

GENESIS 8-11: REBELLION & CONFUSION

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God's Covenant with Noah

Gen 8:20 Noah built an altar to the LORD. He then took some of every kind of clean animal and clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

Gen 8:21 And the LORD smelled the soothing aroma and said to himself, “I will never again curse the ground because of humankind, **even though the inclination of their minds is evil from childhood on**. I will never again destroy everything that lives, as I have just done.

Gen 8:22 “While the earth continues to exist, planting time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night will not cease.”

A New Beginning

Gen 9:1 Then God **blessed** Noah and his sons and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.

Gen 9:2 Every living creature of the earth and every bird of the sky will be terrified of you. Everything that creeps on the ground and all the fish of the sea are under your authority.

Gen 9:3 You may eat any moving thing that lives. As I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything.

Gen 9:4 But you must not eat meat with its life (**that is, its blood**) in it.

Multiply

Gen 9:5 For your lifeblood I will surely exact punishment, from every living creature I will exact punishment. From each person I will exact punishment for the life of the individual since the man was his relative.

Gen 9:6 “Whoever sheds human blood, by other humans must his blood be shed; for in God’s image God has made humankind.”

Gen 9:7 But as for you, be fruitful and multiply; increase abundantly on the earth and multiply on it.”

Gen 9:8 God said to Noah and his sons,

Gen 9:9 “Look! I now confirm my covenant with you and your descendants after you

A New Covenant

Gen 9:13 I will place my **rainbow** in the clouds, and it will become a guarantee of the covenant between me and the earth.

Gen 9:14 Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds,

Gen 9:15 then I will remember my covenant with you and with all living creatures of all kinds. Never again will the waters become a flood and destroy all living things.

Gen 9:16 When the rainbow is in the clouds, I will notice it and remember the perpetual covenant between God and all living creatures of all kinds that are on the earth.”

Gen 9:17 So God said to Noah, “This is the guarantee of the covenant that I am confirming between me and all living things that are on the earth.”

WHY DID NOAH CURSED CANAAN?

Gen 9:20 Noah, a man of the soil, began to plant a vineyard.

Gen 9:21 When he drank some of the wine, he got drunk and uncovered himself inside his tent.

Gen 9:22 **Ham, the father of Canaan, saw his father's nakedness and told his two brothers who were outside.**

Gen 9:23 Shem and Japheth took the garment and placed it on their shoulders. Then they walked in backwards and covered up their father's nakedness. Their faces were turned the other way so they did not see their father's nakedness.

Gen 9:24 When Noah awoke from his drunken stupor he learned what his youngest son had done to him.

Gen 9:25 So he said, **"Cursed be Canaan!** The lowest of slaves he will be to his brothers."

- Lev 18:7 You must not expose your **father's nakedness by having sexual relations** with your mother. She is your mother; you must not have sexual relations with her.
- Lev 18:8 You must not have sexual relations with your father's wife; **she is your father's nakedness**.
- Lev 18:10 You must not expose the nakedness of your son's daughter or your daughter's daughter by having sexual relations with them, because they are your own nakedness.

OT CONTEXT

Ham slept with his mother, thus uncovering his father's nakedness, and that Canaan was the offspring of that union

- Lev 18:14 You must not expose the nakedness of your father's brother; you must not approach his wife to have marital relations with her. She is your aunt.
- Lev 18:16 You must not have sexual relations with your brother's wife; she is your brother's nakedness.
- Lev 20:11 If a man goes to bed with his father's wife, he has exposed his father's nakedness. Both of them must be put to death; their blood guilt is on themselves.
- Lev 20:17 “If a man has marital relations with his sister, whether the daughter of his father or his mother, so that he sees her nakedness and she sees his nakedness, it is a disgrace. They must be cut off in the sight of the children of their people. He has exposed his sister's nakedness; he will bear his punishment for iniquity.

OT CONTEXT

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Lev. 20:18-21

Yahweh

Deut. 32

Psalms
82

Deu 32:8 *When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance, when he divided up humankind, he set the boundaries of the peoples, according to the number of the **heavenly assembly**.*

Psa 82:1 *A psalm of Asaph. God stands in the assembly of El; in the midst **of the gods** he renders judgment.*

Psa 82:2 *He says, "How long will you make unjust legal decisions and show favoritism to the wicked? (Selah)*

Psa 82:6 *I thought, 'You are gods; all of you are sons of the Most High.'*

Psa 82:7 ***Yet you will die like mortals**; you will fall like all the other rulers."*

GOD DIVORCES THE GENTILE NATIONS

Gen 10

Deut. 32, God divorces humanity and partitions humanity to the reign and influence of the fallen watchers

Psalms 82 the divine council

Jesus' sacrifice redeems all humanity

Pentecost, God announces the good news

- Gen 10:7 The sons of Cush were Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah, and Sabteca. The sons of Raamah were Sheba and Dedan.
- Gen 10:8 Cush was the father of Nimrod; he began to be a valiant warrior (**gibbôr**) on the earth.
- Gen 10:9 He was a mighty hunter before the LORD (yehôvâh). (That is why it is said, “Like Nimrod, a mighty hunter before the LORD.

POST DILUVIAL GIANTS AND THE THIRD REBELLION

gibbôr:

powerful; by
implication warrior,
tyrant: - champion,
chief, giant, man,
mighty (man, one),
strong (man), valiant
man) on the earth.

Noah's 3 sons reboot the human race
by giving him 16 grandsons.



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ROOTS

“Japheth’s descendants settled along the Mediterranean coast.”

Genesis 10:5

Arabian Sea

Abram's Journey to the Promised Land

- Gen 10:10 The primary regions of his kingdom were Babel, Erech, Akkad, and Calneh in the land of Shinar.
- Gen 10:11 From that land he went to Assyria, where he built Nineveh, Rehoboth-Ir, Calah,
- Gen 10:12 and Resen, which is between Nineveh and the great city Calah.



- Gen 11:1 The whole earth had a common language and a common vocabulary.
- Gen 11:2 When the people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.
- Gen 11:3 Then they said to one another, “Come, let’s make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” (They had brick instead of stone and tar instead of mortar.)
- Gen 11:4 Then they said, “*Come, let’s build ourselves a city and a tower (migdal) with its top in the heavens so that we may make a name for ourselves.* Otherwise we will be scattered across the face of the entire earth.”

THE GATE OF HEAVEN

migdal From H1431; a tower (from its size or height); by analogy a rostrum; figuratively a (pyramidal) bed of flowers: - castle, flower, pulpit, tower. **A Ziggurat.**

It is natural to compare the later Greek legend of the giants/titans who sought to scale Olympus and to dethrone Zeus.

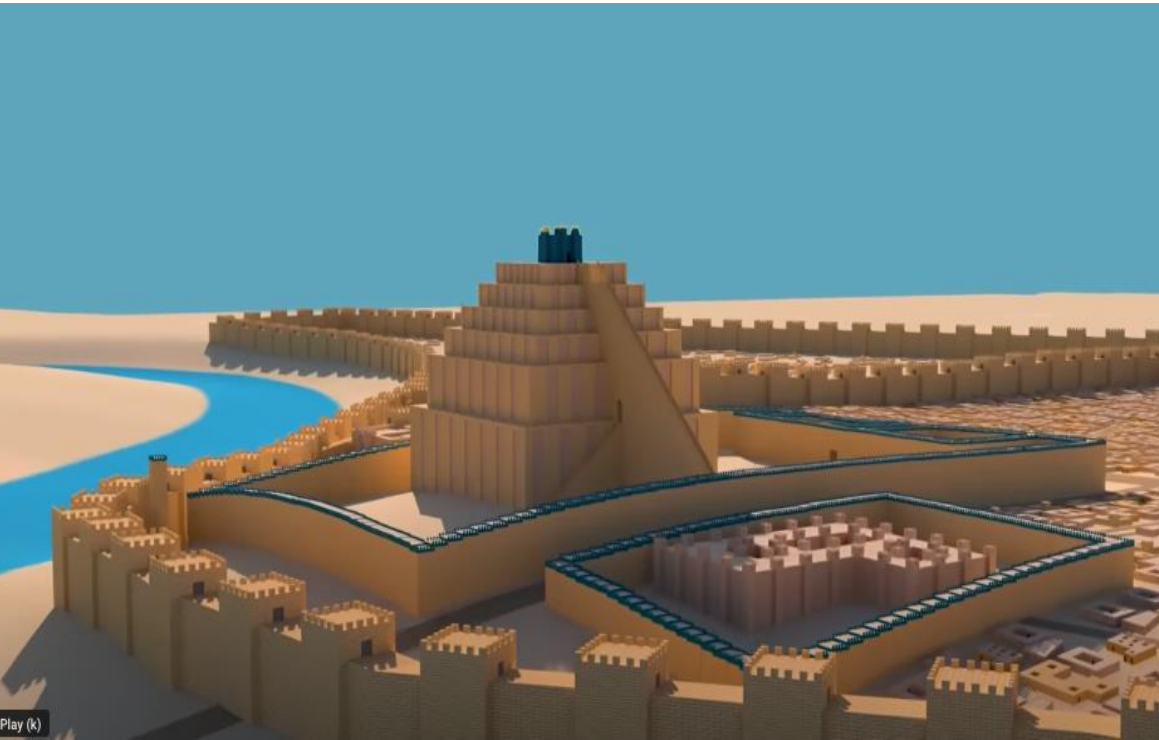
The Tower of Babel,
Bible Expedition
(youtube)

The original complete height of the tower of Babylon we do not know. The east side of the peribolos, which is almost similar to the north side, measures 409 metres in round numbers. For the entire sacred enclosure Herodotus gives a measure of 2 square stadia, and 1 stadion as the side length of the area of the zikurrat; the ruins themselves show 90 metres.

But what is all this written information in comparison with the clearness of the evidence we gain from the buildings themselves, ruined though they are. The colossal mass of the tower, which the Jews of the Old Testament regarded as the essence of human presumption, amidst the proud palaces of the priests, the spacious treasuries, the innumerable lodgings for strangers—white



Ziggurat of Ur,
3 times smaller than the
Ziggurat of Babylon
(tower of Babel)



- **Babel:**
 - Here is the climax of the account, a story on the pride of Babylon.
 - In the Babylonian literature the name meant “the gate of God,” but in Hebrew it sounds like the word for “confusion,” and so retained that connotation.
- Babel was a place of contact between the natural and supernatural
- All the antediluvian fallen angel wisdom had been passed down to the postdiluvian Nephilims (2nd and 3rd generation)
- God decides to restricts access to His divine council.

A PORTAL?

This episode has a Supernatural context:

- Genesis 6:4
- Tower of Babel
- Deuteronomy 32:8
- Ephesians 6:12

- Gen 11:5 But the LORD (yehôvâh) came down to see the city and the tower that the people had started building.
- Gen 11:6 And the LORD said, “If as one people all sharing a common language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be beyond them.
 - Genesis 3:22 (NET)
*And the LORD God said, “Now that the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil, he **must not be allowed** to stretch out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.”*

CONTEXT: PRIDE

Written Babylonian accounts of the building of the city of Babylon refer to its construction in heaven by the gods as a celestial city, as an expression of pride (Enuma Elish VI, lines 55-64).

- Gen 11:7 Come, **let's** go down and **confuse** their language so they won't be able to understand each other."
- Gen 11:8 So the LORD **scattered** them from there across the face of the entire earth, and they stopped building the city.
- Gen 11:9 That is why its name was called Babel – because there the LORD confused the language of the entire world, and from there the LORD scattered them across the face of the entire earth.

- For 1st pers. plural. see notes on Gen 1:26, Gen 3:5; Gen 3:22.
 - *Jehovah is represented probably as enthroned above the heaven, and either as addressing the powers of heaven, "the sons of Elohim," who attend Him and minister to Him (cf. Job 1:6),*
- See the notes as Jub. 10:22-23, where an angel recounts this incident and says
 - *"And the LORD our God said to us....And the LORD went down and we went down with him. And we saw the city and the tower which the sons of men built."*
 - On the chiastic structure of the story, see G. J. Wenham, *Genesis (WBC)*, 1:235.

- God's perfect calendar
- Dead Sea Scrolls revealed in 1 Enoch a solar calendar which later on the enochian tradition kept
- During the Second temple era the Priestly order of the Zadokites kept the enochian calendar with theoretical variations.
- A Calendar based on 52 weeks, 7 days = 364 days.
- In this solar calendar all the Jewish festivals landed on the same day and date!
 - 1st Month, Passover on Nisan 14th-15th, Wednesdays
 - 1st Month, Unleavened Bread Nisan 15th-22nd
 - First Fruits Nisan 16th-17th
 - Pentecost Sivan 6th-7th
 - Trumpets (Rosh Hashanah) Tishri 1st, New Year
 - 7th month, Atonement Yom Kippur) Tishri 10th
 - 7th Month, Tabernacles (Sukkot) Tishri 15th-22nd

THE SABBATICAL CALENDAR

The Zadokite order:
keepers of the priestly
calendar

- Dan 9:24 “**Seventy** (hebdomekonta) **weeks** have been determined concerning your people and your holy city to put an end to rebellion, to bring sin to completion, to atone for iniquity, to bring in perpetual righteousness, to seal up the prophetic vision, and to anoint a most holy place.
 - 490 historical years
- Dan 9:25 So know and understand: From the **issuing of the command to restore and rebuild Jerusalem** until an anointed one, a prince arrives, there will be a period of **seven weeks and sixty-two weeks**. It will again be built, with plaza and moat, but in distressful times.

SEVENTY SETS OF SEVEN: HEAVENLY CYCLES

The Zadokite priestly sabbatical calendar and the interpretation of the Seven sets of the hebdomatikon.

Dan 9:24 “A period of **seventy sets of seven** has been decreed for your people and your holy city to finish their rebellion, to put an end to their sin, to atone for their guilt, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to confirm the prophetic vision, and to anoint the Most Holy Place.

PERPETUAL INTERFACE

	Weeks	Weeks	Weeks	Weeks	Weeks	Weeks	Weeks	
7 Years	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	plus 1 week
7 Years	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	plus 1 week
7 Years	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	plus 1 week
7 Years	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	plus 1 week
7 Years	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	plus 1 week
7 Years	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	plus 1 week
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7 Years	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	plus 1 week
7 Years	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	plus 1 week

Jer. 25:11-12	70th Year	597-528
	70th Year	527-458
Daniel	70th Year	457-388
Prophecy	70th Year	387-318
Prophecy	70th Year	317-248
Prophecy	70th Year	247-178
Prophecy	70th Year	177-108
Prophecy	70th Year	107-38
Prophecy	70th Year	37bc-33dc
Prophecy	70th Year	34-103

SEVENTY SETS OF SEVEN: HEAVENLY CYCLES

490 years concerning Israel, the Messiah, his death, the destruction of the 2nd temple and the Jewish diaspora

- Dan 9:26 Now **after (within*)** the **sixty-two weeks**, an anointed one will **be cut off** and have nothing. As for the city and the sanctuary, the people of the coming prince will destroy them. But his end will come speedily like a flood. Until the end of the war that has been decreed there will be destruction.
- Dan 9:27 He will confirm **a covenant with many for one week**. But in the **middle of that week** he will bring **sacrifices and offerings to a halt**. On the wing of abominations will come one who destroys, until the decreed end is poured out on the one who destroys.”

SEVENTY SETS OF
SEVEN:
HEAVENLY CYCLES

The Hebdomas, The Priestly (Zodakite) Sabbatical Calendar									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
	7 Years	-387	-386	-385	-384	-383	-382	-381	7
	7 Years	-380	-379	-378	-377	-376	-375	-374	14
	7 Years	-373	-372	-371	-370	-369	-368	-367	21
First	7 Years	-366	-365	-364	-363	-362	-361	-360	28
Hebdoma	7 Years	-359	-358	-357	-356	-355	-354	-353	35
70 years	7 Years	-352	-351	-350	-349	-348	-347	-346	42
cycle	7 Years	-345	-344	-343	-342	-341	-340	-339	49
	7 Years	-338	-337	-336	-335	-334	-333	-332	56
	7 Years	-331	-330	-329	-328	-327	-326	-325	63
	7 Years	-324	-323	-322	-321	-320	-319	-318	70
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
	7 Years	-317	-316	-315	-314	-313	-312	-311	7
	7 Years	-310	-309	-308	-307	-306	-305	-304	14
	7 Years	-303	-302	-301	-300	-299	-298	-297	21
Second	7 Years	-296	-295	-294	-293	-292	-291	-290	28
Hebdoma	7 Years	-289	-288	-287	-286	-285	-284	-283	35
70 years	7 Years	-282	-281	-280	-279	-278	-277	-276	42
cycle	7 Years	-275	-274	-273	-272	-271	-270	-269	49
	7 Years	-268	-267	-266	-265	-264	-263	-262	56
	7 Years	-261	-260	-259	-258	-257	-256	-255	63
	7 Years	-254	-253	-252	-251	-250	-249	-248	70

	7 Years	-247	-246	-245	-244	-243	-242	-241	7								
	7 Years	-240	-239	-238	-237	-236	-235	-234	14								
	7 Years	-233	-232	-231	-230	-229	-228	-227	21								
Third	7 Years	-226	-225	-224	-223	-222	-221	-220	28								
Hebdoma	7 Years	-219	-218	-217	-216	-215	-214	-213	35								
70 years	7 Years	-212	-211	-210	-209	-208	-207	-206	42								
cycle	7 Years	-205	-204	-203	-202	-201	-200	-199	49								
	7 Years	-198	-197	-196	-195	-194	-193	-192	56								
	7 Years	-191	-190	-189	-188	-187	-186	-185	63								
	7 Years	-184	-183	-182	-181	-180	-179	-178	70								
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7									
	7 Years	-177	-176	-175	-174	-173	-172	-171	7		Anthiocus Epiphenes						
	7 Years	-170	-169	-168	-167	-166	-165	-164	14		168-165 Bc (1 Mac. 1:54,4:52, Daniel 8:14), 2300 days						
	7 Years	-163	-162	-161	-160	-159	-158	-157	21		167-160 Maccabean revolt						
Fourth	7 Years	-156	-155	-154	-153	-152	-151	-150	28		164BC Redidication of the temple						
Hebdoma	7 Years	-149	-148	-147	-146	-145	-144	-143	35								
70 years	7 Years	-142	-141	-140	-139	-138	-137	-136	42								
cycle	7 Years	-135	-134	-133	-132	-131	-130	-129	49								
	7 Years	-128	-127	-126	-125	-124	-123	-122	56								
	7 Years	-121	-120	-119	-118	-117	-116	-115	63								
	7 Years	-114	-113	-112	-111	-110	-109	-108	70								

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7					
	7 Years	-107	-106	-105	-104	-103	-102	-101	7				
	7 Years	-100	-99	-98	-97	-96	-95	-94	14				
	7 Years	-93	-92	-91	-90	-89	-88	-87	21				
Fifth	7 Years	-86	-85	-84	-83	-82	-81	-80	28				
Hebdoma	7 Years	-79	-78	-77	-76	-75	-74	-73	35				
70 years	7 Years	-72	-71	-70	-69	-68	-67	-66	42				
cycle	7 Years	-65	-64	-63	-62	-61	-60	-59	49				
	7 Years	-58	-57	-56	-55	-54	-53	-52	56				
	7 Years	-51	-50	-49	-48	-47	-46	-45	63				
	7 Years	-44	-43	-42	-41	-40	-39	-38	70				
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7					
	7 Years	-37	-36	-35	-34	-33	-32	-31	7	37 BC. Herod becomes King of Judea (Josephus)			
	7 Years	-30	-29	-28	-27	-26	-25	-24	14				
	7 Years	-23	-22	-21	-20	-19	-18	-17	21				
Sixth	7 Years	-16	-15	-14	-13	-12	-11	-10	28				
Hebdoma	7 Years	-9	-8	-7	-6	-5	-4	-3	35	Messiah's BD			
70 years	7 Years	-2	-1	1	2	3	4	5	42				
cycle	7 Years	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	49				
	7 Years	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	56				
	7 Years	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	63				
	7 Years	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	70	Death of the Messiah			
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7					
	7 Years	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	7				
	7 Years	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	14				
	7 Years	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	21				
Seventh	7 Years	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	28				
Hebdoma	7 Years	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	35				
70 years	7 Years	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	42	2nd temple destuction			
cycle	7 Years	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	49				
	7 Years	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	56				
	7 Years	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	63				
	7 Years	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	70				