

B.F. (Before the Flood)

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A.F. (After the Flood)

**Notes**

**Born 600 yrs before the flood**

Noah (950 yrs)

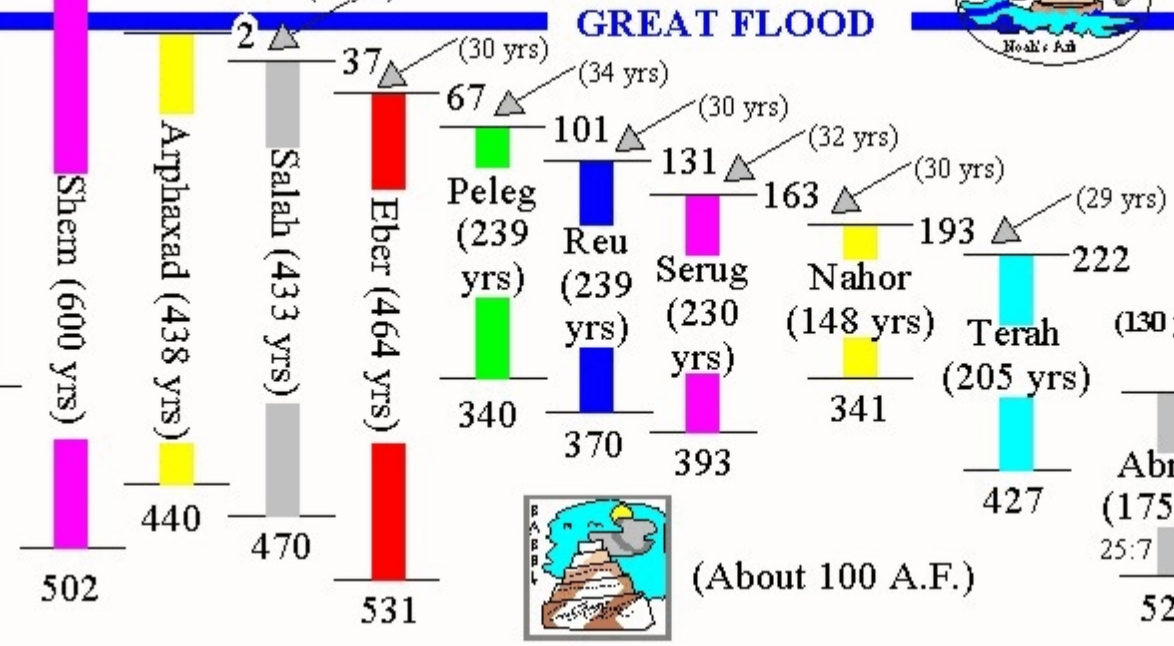
(502 yrs)  
-98 (100 yrs)

**Explanation:** All dates are given relative to the flood (left hand scale gives dates as B.F. and A.F. for before and after the flood). The right hand scale gives dates B.C. (Before Christ) and is synchronized by dating Abram's (Abraham's) birth at about 2000 B.C.

**The line of promise from Shem to Jacob**

**Post-flood Genealogies**  
(Gen. 11:10-32; 12-50)

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\*\*\*\*Terah's age at Abraham's birth may be calculated (cp. Ge 11:32; 12:4; Acts 7:4). Abram left Haran after Terah's death (age 205). Abram was 75 when he left Haran. Terah was therefore 130 at Abraham's birth. This may be reconciled with Ge 11:27 by supposing that Abram was the youngest son.



(About 100 A.F.)

1. There are 10 generations from Adam to Noah (pre-flood) and 10 generations from Shem to Abraham (post-flood). Cp. Matt.1:17
2. Peleg's name (lit. Division, cp. Ge 10:25) was given in commemoration of the division of the languages which occurred at Babel (cp. Ge 11:1-9). This dates Babel about 100 yrs A.F.
3. We can note two sudden decreases in longevity occurring (a) after the flood with Shem's lifespan and (b) after the Tower of Babel with Peleg's lifespan. These can be explained by the changes in the physical environment which occurred as a result of the flood, and the changes

4. in the social structure as a result of the separation of humanity into small tribal language groups.
4. By limiting man's lifespan, God limited the progression of wickedness in the world. By confusing the languages, God limited man's ability to organize in rebellion against him.
5. In Luke's listing of the genealogy (Lk 3:35-36) another name (Cainan) is added between Arphaxad and Salah. However, Cainan (or Kenan) does not appear in any of the O.T. listings as a son of Arphaxad (Ge 10:22-24; 11:13-15; 1Chron 1:17-18). Small gaps in the genealogy

are therefore possible if some generations were omitted. In no case could more than a thousand years be reasonably added between Shem and Abram (3 generations X avg. 33 yrs X 8 places = max. 800 yrs).

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