

Part Two -THE REST OF FAITH REST jñ INTRODUCTION TO THE SECOND BOOK GENESIS 6 5-8

...5 God saw with future reference that man's evil was immense. Every damasked thought formed in man's heart was exclusively evil daily....6 The LORD was groaning that He made man on earth and it afflicted him in His heart. God said, "I will wipe out or blot out man whom I made; animals, creeping things, birds; for I am grieved that I made them."

READING No.1 6.9-22

THE BASIS OF REST Noah found rest through God's grace or favour.

...9 This is the history or origins of Noah (Hebrew jñ tdlwt) God was pleased to do a type of biography of Noah which describes him as "a righteous man husband or warrior" "complete or fully occupied in the house of his era or city as to his way of life." That the Lord could say this of him indicated that he had full spiritual understanding of the principle and purposes of this life under God
Of him we have already learned that "Noah found grace". The fundamental principle of the gospel had survived from Adam -from those glimmerings of the Lamb of God in the first slain sacrifice of all history- Genesis 3.21 through which Adam and Hawah were clothed. Abel had understood the principle of grace by sacrifice though Cain rejected it for the principle of works. This hiatus -which tore men from obedience and faith at the outset propelled the bulk of mankind towards the judgement of the flood As this section ends Noah as patriarch of the new world offers sacrifice and demonstrates and commends the principle of acceptance by the substitutionary lamb to the age to come. (cf. Genesis 9.20) as illustrated by Noah's altar (9.20)

THE PRACTICE OF REST-PRAYER AND WALKING WITH GOD c.f. PSALM 1

...9 Noah walked with God (Hebrew Jl hth) the phrase means that he continually kept near to God by prayer and worship and he had to put effort into it. All this is decipherable from the verb which has a reflexive repetitive form.

...10 Noah fathered three sons, Shem Ham and Japheth Shem means "celebrated" and speaks of the reputation of peoples such as Persia Assyria and the ARAMEANS with Jews and an element of the Arab peoples. Ham is the name the Egyptians adopt and in Coptic means "black heat" Japheth which is from the root "to open up" hence "widely extended"-and is associated with people of the North and West in the earth.....11 And the earth was corrupting itself (Hebrew htj vn making itself like a rotten corpse in a sepulchre) before God's face (boldly) and the earth was filled with violence (Hebrew smj- "tearing things down") ...12 And the Lord was looking at the earth and **BEHOLD** it was making itself putrid for all flesh had made its way of life corrupt on earth.

GOD SPEAKS REST AND PEACE

During this turbulent age God spoke frequently to Noah. These occasions were ones of heightened encouragement-especially after a long period in the ark. The fearful sight of the end of mankind's rebel race was commanded to be witnessed-Noah's sweet rest was in God's sovereignty & saving plan when judgement was abroad ...13 The end or extremity of all flesh has come before my face for the earth is full of violence from their angry faces and **BEHOLD ME** continue destroying them from the earth.

Noah was informed of a great destructive act God planned which would end in corrupting flesh and violent titans being swallowed by the deluge and would change the earth for ever afterward. Noah was told he was to witness it. Till darkness fell that first day of the flood from his ark window Noah witnessed the swirling waters and the terrible spectacle of judgement. The Lord often in Old Testament times calls His servants to witness his mighty acts.

MAKE AN ARK-A PLACE OF PEACE AMID THE STORM

...14 Make yourself an ark of trees of gopher wood; you shall make the ark family places (*Hebrew QMM-literally "nests"*) and cover it (*Hebrew trpk-which is the cognate of the bible word for atonement*) from the outside to the inner family places with pitch or resinous paint. *This would have rendered the ark both seaworthy and also very fragrant inside-the occupants would have seemed to be residing in nests of a pinewood* ...15 This is how you shall make it: three hundred cubits in length, fifty cubits in width and thirty cubits in height. *The dimensions are mirrored by the best naval architecture for a safe sea-going vessel represented by the extrapolations developed for modern oil and cargo vessels by my esteemed brother in law Sir John Parker-which resulted in an end to "tankers breaking their backs."* In 1604 Peter Jansen built a ship to the ark's proportions and found it had one third greater lading than any vessel of similar tonnage16 You shall make lights (*Hebrew rhx not bra meaning light sources not lattice windows-in 8.6 this is called mllj which Gesenius takes to be "perforated sections" although the root verb l l j means "access" and "beginning"*)The light source served in part as a window that might be opened from the inside -and as running along the length of the ark it effectively introduced light, fresh air and fresh water in addition, which, by collection from its perforations would be essential for life on the ark and matched some internal delivery system. A lattice system could be so angled to allow and restrict the entry of water and light-and indeed be in part removable. It was a vital beginning -though today we leave it to the end and the finishing trades-i.e. electricity and plumbing. ...16 It was a cubit in height above the ark-7 palms or 2 feet was a Hebrew cubit. The ark is thus first to guarantee life through light air and water systems& a viewpoint. You shall set a door that opens in its side-often used of the left side in scripture-even to this detail there is a **prophetic TORAH** of our Saviour whose side was wounded on His heart side so that there came out blood and water from the pericardium. By the means of the opening in the ark the family of Noah and the animals of the earth entered and were saved. Our Lord Jesus said, "I am the door of the sheep" His pastoral image made exactly the point of this door as a means of entrance to security hope and life. ...16 there were to be lower second and third treasuries or places of storage. Truly the cargo of the ark was the real treasure of the earth-its horses and sheep and cows, its birds and its creeping things. Without these no country in the world would have so much food or clothing. Like Noah we need to learn to treasure the species God has given us.

NOAH WATCHES THE FLOOD'S DRAMATIC BEGINNINGS

...6.14 And BEHOLD ME bringing the deluge of water upon the earth to destroy all flesh which has the breath of life in it-all that is under heaven shall expire (*Hebrew [ny-a word used 5 times with poetic effect by Job]*) It is not that God turns away absolutely from even the last breath of these sinners in their expiring any more than from the thief on the cross. But God is deeply sad that He has to resort to such an extreme remedy before men regard their maker....18 But I will cause my covenant to stand or rise after the death (*Hebrew mmq*)The covenant like that of Christ begins by faith in the life giving means God provided-the ark-and this covenant involved sacrifice. To bring Noah in God had to provide more than an ark-the Christ of salvation history as the promised lamb would have to die. ...7.1You shall come into the ark. You your sons your wife and your sons wives with you And from all that lives, from all that is flesh, you shall supervise the coming of (*Hebrew Hiphil of "Come"*) two from all shall come in to the ark to preserve life. They shall be living male and female. From birds from animals from every creeping thing after their kind, two shall come (*Hebrew waby they will arrive*) to you to keep life alive. And you shall take for yourself from all food which is eaten and gather for yourself and it shall be food for you and for them. ...22And Noah did according to all that God commanded him. So he did. *Five tasks in all -Make the ark ; make rooms; make light air water arrangements; make arrangements for housing every species; make food arrangements for yourselves & them. The Lord directed the arrival of the species-though naturally as Noah walked with God so he would have had daily leadings from the Almighty over the period prior to the deluge.*

READING No.2 7.1-16

GOD SPEAKS OF THE REST OF IMPUTED RIGHTEOUSNESS

...7.1Come, you and your entire household into the ark for you have I seen (*Hebrew har enjoyed seeing or foreseen and witnessed*) righteous belonging to my face in this generation. We must not miss the vital principle

that alone shielded Noah in these fearful days-God reckoned him righteous-that was what mattered. That instigated this immense project in the mind of God.

...2 You shall take seven and seven -the male and his female(*Hebrew vya hvya*)(14) and of unclean two pairs, the male and his female *The clean animals were non flesh eating -eating and chewing hay by process of the cud. They were designed for cleaner habit-their divided hoof was not used in the feeding process like the paw-and not contaminated by blood....*3Also of birds of the heaven seven & seven the remembered male and the female fertilised (*Hebrew hbqn rkz*) in order to keep alive seed on the face of the earth For after seven days I will cause it to rain on the earth forty days and nights and destroy all existing creatures/constituted existence which I created on the face of the earth.

REST BY OBEDIENCE OF FAITH

...5Noah did all God commanded. ...6And Noah was 600 when the deluge of waters was on the earth. *The effect of this statement was that God's birthday present to Noah was to save him from the deluge....*7 And Noah came, his sons came and his wife came and his son's wives came into the ark from the "faces" of the waters of the flood. *The waters are represented as moving towards the ark from different directions which suggests it was built on high ground-perhaps where wood was readily available....*8 From clean beasts and from those who had nothing of cleanness and birds and all that creeps on the earth. *The lesson is that God preserved animals whose natural habits were unclean-whose carrion instincts were already well known and birds of like nature and even snakes-for to Him the uncleanness of man his prime creation by reason of conscience and understanding was of a different order from theirs...*9 Two by two they came to Noah-the remembered male and the fertile female just as God instructed Noah.

THE FLOOD BEGINS ON THE SABBATH-WHEN NOAH WAS WORSHIPPING AND RESTING

And it took place on the *seventh day (literally belonging to the Sabbath of the days)* that the waters of the flood came on earth. ...11 In the 600th year of Noah, in the second month and the seventeenth day all the fountains of the great abyss of the earth rent themselves open *Here we see violent upheavals in the bowels of the earth which was groaning because of sin-a state of creation typical also of the latter days-Romans 8.22.* ...11And the windows of heaven were opened. *Just four times in scripture divinely appointed rains are so described. Here in Noah's day; in the days of Elijah (2 Kings 7.19); in the latter day when the earth reels Isaiah 24.18 and finally in Malachi 3.10 when the Lord returns blessings will come down as rains upon Israel.* ...11-12. *It rained violently (Hebrew mcg) 40 days and nights on the earth. Edersheim lists 14 flood traditions that come to us from West and East Asia, the Americas, Fiji, Greek and Chaldean sources: this literature affirms a worldwide deluge.*

COMMENT ON CURRENT PERSPECTIVE OF GEOLOGICAL DATA

Bruce HEEZEN and Marie Thorpe discovered a mountain range of 40,000 miles beneath the Atlantic and pacific oceans-it encircles the world at great depth. It is made up of basalt drawn from deep inside the earth-the material that spews from erupting volcanoes. This is the scar left from the time when the earth split and jets of overheated steam blasted into the atmosphere fuelling the heaviest rainfall ever known and such heavy ice crystal downpours at the poles and beyond that animal life would be instantly frozen while chewing their food. Thus a virtually tropical world in the north and south in less than a day turned into frozen wastelands and icy tundra. This Mid Ocean Ridge as it is known holds the true key to ancient time and yields all necessary evidence of a catastrophe which discredits the evolutionary time scale at a stroke. As scripture says modern man is "willingly ignorant" on this vital topic of scientific knowledge which broke as geophysical news in the 1950's. The major mountain ranges we know today such as the Himalayas, the Alps, the Urals with the Rockies the Appalachians and the Andes were shortly afterwards (in the days of PELEG) thrown up as the earth crust folded and the original continent known to scientists as PANGAEA. A bulk of evidence is now uncovered on all hands to overturn the evolutionary understanding of earth's development and conduct us directly to modern proof of the Acts of our Sovereign Creator as outlined in scripture. The preliminary to the flood was universal high pressure as a much more uniform earth surface floated on an immense sea of

overheated steam-pockets of which have been discovered by deep drilling. This promoted long life-discouraged bacteria and promoted healing. The Mid Ocean Basalt Ridge and its accompaniments take care of the flood and the continental division known to us as "drift" and beyond them both the discovery of the human geno concentrates the mind on the specific creation of man as a constant state species owing nothing to other mammalian genetic strings.

PEACEFUL SABBATH WITH THE SUN HIGH IN THE SKY-ANIMALS ENTER THE ARK

...13 In the strength (Hebrew "body of "or "strength of" *mx[* being the literal meaning of "this same") of the day Noah his sons his wife and his sons wives entered the ark. *My reading would be that the sun was shining when they entered...* 14 They and every long lived or reptile species (Hebrew *hyhh* possibly dinosaurs) by species and every animal by species; and every creeping things that creeps on earth by species; and every feathered bird (Hebrew *PW[*) by species; every small twittering bird (Hebrew *rppx* as sparrow) of the extremity of earth (Hebrew *pnk* describes its glorious mantle and its distant location)They came to Noah two by two of all flesh on earth. *The wonderful work of the Spirit of God caused these creatures to flee the coming storm.*

*The fact that the door was not closed until the littlest twittering bird from the earth's extremist parts was lodged safely in the ark tends to affirm that God was all loving and all caring-for the great reptiles on the one hand and the tiniest bird-despite the fact that He is a God of judgement about to wipe out a rebellious race sparing only 8 persons. Here is compassion in the midst of wrath. Who else could keep such essential responses in tension? This is a God of love purifying His creation. To read this passage is to understand better Jesus words, "Not a sparrow falls to the ground without your Father."...16 They came to Noah to the ark two by two remembered male and pregnant female from all flesh which was upon earth in which was the Spirit of lives. *The fact that these pairs of creatures came and that thy were already paired or mated was of God the Holy Spirit who was already ensuring fruitful life upon the virgin earth that was to arise cleansed after the flood. Noah equally had the fruit of his family with him and His first word of blessing to that family had to do with its increase.* And the ones that came-remembered male and his pregnant female from all flesh-they came exactly at the time God commanded them and God shut Noah in (Hebrew *rgs* from his persecutors) in a timely manner.*

The lesson we learn here is that despite nest building or instead of it and despite all instincts and despite feeding habits these creatures flew to Noah by the guidance of the Holy Spirit(verse 15) as God had commanded and appointed. The "rest" that all nature needed was found at this momentous time within the ark.

READING No.3 7.17-8.14 NOAH ENJOYS THE REST OF THE REMNANT

And the flood (Hebrew *lwbm* from the verb *lby* "to carry to the grave"-the old world was buried by this mighty pall bearer) was on the earth 40 days and the waters grew great and they were lifting up the ark and it rose from upon the earth. *This 40th day event was recorded by Noah. The feeling of being afloat was very special-on the largest craft man had ever made. The great weight of the craft was supported by mighty waters. And the waters prevailed as warriors very greatly and covered all the majestic mountains under the whole heaven. This statement runs contrary to the theory of a local flood. Fifteen cubits (1.5-2. 0 feet X15) up and above the mountains did the waters prevail almost the height of 5 men. Thus the highest hills became "invisible". And all flesh breathed its last-creeping things as lizards, crabs, snakes & worms died; then birds; then beasts; then great reptiles, then water voles and water creatures (not including fish) and all men. The high intelligence and artifice of man could not outlast the flood. All who enjoyed life by the Spirit in his nostrils from the dry land died. So He destroyed all who were raised up on the faces of the ground from man to beast to creeping thing to the bird of heaven and they were destroyed-He left a remnant only Noah and those with him in the ark. And the waters prevailed upon the earth 150 days-It is rest indeed to be in Christ as Noah and his family remained safe in the ark.*

THE HISTORIC DAY OF 17 NISAN OR ABIB RESTING IN THE MINDFUL RECORDS OF GOD

*Tradition tells us that the ark set off at Passover and that it landed at Passover-hence Noah's sacrifice. And God remembered Noah and all life and all cattle with him in the ark and God caused or conducted a wind that passed over the earth and the waters "stooped" or subsided or were appeased in their **anger** (Hebrew *YKV*) The fountains of the deep were shut (Hebrew *rks*) and the torrential rain was spent or finished (Hebrew *hl k*) It would seem that there is no comparable hydrosphere from which again such quantities of water could descend on earth. God's world has been created to effect and demonstrate judgement and grace.*

RESTING AS THE ARK STRAINS ON THE WATERS

*This great boat took the strain at Passover as Jesus suffered the agony of the cross-hence beautifully Peter reminds us that baptism is prefigured by the ark as it plunged and strained in the depths of judgement-and prevailed to save. We readily rest on Him who "endured" the cross and is now sat down on the throne. And the waters returned from the face of the earth-they diminished as they went after 150 days. Presumably cloud amount increased and no doubt polar conditions changed besides- as great ice caps formed and ice sheet fingers spread from them in the absence of the water canopy that induced earlier balmy conditions. The ark rested on the 17th day of the 7th month on the mountains of Ararat. We cannot help observing that this month became the first month of the Jewish civil year and hence the Passover month. The 14th day was Passover and the 17th is **prophetic TORAH** pointing to the resurrection of Christ which took place on that day. As to the geology of the Ararat range Henry Morris says the make up is "pillow lava" deposited under great depths of water during the flood. Also of interest is the fact that Ararat is the virtual centre of the world's landmass. The ark "rested" from its labours as did Christ after His "finished work". Here is a central plank of the teaching of this section*

REST FOR HER FEET-AS A NEW EARTH EMERGES THE HOLY SPIRIT RETURNS

*On the 10th month the heights of the mountains yielded themselves to sight. And it came to pass that at the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made; He sent forth a raven which kept going to and from till the waters dried up from the land he dwelt in or the area around.. He sent forth a dove (symbol of the Holy Spirit) to see if the waters were lightened or diminished from the arable land. We know little of how far-reaching the work of God's Holy Spirit is on our behalf. The raven could find no floating carrion for life had ceased and was swept to the sea floor. Until the earth was dry the raven could find no food, but the dove would eat leaves and found itself an olive leaf with which it returned in triumph. Judgment was over past and the ministry of the Holy Spirit -a **prophetic TORAH** of the carrying of the message of Grace associated with Noah was released once more. We may presume that although Noah could see mountain tops he was unsure about the land immediately below him-on account of the new phenomenon of cloud and mist. He was less clear on the condition of the lower arable plateau.*

REST-NOAH ARRIVES CLOSE TO A PRE-DILUVIAN SETTLEMENT

*It must again be observed that the new geography was puzzling. The dove found no "rest" for the sole of her feet and returned for the waters were still on the earth's surface-and he put out his hand and brought her in to the ark. He added to stay a further 7 days and sent the dove out and she came back in a short time in the evening to the ark with a fresh olive leaf in her mouth (Hebrew *hyph*-of a "female bird") Noah knew the waters had quickly fled from the earth The olive was one of many trees cultivated on lower hills before the flood. Noah had arrived close to an original site of habitation Noah waited 7 days more-clearly Noah lived by week intervals presumably punctuated by worship and sent out the dove and she did not add to return to him again. And in the 601st. year in the first day of the first month Noah removed the covering (Hebrew *hsk* for a covering or a kind of parapet) Clearly Noah was able to take a large section of the top off from inside. He had made provision for this-indeed it may have been able to be used as a ladder besides. This was Noah's first*

good look at the earth. Behold the face of the earth was dry or devastated. (Hebrew brj) This worked in Noah a mixed response of joy at the prospect of being on dry land and of sorrow at the utter desolation. In the 27th day of the 2nd month the earth was dry (Hebrew vby as dry clay and "put to shame")

READING No.4: 8.15-9.7

GOD SPOKE TO NOAH-THE WELCOME REST OF BEING BACK ON EARTH

Go out of the ark-you, your wife, your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out all life which is with you from all flesh-the housed birds, housed cattle, housed creeping things Deliver them and they will multiply or walk in the earth and be fruitful and become many upon the earth. Noah his wife his sons and their wives went out. All living things, all the aquatic animals all birds all that moved on the earth according to their families went out from the ark. *Here were three divisions-those who could immediately enjoy the waters and those who could enjoy the air and those whose habitat was the earth.*

Noah built an altar to the Lord and took of the clean animals and birds and offered burnt offerings upon an altar. And the Lord smelled the fragrant evening air of rest. And the Lord said upon His heart "I will never again curse the earth to overwhelm man for the framed thoughts of man's heart from his youth are evil and I will not add ever again to destroy all life as I have done. *God in His holiness has given a most gracious promise of indulgence to man so that we might learn in life to love Him who so deeply cares and understands our sinful nature.*

READING No.5 9.8-17

GOD'S HISTORIC PROMISE ATTESTED BY THE RAINBOW 9:8-16

During all the days of the earth; seedtime and harvest; during cold quiet days and black days of scorching sun (Hebrew smj from smj); winter of pulling root crops and summer of fruits, day and night shall have no Sabbath. *Not a single occasion of relenting all the years since the flood-during all these years God has guaranteed our basket and our table as a race This is a promise only the creator and sustainer of mankind could make and keep!*

A General comment on post- flood conditions

The oceans became larger in proportion to landmass. Thermal cooling led to icecaps and sheets. Mountains soared higher & became inhospitable. Wind and storm led to a less congenial environment. Rock columns as in Nevada collapsed and crust quakes featured regularly. Increased speed of Rotation may have reduced the year length. The fossils appear from simple to complex because larger complex creatures were overwhelmed last. We see as never before in our day the "wilful ignorance" of man as to the true nature of the catastrophe of the flood (2Peter 3.9) In Job 12.15 we read that the waters "overturned the earth". The best construction would be that the alluvial sea bottoms (the seas being quite shallow originally) emerged high above the collapsing landmass which collapsed into the cavities below.

COMPREHENSIVE UNDERTAKINGS TO ENSURE ABSOLUTE REST

*..8-10 God in speaking to Noah and his sons wanted them to witness his promise by a visible sign as Noah himself was witness to the initial destruction of the flood. This covenant included livestock and living creatures and birds -all that left the ark and others that survived in the seas-as whales and sea creatures. God promised to make His covenant stand constitutionally and promised never again to destroy life by a "flood" and the earth and its geography was indemnified by God against another destructive flood. ...12-13 God further promised, ...11-13 This is the sign of the promise I give you and those with you for generations to perpetuity-my bow in the cloud The sign is highly significant apart from its physics because the bow is directed upwards attesting the fact that God himself would absorb the judgement at a future time-in fact foretelling the cross **a prophetic TORAH**....14 God further promised that when man felt fear at the presence of great dark cloud amount He would cause His bow to appear....15 My bow belongs to my remembering the age-long covenant I have cut between me and all flesh God further promised to look on it every time it*

appears. That is how God keeps his promise. We should thank Him whenever we see a rainbow. This is the token said the LORD as the bow came out and a shower of rain was imminent. The first beautiful evening sign stood beautiful amid the backcloth of lowering cloud.

READING No.6 9.18-10.32 NOAH'S HARD WORK AND OVER-INDULGENCE

..18-19. It is strictly history that Shem Ham and Japheth-the three sons of Noah-triplets-flooded over the whole earth. Here is a little bit of divine humour after such a sad episode. They flooded the earth or rained all over it (Hebrew זָרַח)...20-21 Noah was a man who "**opened the soil**"-a farmer and he planted a vineyard. About 200 miles west of Ararat I once drove past one of the largest fields of vines I have ever seen. The soil of eastern Turkey is rich and easily irrigated and the sun is hot-well suited to the vine....22-24 Sadly this great man drank from his wine and lay hilarious or intoxicated and uncovered in his tent. It was Ham first entered the tent and saw this. He took some delight in telling his brothers. With modesty rivalling his injudicious spirit they draped a sheet shoulder high walked backwards, faces averted and covered Noah. Noah awoke, got wind of the story and delivered a rebuke in the form of a curse on Ham and Canaan and a blessing on Shem and Japheth...25 Cursed be Canaan a slave to slaves is his future. Blessed be the Saving LORD of Shem Here is **prophetic TORAH** of Y'shua, Canaan's future was to be in serving Shem. May God open up wide doors or a great entrance for Japheth and dwell near the tent of Shem and Canaan will be his servant. This ancient statement echoes down the corridor of the ages. Today we know that Israel subjected the Canaanites just after the time of Moses and in modern times we see the Jews living in every modern city of every Western capital. Japheth and Shem are linked by invisible bonds of blessing. Japheth in the form of western nations exploited the vast resources the Americas north and south and of Europe -thus fulfilling this blessing. Noah lived 350 years until the days when the pyramids were built (circa 2300BC) by members of his spreading family springing from his grandson MIZRAIM-who may be the Egyptian MENES.

THE TABLE OF NATIONS

There follows a uniquely valuable listing of the ancient nations and their direct lineage from Noah. There are clear equivalences that we can trace. Before developing narrative comment I will set down what is known today about these nations of antiquity as to modern equivalents.

LANDS WHERE NOAH'S FAMILY CAME TO REST AND RESIDE10.1-7 ...13-20 ...21-26

EDERSHEIM helpfully summarises the gift of land, "It may be said, generally, that Asia was given to Shem, Africa to Ham and Europe to Japheth.

Japheth-Josephus informs us they spread westward from the Taurus mountains as far as Cadiz(GAULS-); MAGOG (Scythians-Russia); MADAI (Medes -in Persia); JAVAN (Greece);TUBAL-Iberians\);MESHECH (MOSOCH & CAPPADOCIANS)TIRAS (Tyre/Phoenicia) ;**GOMER**-ASKENAZ (Germany);RIPHATH (PAPHLAGONIANS); TOGARMAH (Phrygians); **JAVAN**-ELISHAH (The Aeolians) ; TARSHISH (Josephus argues Tarsus on a technicality of the change of Theta to TAU. The word means "smelting" and locations such as TARSHISH in Spain and Britain, nation of Tin & Iron by extension answer to this name);KITTIM (The CYPRIOTS);RHODANIM (Rhodes)

Ham CUSH (Ethiopians); MIZRAIM (Egypt-MEZRAIM had 8 sons fathering the ENEMIM, LUDIEIM, LABIM,PHETHROSIM,CHESLOIM CEPHTHORIM [CRETES] and PHILISTIM who possessed the land from Gaza to Egypt); **Put**(PHUT was founder of Libya but it was named after LYBYOS son of MIZRAIM); **CANAAN**" the trader"(Canaanites-built Sidon named after his firstborn)Hittites JEBUSITES Amorites, GIRGASHITES, ARKITES, SINITES, ARVADITES, ZEMARITES and HAMATHITES-three of which lost possession of sections of Canaan in face of the settlement under Joshua . **These nations spread very widely** and it has been suggested the SINITES are the Chinese; **CUSH** son of Ham is progenitor of SEBA

(SABEANS); HAVILAH (GETUH); SABTAH (Called ASTABORANS by the Greeks); RAAMAH (West Africans); SABTECHA (SABTACHEANS) RAAMAH Sheba (Ethiopia); DEDAN (An Arab people)

Shem (Josephus tells us they inhabited from the Euphrates to the Indian Ocean) was father to Elam (Persians) ASSHUR (Assyrians) ARPHAXAD (Chaldeans) LUD (LYDIANS) Aram (Syria) UZ (founder of TRACHONITIS and Damascus) HUL (founder of Armenia) GETHER (BACTRIANS) MESHECH (CHARAX SPASINI of Josephus). SHELAH'S son Heber (the Hebrews) was father to Peleg (His family is unnamed either because he had none or because as Morris suggests Shem from whom we have the record lived very close to JOKTAN but far from Peleg.) Heber's other son JOKTAN who settled the east and India and possibly beyond had 13 sons. Morris suggests Peleg as the ancestor of the PELASGIANS. Peleg is famous on account of the division of the people on earth which probably occurred at the time of his birth. This table is the first great family tree and was constructed by Shem - **by the scriptural account it cites 70 nations** which equals the number of Jews who entered Egypt in the days of Joseph (Deut 32.7-8) God chose to people the world from 70 persons, so he chose to make of 70 Hebrews a people who would carry His name to the world. God set international development to parallel Israel's development. Nimrod, of whom we shall next read, sought to destabilise the divine plan and substitute his own but God's plan broke out of the straitjacket and apostasy of Nimrod through the faith of Abraham.

NIMROD -COVENANT REBEL -HUNTER OF DINOSAURS AND FOUNDER OF CITIES...

8-12 CUSH fathered Nimrod (*Rebel*) who slew or warred or became profane or broke the covenant to become (Hebrew *lly*) a warrior in the earth. He became a hunting warrior lying in wait for beasts (perhaps huge Dinosaurs) (Hebrew *dyx*) and he became known as the archetypal "rebel warrior of prey (Hebrew *dyx* "animal prey") under the very eyes of the ever living LORD" or "taking the lead as a warrior". Josephus tells us that Nimrod halted the dispersion of man that God commanded and that he stealthily introduced tyranny and that he built a tower of burnt brick and bitumen mortar to thrust heavenward in the face of God for the judgement of the flood. Edersheim suggests that the "making them a name" was a challenge to the SHEMITE leadership marked as it was both by advanced celestial and geographical knowledge. The first capitals of his kingdom were Babel/Babylon (*confusion*) and ERECH (*length*) ACCAD (*bind or tie fast*) and CALNEH (*obedience?*) in the land of SHINAR (*change of or rebellious worship?*). From that land he went to Assyria and built Nineveh (the dwelling of offspring or NINUS), Rehoboth city (*ample room*) and CALAH (*perfection*) Nimrod built six cities in the eastern Euphrates basin and then in the western area. He prepared his policy of population concentration by clearing large areas of the Tigris Euphrates basin of wild beasts.

SHEMITE AND GENERAL DISPERSION ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF GOD

...30-32 JOKTAN the son of Shem had 13 sons who dispersed as far as India. They initially lived from MESHA to SSPHAR -western Arabia to SHEHR or SEPHAR on the Persian Gulf between HADRAMAUT and Oman. (The later abode of the WAHABITES and the Bin-Laden family) These nations are the sons of Shem by family and language in their lands and nations. These are the families of Noah's sons by their descent. And from these the nations of the earth spread out after the flood.

READING No.7 11:1-28

GOD CONFUSED THEIR LANGUAGE

Now the whole earth had one tongue and one vocabulary. It happened as they camped nomadically eastward they found a wide plain in the land of SHINAR and settled there. A man said to his companion, "Come on, we will make white burnt bricks for building and we will bake them thoroughly. They used the burnt brick as stone (would be used) and bitumen for mortar. They encouraged one another to build a city with a tower stretching into the sky lest they should be scattered over the face of the earth. And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. God referred to their unity as a people with one common tongue to work on and complete this dream and now He said, "there will be no pruning back what they intend to do. Come, we will go down and "mix" their language so no man shall obey his neighbour. The

LORD scattered them from there over the whole earth-north south east and west and they failed or were to frail (Hebrew l dj) to build the city. Hence the name "Babel" because the LORD mixed up the world's language and the LORD effectively scattered them over all the earth.

SHEM'S HISTORY

These are the generations of Shem who became father of ARPHAXAD two years after the flood. He lived 500 years after that with a growing and mixed family. At thirty five ARPHAXAD became father of SHELAH, living 403 years longer with a growing and mixed family. SHELAH was at thirty the father to EBER also living 403 years beyond that day with a growing family of sons and daughters. EBER, father of the Hebrews, was born 67 years after the flood and at 34 -exactly 101 years after the flood he begot Peleg, living a further 430 years. Abraham himself was born 292 years after the flood. Longevity virtually halves from the Peleg period.

Harsher climatics and poorer diet with greater pressure of life and weakening genes all play their part-and possibly a greater concentration of radiation on account of loss of a double atmosphere.....Peleg lives just 239 years in all and REU (companion "of God") his firstborn also lived 239 years. REU'S son SERUG ("tender shoot") lives 230 years and becomes NAHOR'S father. NAHOR ("snorting"), Terah's father lives 128 years. And so we come to TERAH ("delay") the ninth from Noah, father of Abram ("Father of a multitude"), Nahor ("snorting" or "junior") and Haran. ("Mountaineer")

CONCLUSION: ...11.29-32 AN ACCOUNT OF TERAH

It is of first importance to observe, as Moses records in 12.1 that the LORD had previously called Abram to leave "his land" and "his people." The sudden death of Haran and the marriage of his granddaughter, HARAN'S daughter Sarah to Abram his Son together with the caring relationship of Abram for Lot comforted Terah. These considerations played no small part in altering the plans and future of Terah. Besides this circumstances of persecution had arisen in Ur if tradition is to be believed and good men like Terah and Abram were no longer content in the land of their birth. The declared "call" of Abram from the Most High now became a very weighty consideration for Terah, who threw his lot in with his first Son and boldly declared he too would go to Canaan. Terah was as Hopeful to Pilgrim but like Pilgrim Abram must personally respond to God's call as to him alone.

*11.27-32 Terah fathered three boys: Abram, Nahor and Haran. Haran had one son, Lot. Haran died by the face of his (loving) father Terah in the land of his birth-Ur of the Chaldees. Abram and Nahor both married. Sarah ("princess") was Abram's bride; MILCAH ("queen" or "counsel") was NAHOR'S. These girls were the daughters of Haran, nieces of their respective husbands. They married within their immediate family. Haran and his wife named their daughter MILCAH well. They had a third daughter ISCAH ("covered" or "hidden") Now Sarah was barren (Hebrew hrq[may even refer to an absence of organic ability to conceive) **Terah took into the loving intimacy of this move Abram and Lot, his son's son and Sarah his daughter in law, wife of Abram and they went forth (Hebrew axy "as soldiers" or "merchants" or "as free men" or "from danger") from Ur of the Chaldees to go to the land of Canaan ("trader") and they came to Haran ("parched by the sun") and they settled there.** Terah lived up to his name and delayed so long at Haran that he never reached Canaan. Nicholas of Damascus in his 4th history states, "Abraham who came from the land above Babylon called Chaldea with an army reigned in Damascus". In Acts 7 2-4 Stephen tells us that Abram left Haran after Terah died. Terah was 145 when Abram left Haran because Abram was 75 when he left Ur and he was begotten in his father's 70th year. So Terah had 60 years to live after Abram left Haran-but he was spiritually "dead" to God's will for his life. The irony is that he who rested physically faltered whereas he who soldiered by faith (Abraham) found true "rest"*

The end of Part 2: "The rest of Faith"