as should ours be. To Believe in God, you must seek Him in His Word. The seeking and walking as God intended us to do is the evidence of Faith.

***Hebrews 11:1*1Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.**

Again, FAITH is our guarantee from God.

**7**By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

Faith in God by Noah and fear in what Noah believed God said about a flood was coming, moved Noah to build an arc.

God says that by his Faith, Noah

***“condemned the world and became heir to righteousness which is by faith.”***

Noah’s act of Faith to do as God told Him was in stark contrast to the world around Noah. Evil was rampant we are told, and they would not listen to Noah. Each person doing what was right in their own minds. Rejecting the Creator God.

***Luke 17: 26***And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. **27***They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.*

The “days of the Son man” is a reference to Daniel 7 prophesy about the future. When Daniel prophesied about the future some of that came true in his lifetime. Some did not but did happen prior to Jesus being born. The Roman empire was in existence when Jesus was on earth. But part of the prophesy was for a time much later than when Jesus was on the earth. That is called the “days

of the Son of man”. It is about when Jesus returns to earth also called His Second Coming. The point being here in Hebrews is that the times of Noah will be like the times when the Son of man returns.

The times of Noah were filled with evil from men and from fallen angels. In spite of all the evil in the world Noah continued to walk in obedience to God in the face being ridiculed and laughed at. That rejection of Noah’s warnings from God condemned the world. It separated the righteous from the unrighteous.

Much the same is happening now in our world. As Believers’ continuing to walk in obedience to God, in real obedience as the world increases its hatred for our God and our Savior, the world is again being condemned by righteousness, the righteous walk of Believers.

This is a quote from Got Questions:

*“The biblical account of Noah begins in [Genesis 6](#). Approximately 1,600 years had passed since the creation of Adam and Eve ([Genesis 1:26–27](#)). As the earth’s population exploded in number, it also exploded with evil. Long forgotten was the righteous sacrifice of Abel ([Genesis 4:4](#)) as **“the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually”** ([Genesis 6:5](#)). Verses 11 and 12 say, **“Now the earth was corrupt in God’s sight, and the earth was filled with***

***violence. And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.” However, “Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord” (verse 8).”***

According to Answers in Genesis it took Noah around 75 years to build the arc. Consider the depth of Faith and fear that would move a person to carry out such a task as building an arc when there had never been rain. Two reasons are extraordinary, up until this time there was no rain on the earth the earth was watered with a mist, yet Noah was building a vessel for an event that had never happened: a flood. The other depth of Faith was that God would somehow get the animals to cooperate with Noah on boarding a structure that would not be their normal habitat.

<https://answersingenesis.org/bible-timeline/how-long-did-it-take-for-noah-to-build-the-ark/>

*“Consider that the Ark was completed prior to loading the animals that the Lord brought to Noah (Genesis 7:1–4) and that they had to take time to gather food and store it aboard the Ark (Genesis 6:21). So carefully considering the text, we can conclude that the construction of the Ark did not involve the 120 years mentioned in Genesis 6:3 but 75 years at the most.”*

The point being that the rest of the time about 45 years was spent preparing the quarters to house the animals and the food needed to feed them and Noah’s family.

***Genesis 6: [21](#)And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be for***

*food for thee, and for them. **22**Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.*

## The Faith of Abraham

**(Genesis 15:1-7; Romans 4:1-12; Galatians 3:1-9; James 2:14-26)**

**8**By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. **9**By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as *in* a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: **10**For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God.

Abraham called the father of the promise was directed by God to seek a place toward Egypt. A place where God would lay a foundation for His chosen people. Abraham was directed to a mountain in the area of Canaan. It was on these very mountains that Abraham would prepare his son Isaac for sacrifice at God's direction. The city near there at the time when Abraham took Isaac there was Jebus. It would become Jerusalem. Genealogy shows that these people were from Noah's son Shem and his son Canaan had one son called Amorite. The Amorites were an evil people and convicted by God. The Jews were not allowed to intermarry with them, but some did it anyway.

**Genesis 15: 16But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full.**

**17And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces.**

**18In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:**

**19The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites,  
20And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims,  
21And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the  
Girgashites, and the Jebusites.**

*From Got Questions:*

*“God described their pagan worship as abominable practices ([Deuteronomy 20:18](#)), which may have included child sacrifice.”*

**11Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.**

From the time Abraham and Sara were promised a son, it took 15 years for that to come about. Sarah's belief that God was faithful was the needed element. God was going to do what He was going to do, He just needed a willing participant who would Believe, and that was Sara. If she had refused to believe in God and what He said, God would have had to find another path forward. I say that like God was sitting on the edge of His Throne wondering would Sara Believe? God knows exactly what each of

us is going to do from before the creation of time. He is not in suspense like we are.

**12Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.**

This verse is about the promise God made to Abraham that he would be the father of many nations. This verse is saying that Abraham was one individual, “**even of one**” old enough to die yet by God’s Promise and Abraham’s FAITH his offspring would be to innumerable to number.

***Romans 4:19 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb:***

***Genesis 15:8But Abram replied, “Lord GOD, how can I know that I will possess it?” 9And the LORD said to him, “Bring Me a heifer, a goat, and a ram, each three years old, along with a turtledove and a young pigeon.” 10So Abram brought all these to Him, split each of them down the middle, and laid the halves opposite each other. The birds, however, he did not cut in half. 11And the birds of prey descended on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away. 12As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and suddenly great terror and darkness overwhelmed him.***

***13Then the LORD said to Abram, “Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years. 14But I will judge the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will depart with many possessions.c 15You, however, will go to your fathers in***

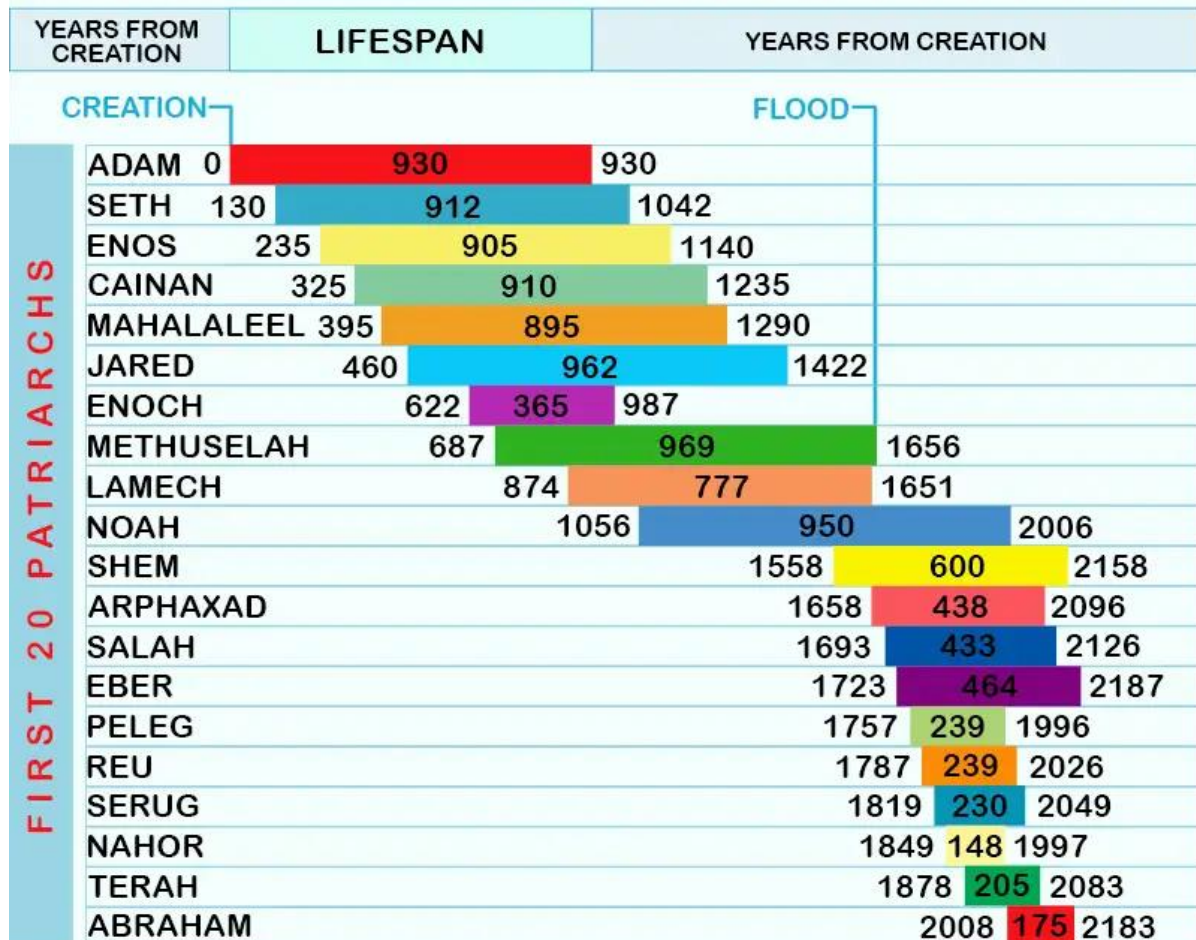


peace and be buried at a ripe old age. **16**In the fourth generation your descendants will return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.”

**17**When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, behold, a smoking firepot and a flaming torch appeared and passed between the halves of the carcasses. **18**On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I have given this land—from the river of Egypt to the great River Euphrates— **19**the land of the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, **20**Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites, **21**Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites, and Jebusites.”

## CHRONOLOGY CHART FROM ADAM TO ABRAHAM

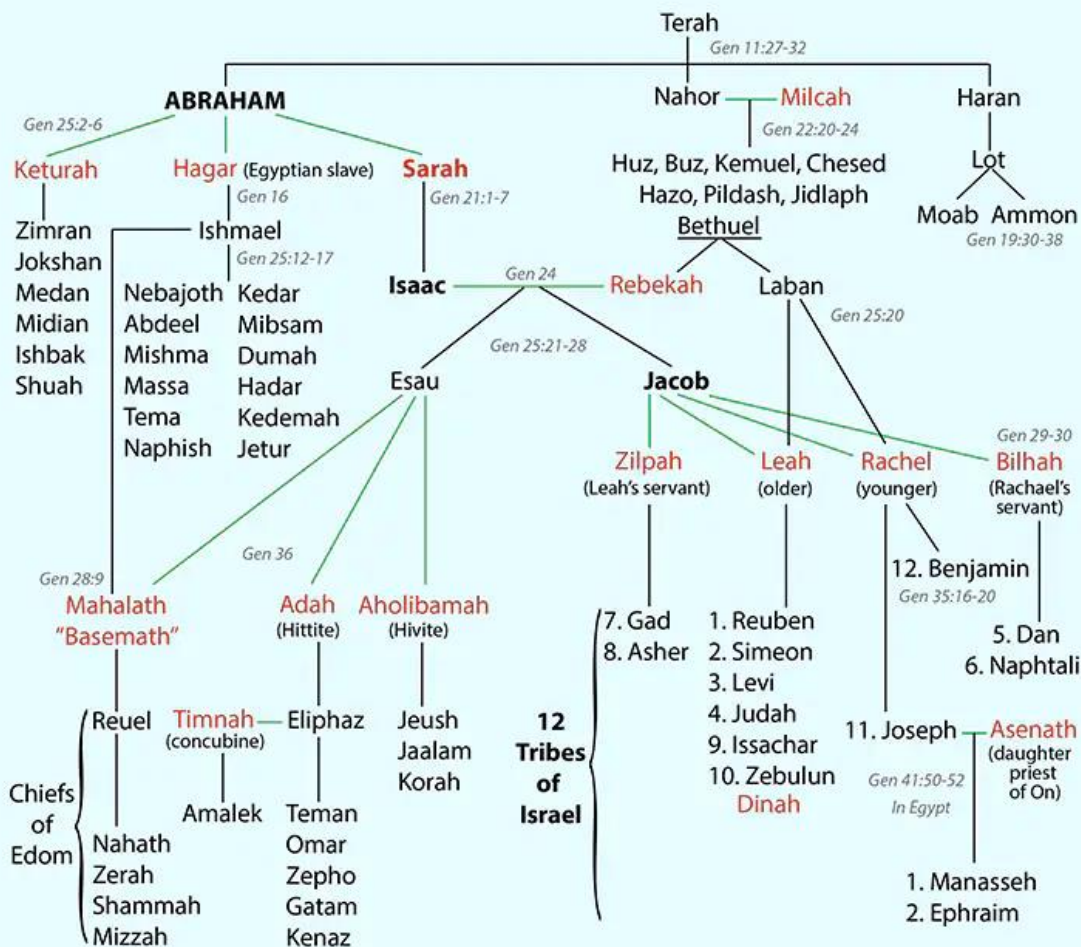
### Lifespan of the Biblical Patriarchs



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As a side note, God gave the Amorites 400 years to repent and come to God. All the while Israel was enslaved in Egypt. 400 years to repent. Consider this, America has existed for only

approximately 247 years, and God has called America to repent. What has been her answer? The depth of hatred of God in America is increasing. The hatred against those who love God is increasing. I just read an article where the name Jesus was removed from several children's movies by Disney and others. Just the mention of His name was removed due to their hatred of God. What do you suppose the odds are that America will repent?

***2 Peter 3: [8](#)But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. [9](#)The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.***

This particular promise from God is judgement. Judgement of the world and all who refused to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior.

**[13](#)These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of *them*, and embraced *them*, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.**

Just like our forefathers all the way back to Abraham we have been given a promise, it is far closer now than when it was given. Those who we look to in history against all common sense stood their ground for God anticipating the promise. They did not get to see the promise in their lifetime but if any generation that has ever

lived may be that generation that sees the promise fulfilled it is the generation that saw God bring Israel back as a nation in 1948.

So, what will the days be like just prior to Jesus' return.

**2 Timothy 3: 1This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. 6For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, 7Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. 8Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. 9But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was.**

We are strangers and pilgrims on this earth, longing for the day when the promise is fulfilled. It may be in our lifetime or not. The fact is that God will bring about the promise of eternity with Him. It is just a matter of time. This promise is to spend eternity with Jesus our Lord and Savior. The promise was that of eternal life. When the Old Testament saints died, they were sequestered in Paradise awaiting the promise of the Messiah. It was also called the bosom of Abraham, a place where they were well cared for awaiting the arrival of Messiah.

**14For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. 15And truly, if they had been mindful of that *country* from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. 16But now they desire a better *country*, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.**

All along, God was telling Abraham of a country that he would help populate. Abraham was said to be looking for a city that God would build. As a type and shadow Jerusalem and the temple that would be built there was a shadow of what the true country that Abraham was seeking and would eventually find in heaven with God. It took 1767 years from the time God promised Abraham a county, meaning heaven for Abraham to see it.

Quote from Got Questions on this issue:

*“As was the case in Abraham’s day we know that God’s judgment is coming. Unlike Abraham, we don’t have a timeline to give us an idea of when that day will be. All we know is that God’s judgment has not yet fallen, which means that God is patient and the sins of modern nations have not yet reached the full measure”*

**17By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, 18Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: 19Accounting that God was able to raise *him* up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.**



The proposed sacrifice of Isaac by Abrahams was a type and shadow of the coming sacrifice of God's only Son. Vs 19 makes the point that for all intense and purposes Isaac was to be killed as a sacrifice. When God intervened, it was to show that God had the final say as Creator of life and death. A precursor to the death of God's Son in which He would raise Him from the dead.

### **The Faith of Isaac, Jacob, Joseph**

**20By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. 21By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, *leaning* upon the top of his staff. 22By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.**

God is going to great lengths through this writer to give us something of importance. When God repeats Himself again and again, it is going to be on the final test as our teachers used to say. Faith Faith FAITH!

### **The Faith of Moses**

**23By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw *he was a proper child*; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment. 24By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; 25Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a**

season; [26](#) Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward. [27](#) By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. [28](#) Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them. [29](#) By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry *land*: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.

God uses many similes, types and shadows to reveal a Truth. God used Egypt as a type and shadow of life on earth of sin. Egypt was a type and shadow of sin a hard task master, being under bondage to Satan. He then showed a type and shadow of moving the people He loved from under bondage IE out of sin toward the promised land Israel IE Heaven/Salvation. God demonstrated that life was challenging and required faith as God moved the Hebrew Children through the Red Sea. A type and shadow of a cleansing from sin into life for those who have faith and death for those who reject the Truth, as did the Egyptians when they attempted to follow the Hebrews through the Red Sea.

God repeatedly paints pictures for us over history and future events that He says are coming to get our attention and repent before it is too late. Is America listening, is Libby Montana listening, are we listening?

**30By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days.**

Some day we may understand the importance the real importance of numbers like 7. God uses them as pivotal points and anchors in which He ties incredibly important things to. The lists of 7 is quite impressive. There are other numbers as well but 7 as the earth encounters its future is a remarkable number.

### **The Faith of Many**

**(Joshua 2:1-14)**

**31By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.**

**32And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: 33Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 34Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. 35Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: 36And others had trial of *cruel* mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: 37They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being**



**destitute, afflicted, tormented; [38](#)(Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and *in* mountains, and *in* dens and caves of the earth.**

The agony of those who would not believe God compared to the extasy of those who did should be an encouragement to us.

There are tough times coming, times in which we as Believers need to prepare, first Spiritually and then physically. There are many examples of God warning of coming calamity and judgement and those who served Him prepared to endure those harsh times, using common sense and God's Wisdom.

I still believe in Pre-Tribulation Rapture, but preparing to endure part of the Tribulation is not resigning to no Rapture. We will get into more about that later.

**[39](#)And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: [40](#)God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.**

*Hebrews 10:36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.*

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