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Gen 11

When I read this chapter the very first thing I come to see is that the children of Noah traveled from the East. Having been to Noah's Ark it is rather easy to figure out how they came to the plain of Shinar.

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When I was in Turkey, we went to see the Anchor stones in Kazan. Nearby was a spring that busted out of the ground and flowed down the Aras valley past where the Ark of Noah was. This river is the Aras-Gihon which is one of the four rivers that went around the Garden of Eden.

I tasted the water, and it was very bitter. Gilgamesh said that he had to cross the land of bitter lakes to find Noah.

While I was thinking of how the people dispersed from the Ark I realized that the bible says in Genesis 11: 1 Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. 2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there.

I know from reading that these people followed the river in order to water their herds. Along the road we took to get to Noah's Ark and the same one we took to leave is the Murat River which was just North West of the spring I mentioned above, near the anchor stones. This spring is the one that feeds the Aras River which flowed to the east. This Powerful Murat River is a tributary of the mighty Euphrates River, and it flowed to the west. It is this river that the children of Noah followed to the Euphrates.

When you follow the Euphrates, as it flows west through Turkey, it takes a turn southward. It is at this point if you look on a map that you can see a number of interesting towns just before the river crosses the border and goes into Syria.

Where the Euphrates flows towards the east in Syria, there is a tributary that flows from the north. It is called Balikh. At the northern tip of the Balikh River is a town called Urfa today in Turkey. It used to be known as Ur of the Chaldeans. How do we know this is Ur of the Chaldeans and not the Ur down near the Persian Gulf where most commentators say it is? When we read the rest of Genesis 11 we get to see Abrams Ancestry and they all had towns around this area.

Genesis 11:10 This is the genealogy of Shem: Shem was one hundred years old, and begot Arphaxad two years after the flood. 11 After he begot Arphaxad, Shem lived five hundred years, and begot sons and

daughters. 12 Arphaxad lived thirty-five years, and begot Salah. 13 After he begot Salah, Arphaxad lived four hundred and three years, and begot sons and daughters. 14 Salah lived thirty years, and begot Eber. 15 After he begot Eber, Salah lived four hundred and three years, and begot sons and daughters. 16 Eber lived thirty-four years, and begot Peleg. 17 After he begot Peleg, Eber lived four hundred and thirty years, and begot sons and daughters. 18 Peleg lived thirty years, and begot Reu. 19 After he begot Reu, Peleg lived two hundred and nine years, and begot sons and daughters. 20 Reu lived thirty-two years, and begot Serug. 21 After he begot Serug, Reu lived two hundred and seven years, and begot sons and daughters. 22 Serug lived thirty years, and begot Nahor. 23 After he begot Nahor, Serug lived two hundred years, and begot sons and daughters. 24 Nahor lived twenty-nine years, and begot Terah. 25 After he begot Terah, Nahor lived one hundred and nineteen years, and begot sons and daughters. 26 Now Terah lived seventy years, and begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

27 This is the genealogy of Terah: Terah begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran. Haran begot Lot. 28 And Haran died before his father Terah in his native land, in Ur of the Chaldeans. 29 Then Abram and Nahor took wives: the name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran the father of Milcah and the father of Iscah.

Arphaxad as we have read in other News Letters was the father of the Chaldeans as Josephus has said. In the area of Ur are other villages or ruins that were called Serug after Abrahams Great Grandfather, and Nahor after Abrahams Grandfather, Terah after Abrahams Father, Today known as Til-Turahi, and Harran after Abrahams Brother.

More recently, the view of Michaelis, anticipated by Josephus ("Ant." i. 6, § 4), that Arpakshad contains the name of the Kasdim or Chaldeans, has become predominant. The explanations of Gesenius, etc., "boundary ["Arp"] of Chaldea" (Keshad); of Cheyne, "Arpakh" and "keshad," written together by mistake ("Expositor," 1897, p. 145), etc., are now superseded by the observation of Hommel ("Ancient Hebrew Traditions," 294) that Arpakshad is the same as "Ur of the Chaldeans" (Ur-kasdim). Both names agree in the consonants except one, and also in meaning, as Arpakshad is the father of Shelah, grandfather of Eber and ancestor of Terah, Nahor, and Abraham, who came from Ur (Gen. xi. 12).

North of these villages is also Nemrud dagh or Mount Nimrod. West of these villages is another town called Cinar. Which is a derivative of Shinar. There is also a river called Sinjar.

Genesis 12:4 So Abram departed as the Lord had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. 5 Then Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people whom they had acquired in Haran, and they departed to go to the land of Canaan.

While I am here at this moment let me show you a prophesy. In Zechariah 5 we read of the Woman in an ephod. The word woman and the word fire in Hebrew is differentiated by a dot in the Masoretic text. The Object that Zechariah is describing as a flying scroll is none other than today's modern missiles. The evil woman inside is a nuclear device or evil fire, not an evil woman. The two women pushing it through the air are two fire propelled rockets.

Once you see all this then know that the place where they build a house for these scrolls is in Shinar, here in Southern Turkey and Northern Syria. You can read more on this subject at https://sightedmoon.com/sightedmoon_2015/?page_id=82

Strange how the bible tells us exactly where they will build houses to house the missiles in. That is in Shinar. Syria. It was in this area that Israel attacked and destroyed a convoy of nuclear equipment.

Near to the place where the Anchor Stones were found is where the river Gihon gushes out of the ground. It was this river that Cush traveled down going towards the east and establishing the mountains of Cush in what is now northern Iran. This mountain range and where Cush went is explained in https://sightedmoon.com/sightedmoon_2015/?page_id=26

The next thing I learned about this first half of this chapter is when the languages were confused. In Seder Olam by Rabbi Yose, he states that all scripture is there to reveal truths to us and not to hide.

Rabbi Yose shows that the confusion of the languages took place 14 years before the kings of the north came and marched upon the cities of Sodom and the plains of Shiddim. This is shown to us in Chapter 14. This would make this year of the languages 2013 after the creation of Adam or 1824 BC. This is not during the life of Peleg as we have explained in a previous Newsletter. Some commentators teach that the languages were confused during Peleg's life time. I showed you by chronology that this was not possible.

For all of you chronologist verse 10 is important because it says that Shem was 100 when Arphaxad was born and Arphaxad was born two years after the flood. The Flood took place 1656 years after the creation of Adam which is 2181 BC.

But back in Genesis 5:32 we are told that Noah was 500 when Shem Ham and Japheth were born. You must now add the information given in Chapter 11 to this to come to the right chronology.

There is a great deal in interesting information near the end of chapter 11.

We are told of Haran's death at the hands of Nimrod in the book of Jasher but there is much information that you should also know about from this time so I include it here. Note I am quoting from another source and the chronological years do not match up with my chronology. I am changing his dates in the following quote. From <http://www.hope-ofisrael.org/bkjasher.htm>

Nimrod and the Birth of Abram

Now let's pick up the story of Nimrod, the world's first tyrant, after the Flood. The book of Jasher gives us a very interesting insight into Nimrod's kingdom and personality. The story begins with his father Cush. We read:

"And Cush, the son of Ham, the son of Noah, took a wife in those days, in his old age, and she bare a son, and they called his name Nimrod, saying, At that time the sons of men began to rebel and transgress against God, and the child grew up, and his father loved him exceedingly, for he was the son of his old age.

"And the garments of skin, which God made for Adam and his wife, when they went out of the garden, were given to Cush. For after the death of Adam and his wife, the garments were given to Enoch, the son of Jared, and when Enoch was taken up to God, he gave them to Methuselah, his son. And at the death of Methuselah, Noah took them and brought them to the ark, and they were with him until he went out of the ark. And in their going out, Ham stole those garments from Noah his father, and he took them and hid them from his brothers. And when Ham begat his firstborn Cush, he gave him the garments in secret, and they were with Cush many days. And Cush also concealed them from his sons and brothers, and when Cush had begotten Nimrod, he gave him those garments through his love for him, and Nimrod grew up, and when he was twenty years old he put on those garments.

(These garments are of a spotted fawn. To this very day in Africa the Kings wear the skins of a leopard as symbolic of this very same garment given to Nimrod by Cush, and Ham.)

"And Nimrod became strong when he put on the garments, and God gave him might and strength, and he was a mighty hunter in the earth....And when Nimrod was forty years old, at that time there was war

between his brethren and the children of Japheth, so that they were in the power of his enemies....And when Nimrod had joyfully returned from battle, after having conquered his enemies, all his brethren...assembled to make him king over them, and they placed the regal crown upon his head.

“And he placed TERAH THE SON OF NAHOR the prince of his host, and he dignified him and elevated him above all his princes” (Jasher 7:23-41).

Notice! Although the Bible does not mention these fine details in the Scriptural narrative, nevertheless, Terah, Abram’s father, was the commander-in-chief of Nimrod’s army! He was a very important man in the post-Flood world, and in the government of Nimrod. This occurred when Nimrod was about forty years of age. The account goes on:

“...And Nimrod dwelt in Shinar...and his kingdom became very great...and Nimrod reigned in the earth over all the sons of Noah, and they were all under his power and counsel [he was the first World Ruler]. And all the earth was of one tongue and words of union, but Nimrod did not go in the ways of the Lord....And Terah, the son of Nahor, prince of Nimrod’s host, was in those days very great in the sight of the king and his subjects, and the king and princes loved him, and they elevated him very high.

“And Terah took a wife and her name was Ambhelo the daughter of Cornebo; and the wife of Terah conceived and bare him a son in those days. Terah was SEVENTY YEARS OLD when he begat him, and Terah called the name of his son ABRAM, because the king had raised him in those days, and dignified him above all his princes” (Jasher 7:44-51).

The book of Jasher therefore plainly tells us Abram was born to Terah when he was 70 years old — not 135, as Archbishop Ussher thought. The story continues that at the birth of Abram, the astrologers and wise men of Nimrod’s kingdom saw a horrifying sign in the heavens, which they understood to mean that the child born to Terah that night would grow up and possess the earth, and would kill all the kings of the earth, posing a great threat to Nimrod himself. A plot was hatched to kill the child. Terah managed to save Abram by substituting the child of one of his servants instead, and then hid Abram, his mother and nurse, in a cave for ten years (Jasher 8:33-36). GO to this URL to see where this cave is in Ur.

http://www.turkishclass.com/picture_1564

The account goes on to tell us that Haran, Abram’s oldest brother, took a wife when he was 39 years of age, and when he was 42, she bare to him Sarai, in the tenth year of Abram’s life (Jasher 9:1-4). Thus Sarai was ten years younger than Abram, whom she would later marry. She was born in 1879 B.C. This means that Haran was born 42 years earlier, in 1921 B.C., and was 32 years older than Abram. This is also corroborated in Jasher 12:16, where we read, “and Haran was in those days that Abram was born thirty and two years old.” He was born when Terah his father was 38.

When Abram was ten years old, he came out of the cave. The king Nimrod and all his soothsayers thought he was long dead by this time. However, taking no chances, we read that: “And when Abram came out from the cave, he went to Noah and his son Shem, and he remained with them to learn the instruction of the Lord and his ways, and no man knew where Abram was, and Abram served Noah and his son Shem for a long time.

“And Abram was in Noah’s house thirty nine years, and Abram knew the Lord from three days old, and he went in the ways of the Lord until the day of his death, as Noah and his son Shem had taught him; and all the sons of the earth in those days greatly transgressed against the Lord, and they rebelled against him, and they served other gods, and they forgot the Lord who had created them in the earth....And Terah had twelve gods of large size, made of wood and stone, after the twelve months of the year...” (Jasher 5-8).

Thus Abram, from age 10 to 49, was in the house of Noah, learning the truth of YEHOVAH God! This would have been from the year 1879 BC (the year Sarai was born) until the year 1840 B.C. During this time, “king Nimrod reigned securely, and all the earth was under his control, and all the earth was of one tongue and words of union” (Jasher 9:20).

At this time Nimrod and his great men took counsel to build a “strong tower, and its top reaching heaven: (verse 21). While they built it, they “imagined in their hearts to war against him and to ascend into heaven” (v.25). As the Scriptures tell us, and the book of Jasher confirms, the gigantic tower was destroyed in a mighty paroxysm. Says the book of Jasher, “And as to the tower which the sons of men built, the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up one third part thereof, and a fire also descended from heaven and burned another third, and a third part is left to this day, and it is of that part which was aloft, and its circumference is three days’ walk” (v. 38).

This tremendous event would have occurred just before Abram left the house of Noah in the year 1840 B.C. The tower of Babel catastrophe, therefore, would have occurred somewhere around the year 1841 B.C. It was shortly after this awesome lesson from the heavens, that Abram comes forth from hiding and exile, and returns to the house of his father Terah.

Abram Confronts Nimrod

When Abram was 50 years old, he left Noah’s house and returned to his father’s house. Terah was still steeped in idolatry, and still captain of the host of Nimrod (Jasher 11:13-15). Abram remonstrated with his father about his strange gods (verses 26-50). Incensed, Terah reported this incident to Nimrod, who sent soldiers to seize Abram. Nimrod, all his princes, and Terah were present, when Abram witnessed before them, urging the king to repent of his follies and wickedness, his idolatries, and to serve the “God of the whole universe, who created thee, and in whose power it is to kill and keep alive” (Jasher 11:54-55). He ended his testimony, saying, “O foolish, simple, and ignorant king, woe unto thee forever” (v. 56).

Nimrod was so indignant and full of wrath, that he ordered Abram put into prison, and then asked his counsellors what ought to be done with him. They counselled that Abram should be thrown alive into a flaming furnace and be burned to death (Jasher 12:6). For three days and nights a mighty fire was prepared in the king’s furnace, and all the inhabitants of the land stood to see Abram being brought out to be burned. Jasher estimates the crowd at about 900,000 (Jasher 12:7-8).

What happened? Jasher relates:

“And the Lord loved Abram and he had compassion over him, and the Lord came down and delivered Abram from the fire and he was not burned. But all the cords with which they bound him were burned, while Abram remained and walked about in the fire.... Haran too was cast into the fire and he died.

“And Abram walked in the midst of the fire three days and three nights, and all the servants of the king saw him walking in the fire, and they came and told the king....And when the king heard their words his heart fainted and he would not believe them...and the king rose to go and see it, and he saw Abram walking to and fro in the midst of the fire...” (Jasher 12:24-28). At this time Abram was 50 years old. Nimrod was the son of Cush, the son of Ham. Ham begat Cush probably 2179 B.C., two years this side of the Flood. If Cush were 251 years of age, when he begat Nimrod, then Nimrod would have been born in 1929 B.C. Remember, he was expressly born in Cush’s old age, “the son of his old age” (Jasher 7:23). Thus he would have been about 30 years younger than Terah, the chief over his host. He would have been approximately 40 years older than Abram.

Keep this date in mind, for later we will see how well it correlates with another date signpost we will discover in the book of Jasher! There are many “date links” given in the book of Jasher which are unavailable anywhere else.

Abram's Place of Safety

After this, king Nimrod had a disturbing dream, which his counsellors interpreted to mean that “the day will come when Abram and his seed and the children of his household will war with my king, and they will smite all the king’s horses and all his troops...this means nothing else but the seed of Abram which will slay the king in latter days” (Jasher 12:53-55). Abram got secret word of this and the conspiracy to have him killed, and “Abram hastened and ran for safety to the house of Noah and his son Shem, and he concealed himself there and found a place of safety” (v. 61).

Terah came to visit his son, after he had been with Noah for a month, at which time Abram encouraged his father to come with him to Canaan, so that they would both be delivered from the hand of Nimrod (v. 65). Terah hearkened to his son’s wisdom, and they came as far as the land of Haran, and remained there (Jasher 13:1). “And Abram remained in the land of Haran three years, and at the expiration of three years the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, I am the Lord who brought thee forth from Ur Casdim, and delivered thee from the hands of all thine enemies. And now therefore if thou wilt hearken to my voice and keep my commandments, my statutes and my laws, then will I cause thy enemies to fall before thee, and I will multiply thy seed like the stars of heaven...” (Jasher 13:3-4). At this time YEHOVAH God told Abram, “Arise now, take thy wife and all belonging to thee and go to the land of Canaan and remain there...” (v. 5).

Judges 1-2

Having now read in Joshua where Israel totally defeated the Canaanites we are now reading where they were not able to totally put them out and then they resorted to forcing them to pay tribute.

Remember we said before that Joshua was an Idealistic reading while Judges is more reality.

I was going to comment on how Israel put the Canaanites under tribute, but as I we read in Chapter 2 Yahovah does His own commentary.

1 And the Messenger of Yehovah came up from Gilgal to Bok?im, and said, “I led you up from Mitsrayim and brought you to the land of which I swore to your fathers, and I said, ‘I do not break My covenant with you, 2 and as for you, do not make a covenant with the inhabitants of this land – break down their altars.’ But you have not obeyed My voice. What is this you have done? 3 “Therefore I also said, ‘I am not driving them out before you, and they shall be adversaries to you, and their mighty ones shall be a snare to you.’ ” 4 And it came to be, when the Messenger of Yehovah spoke these words to all the children of Yisra’el, that the people lifted up their voice and wept.

Then once Joshua died and the elders of Israel died who had seen all that Yahovah had done then Israel resorted to serving the false gods. Have you ever asked yourself why they do this?

In our report above I point out how some people this year had resorted to keeping the Passover one month later. They are also going to keep Shavuot one month later. But in both cases the Barley for Passover and the wheat for Shavuot will already be reseeded or harvested long before these people can keep the feasts.

In both cases and in fact in all cases I can think of, people go a whoring after other gods because they are not grounded in the Torah. They may read it but they do not study it. They do not pray to Yahovah to learn more about it. Many people are too busy with life to study the word and search and question and look for the answers. Then when a new ideology comes along with a sharp sounding teacher they fall for it.

It is not that Israel or you wake up one day and say we are going to go and worship Buddha today. It is a gradual lack of interest followed by more and more interest in another, until the other becomes your new lover.

11 Then the children of Yisra'el did evil in the eyes of Yehovah, and served the Ba'als, 12 and forsook Yehovah Elohim of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Mitsrayim, and went after other mighty ones, of the mighty ones of the people who were all around them, and they bowed down to them, and provoked Yehovah. 13 So they forsook Yehovah and served Baal and the Ashtoreth's. 14 And the displeasure of Yehovah burned against Yisra'el. Therefore He gave them into the hands of plunderers who despoiled them. And He sold them into the hands of their enemies all around, and they were unable to stand before their enemies any longer. 15 Wherever they went out, the hand of Yehovah was against them for evil, as Yehovah had spoken, and as Yehovah had sworn to them. And they were distressed – greatly.

All the troubles that the USA and England and Australia are having over the past few years, do you think anyone would consider that it was because they had moved away from Yahovah. Does it not seem that Yahovah's hand is moving against these countries by all the calamities that we read about in the nightly news? Why is this?

Ps 23-25

The answer to that last question can be found in this week's Psalms.

Psalm 24: 6 This is the generation of those who seek Him; Ya'aqob, who seek Your face. Psalm 25: 4 Show me Your ways, O Yehovah; Teach me Your paths. 5 Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the Elohim of my deliverance; On You I wait all the day.

We are to seek Him and His ways and to earnestly look for them to learn about Him.

14 The secret of Yehovah is with those who fear Him, And He makes His covenant known to them. 15 My eyes are ever toward Yehovah, For He brings my feet out of the net. 16 Turn Your face to me, and show me favour, For I am lonely and afflicted. 17 The distresses of my heart have enlarged; Oh, bring me out of my distresses! 18 Look on my affliction and my toil, And forgive all my sins. 19 See how many my enemies have become; And they hate me with a violent hatred.

Once again David is speaking of how lonely this way of life can be when all others are against us for keeping Yahovah's will and obeying the Torah.

Mat 14:22 – 15:39

Mathew 15:7 "Hypocrites! Yeshayahu rightly prophesied about you, saying, 8 'This people draw near to Me with their mouth, and respect Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. 9 'But in vain do they worship Me, teaching as teachings the commands of men.'

Isaiah 29:13 And Yehovah says, "Because this people has drawn near with its mouth, and with its lips they have esteemed Me, and it has kept its heart far from Me, and their fear of Me has become a command of men that is taught

2 Kings 17:19 Yehudah, also, did not guard the commands of Yehovah their Elohim, but walked in the laws¹ of Yisra'el which they made. Footnote: ¹Man-made laws.

I want to address this one topic here now. I understand that many on this News Letter still go to church on Sunday. They still keep Christmas, and Easter or many other holidays. But none of these can be found in the Torah. They are instituted by the church organization that you belong to and cannot be found in your bibles unless you do some very fancy changing of what the Bible actually says.

You call yourselves Christians and believe you are saved. You draw near to the Messiah with your songs and words, but in fact your hearts show you do not believe in Him because you will not obey Him. You will not keep the Seventh Day Sabbath, or the Annual Holy Days as found in Leviticus 23. I do not care what group you associate with, whether Jewish or Christian or Muslim or Eastern religions; if it ain't in Leviticus 23 then you are not to be keeping it, period. The Only Holy days we are to keep are Passover and the Days of Unleavened Bread for 7 days. Shavuot or Pentecost, The Feast of Trumpets or Yom Teruah, the Day of Atonement, the Feast of Tabernacles or Sukkot and the Eight Day feast.

If you are keeping any other days as holy then you are sinning and your heart is not obedient to Yahovah. It is that simple. This fourth commandment also includes the keeping of the Sabbatical and Jubilee years which most of you do not keep.

By holding fast to your religious traditions and ignoring what Yahovah told us to keep, and what Yahshua Himself kept, you prove to this very day that in vain do you worship Him, teaching as teachings the commands of men. Stop doing this immediately and repent and begin to obey Yahovah and keep what He said to keep. Do not add to it nor take away from it.

Deuteronomy 12: 32 "All the words I am commanding you, guard to do it – do not add to it nor take away from it