

Genesis, Chapter 10

Old JPS Translation

1 Now these are the generations of the sons of Noah: Shem, Ham, and Japheth; and unto them were sons born after the flood. 2 The sons of Japheth: Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras. 3 And the sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah. 4 And the sons of Javan: Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim. 5 Of these were the isles of the nations divided in their lands, every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations. 6 And the sons of Ham: Cush, and Mizraim, and Put, and Canaan. 7 And the sons of Cush: Seba, and Havilah, and Sabtah, and Raamah, and Sabteca; and the sons of Raamah: Sheba, and Dedan. 8 And Cush begot Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one in the earth. 9 He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; wherefore it is said: 'Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the LORD.' 10 And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. 11 Out of that land went forth Asshur, and builded Nineveh, and Rehoboth-ir, and Calah, 12 and Resen between Nineveh and Calah--the same is the great city. 13 And Mizraim begot Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim, 14 and Pathrusim, and Casluhim--whence went forth the Philistines--and Caphtorim. 15 And Canaan begot Zidon his firstborn, and Heth; 16 and the Jebusite, and the Amorite, and the Girgashite; 17 and the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite; 18 and the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite; and afterward were the families of the Canaanite spread abroad. 19 And the border of the Canaanite was from Zidon, as thou goest toward Gerar, unto Gaza; as thou goest toward Sodom and Gomorrah and Admah and Zeboiim, unto Lasha. 20 These are the sons of Ham, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, in their nations. 21 And unto Shem, the father of all the children of Eber, the elder brother of Japheth, to him also were children born. 22 The sons of Shem: Elam, and Asshur, and Arpachshad, and Lud, and Aram. 23 And the sons of Aram: Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Mash. 24 And Arpachshad begot Shelah; and Shelah begot Eber. 25 And unto Eber were born two sons; the name of the one was Peleg; for in his days was the earth divided; and his brother's name was Joktan. 26 And Joktan begot Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah; 27 and Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah; 28 and Obal, and Abimael, and Sheba; 29 and Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab; all these were the sons of Joktan. 30 And their dwelling was from Mesha, as thou goest toward Sephar, unto the mountain of the east. 31 These are the sons of Shem, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, after their nations. 32 These are the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations; and of these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood.

Genesis, Chapter 11

Old JPS Translation

1 And the whole earth was of one language and of one speech. 2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. 3 And they said one to another: 'Come, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly.' And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. 4 And they said: 'Come, let us build us a city, and a tower, with its top in heaven, and let us make us a name; lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.' 5 And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. 6 And the LORD said: 'Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is what they begin to do; and now nothing will be withholden from them, which they purpose to do. 7 Come, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.' 8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth; and they left off to build the city. 9 Therefore was the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth; and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

10 These are the generations of Shem. Shem was a hundred years old, and begot Arpachshad two years after the flood. 11 And Shem lived after he begot Arpachshad five hundred years, and begot sons and daughters. 12 And Arpachshad lived five and thirty years, and begot Shelah. 13 And Arpachshad lived after he begot Shelah four hundred and three years, and begot sons and daughters. 14 And Shelah lived thirty years, and begot Eber. 15 And Shelah lived after he begot Eber four hundred and three years, and begot sons and daughters. 16 And Eber lived four and thirty years, and begot Peleg. 17 And Eber lived after he begot Peleg four hundred and thirty years, and begot sons and daughters. 18 And Peleg lived thirty years, and begot Reu. 19 And Peleg lived after he begot Reu two hundred and nine years, and begot sons and daughters. 20 And Reu lived two and thirty years, and begot Serug. 21 And Reu lived after he begot Serug two hundred and seven years, and begot sons and daughters. 22 And Serug lived thirty years, and begot Nahor. 23 And Serug lived after he begot Nahor two hundred years, and begot sons and daughters. 24 And Nahor lived nine and twenty years, and begot Terah. 25 And Nahor lived after he begot Terah a hundred and nineteen years, and begot sons and daughters. 26 And Terah lived seventy years, and begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran. 27 Now these are the generations of Terah. Terah begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran begot Lot. 28 And Haran died in the presence of his father Terah in the land of his nativity, in Ur of the Chaldees. 29 And Abram and Nahor took them 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. 30 And Sarai was barren; she had no child. 31 And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran, his son's son, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife; and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Haran, and dwelt there. 32 And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years; and Terah died in Haran.

Genesis, Chapter 10

New JPS Translation

1 These are the lines of Shem, Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah: sons were born to them after the Flood.

2 The descendants of Japheth: Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras. 3 The descendants of Gomer: Ashkenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah. 4 The descendants of Javan: Elishah and Tarshish, the Kittim and the Dodanim. 5 From these the maritime nations branched out. [These are the descendants of Japheth] by their lands—each with its language—their clans and their nations.

6 The descendants of Ham: Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan. 7 The descendants of Cush: Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah, and Sabteca. The descendants of Raamah: Sheba and Dedan.

8 Cush also begot Nimrod, who was the first man of might on earth. 9 He was a mighty hunter by the grace of the LORD; hence the saying, "Like Nimrod a mighty hunter by the grace of the LORD." 10 The mainstays of his kingdom were Babylon, Erech, Accad, and Calneh in the land of Shinar. 11 From that land Asshur went forth and built Nineveh, Rehoboth-ir, Calah, and Resen between Nineveh and Calah, that is the great city.

13 And Mizraim begot the Ludim, the Anamim, the Lehabim, the Naphtuhim, 14 the Pathrusim, the Casluhim, and the Caphtorim, whence the Philistines came forth.

15 Canaan begot Sidon, his first-born, and Heth; 16 and the Jebusites, the Amorites, the Girgashites, 17 the Hivites, the Arkites, the Sinites, 18 the Arvadites, the Zemarites, and the Hamathites. Afterward the clans of the Canaanites spread out. (19 The [original] Canaanite territory extended from Sidon as far as Gerar, near Gaza, and as far as Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, near Lasha.) 20 These are the descendants of Ham, according to their clans and languages, by their lands and nations.

21 Sons were also born to Shem, ancestor of all the descendants of Eber and older brother of Japheth. 22 The descendants of Shem: Elam, Asshur, Arpachshad, Lud, and Aram. 23 The descendants of Aram: Uz, Hul, Gether, and Mash. 24 Arpachshad begot Shelah, and Shelah begot Eber. 25 Two sons were born to Eber: the name of the first was Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided; and the name of his brother was Joktan. 26 Joktan begot Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah, 27 Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah, 28 Obal, Abimael, Sheba, 29 Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab; all these were the descendants of Joktan.

30 Their settlements extended from Mesha as far as Sephar, the hill country to the east. 31 These are the descendants of Shem according to their clans and languages, by their lands, according to their nations.

32 These are the groupings of Noah's descendants, according to their origins, by their nations; and from these the nations branched out over the earth after the Flood.

Genesis, Chapter 11

New JPS Translation

1 Everyone on earth had the same language and the same words. 2 And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a valley in the land of Shinar and settled there. 3 They said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and burn them hard."—Brick served them as stone, and bitumen served them as mortar. 4 And they said, "Come, let us build us a city, and a tower with its top in the sky, to make a name for ourselves; else we shall be scattered all over the world." 5 The LORD came down to look at the city and tower that man had built, and the LORD said, "If, as one people with one language for all, this is how they have begun to act, then nothing that they may propose to do will be out of their reach. 7 Let us, then, go down and confound their speech there, so that they shall not understand one another's speech." 8 Thus the LORD scattered them from there over the face of the whole earth; and they stopped building the city. 9 That is why it was called Babel, because there the LORD confounded the speech of the whole earth; and from there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

10 This is the line of Shem. Shem was 100 years old when he begot Arpachshad, two years after the Flood. 11 After the birth of Arpachshad, Shem lived 500 years and begot sons and daughters. 12 When Arpachshad had lived 35 years, he begot Shelah. 13 After the birth of Shelah, Arpachshad lived 403 years and begot sons and daughters. 14 When Shelah had lived 30 years, he begot Eber. 15 After the birth of Eber, Shelah lived 403 years and begot sons and daughters. 16 When Eber had lived 34 years, he begot Peleg. 17 After the birth of Peleg, Eber lived 430 years and begot sons and daughters.

18 When Peleg had lived 30 years, he begot Reu. 19 After the birth of Reu, Peleg lived 209 years and begot sons and daughters. 20 When Reu had lived 32 years, he begot Serug. 21 After the birth of Serug, Reu lived 207 years and begot sons and daughters. 22 When Serug had lived 30 years, he begot Nahor. 23 After the birth of Nahor, Serug lived 200 years and begot sons and daughters.

24 When Nahor had lived 29 years, he begot Terah. 25 After the birth of Terah, Nahor lived 119 years and begot sons and daughters.

26 When Terah had lived 70 years, he begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran. 27 Now this is the line of Terah: Terah begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran begot Lot. 28 Haran died in the lifetime of his father Terah, in his native land, Ur of the Chaldeans. 29 Abram and Nahor took to themselves wives, the name of Abram's wife being Sarai and that of Nahor's wife Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah and Iscah. 30 Now Sarai was barren, she had no child.

31 Terah took his son Abram, his grandson Lot the son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, the wife of his son Abram, and they set out together from Ur of the Chaldeans for the land of Canaan; but when they had come as far as Haran, they settled there. 32 The days of Terah came to 205 years; and Terah died in Haran.

Genesis, Chapter 10

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And this is the lineage of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Sons were born to them after the Flood. The sons of Japheth: Gomer and Magog and Madai and Javan and Tubal and Meshech and Tiras. And the sons of Comer: Ashkenaz and Riphath and Togarmah. And the sons of Javan: Elishah and Tarshish, the Kittites and the Dodanites. From these the Sea Peoples branched out. [These are the sons of Japheth,¹ in their lands, each with his own tongue, according to their clans in their nations. And the sons of Ham: Cush and Mizraim and Put and Canaan. And the sons of Cush: Seba and Havilah and Raamah and Sabteca. And the sons of Raamah: Sheba and Dedan. And Cush begot Nimrod. He was the first mighty man on earth. He was a mighty hunter before the LORD. Therefore is it said: Like Nimrod, a mighty hunter before the LORD. The start of his kingdom was Babylon and Erech and Accad, all of them in the land of Shinar. From that land Asshur emerged, and he built Nineveh and Rehoboth-Ir and Calah, and Resen, between Nineveh and Calah, which is the great city. And Mizraim begot the Ludites and the Ana-mites and the Lehabites and the Naphtuhites, and the Pathrusites and the Casluhites, and the Caphtorites, from whom the Philistines emerged. And Canaan begot Sidon, his firstborn, and Heth and the Jebusite and the Amorite and the Girgashite and the Hivite and the Archite and the Sinite and the Arvadite and the Zemarite and the Hamatite. Afterward the clans of the Canaanite spread out. And the border of the Canaanite was from Sidon till you come to Gerar, as far as Gaza, till you come to Sodom and Gomorrah and Admah and Zeboiim, as far as Lasha. These are the sons of Ham according to their clans and their tongues, in their lands and their nations. Sons were born, too, to Shem, the father of all the sons of Eber, the older brother of Japheth. The sons of Shem: Elam and Asshur and Arpachshad and Lud and Aram. And the sons of Aram: Uz and Hul and Gether and Mash. And Arpachshad begot Shelah and Shelah begot Eber. And to Eber two sons were born. The name of one was Peleg for in his days the earth was split apart; and his brother's name was Joktan. And Joktan begot Almodad and Sheleph and Hazarmaveth and Jerah and Hadoram and Uzal and Diklah and Obal and Abimael and Sheba and Ophir and Havilah and Jobab. All these were the sons of Joktan. And their settlements were from Mesha till you come to Sephar, in the eastern highlands. These are the sons of Shem according to their clans and tongues, in their lands and their nations. These are the clans of the sons of Noah according to their lineage in their nations. And from these the nations branched out on the earth after the Flood.

Genesis, Chapter 11

Robert Alter

And all the earth was one language, one set of words. And it happened as they journeyed from the east that they found a valley in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to each other, "Come, let us bake bricks and burn them hard." And the brick served them as stone, and bitumen served them as mortar. And they said, "Come, let us build us a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, that we may make us a name, lest we be scattered over all the earth." And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the human 5 creatures had built. And the LORD said, "As one people with one language for all, if this is what they have begun to do, now nothing they plot to do will elude them. Come, let us go down and baffle their language there so that they will not understand each other's language." And the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth and they left off building the city. Therefore it is called Babel, for there the LORD made the language of all the earth babble. And from there the LORD scattered them over all the earth. This is the lineage of Shem: Shem was a hundred years old when he begot Arpachshad two years after the Flood. And Shem lived after begetting Arpachshad five hundred years and he begot sons and daughters. And Arpachshad lived thirty-five years and he begot Shelah. And Arpachshad lived after begetting Shelah four hundred and three years and he begot sons and daughters. And Shelah lived thirty years and he begot Eber. And Shelah lived after begetting Eber four hundred and three years and he begot sons and daughters. And Eber lived thirty-four years and he begot Peleg. And Eber lived after begetting Peleg four hundred and thirty years and he begot sons and daughters. And Peleg lived thirty years and he begot Reu. And Peleg lived after begetting Reu two hundred and nine years and he begot sons and daughters. And Reu lived thirty-two years and he begot Serug. And Reu lived after begetting Serug two hundred and seven years and he begot sons and daughters. And Serug lived thirty years and he begot Nahor. And Serug lived after begetting Nahor two hundred years and he begot sons and daughters. And Nahor lived twenty-nine years and he begot Terah. And Nahor lived after begetting Terah one hundred and nineteen years and he begot sons and daughters. And Terah lived seventy years and he begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

And this is the lineage of Terah: Terah begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran, and Haran begot Lot. And Haran died in the lifetime of Terah his father in the land of his birth, Ur of the Chaldees. And Abram and Nahor took themselves wives. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai and the name of Nahor's wife was Milcah daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah and the father of Iscah. And Sarai was barren, she had no child. And Terah took Abram his son and Lot son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, the wife of his son Abram, and he set out with them from Ur of the Chaldees toward the land of Canaan, and they came to Haran and settled there. And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years, and Terah died in Haran.

Genesis, Chapter 10

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1And these are the records of Noah's sons, Shem, Ham, and Yaphet: And children were born to them after the flood. 2Yaphet's children were Gomer and Magog and Madai and Yawan and Tubal and Meshech and Tiras. 3And Gomer's children were Ashkenaz and Riphath and Togarmah. 4And Yawan's children were Elisha and Tarshish, Kittim and Dodanim. 5The islands of the nations in their lands were dispersed out from these, each by its language, by their families within their nations.

6And Ham's children were Cush and Egypt and Put and Canaan. 7And Cush's children were Seba and Havilah and Sabtah and Raamah and Sabteca. And Raamah's children were Sheba and Dedan. 8And Cush fathered Nimrod. He began being a man of power in the earth. 9He was a powerful hunter before YHWH. On account of this it is said: "A powerful hunter before YHWH like Nimrod!" 10And the beginning of his kingdom was Babylon and Erech and Akkad and Calneh in the land of Shinar. 11Asshur came out of that land and built Nineveh and Rehovoth-Ir and Calah, 12and Resen between Nineveh and Calah. It is the big city. 13And Egypt fathered Ludim and Anamim and Lehabim and Naphtuhim 14and Pathrusim and Casluhim, from which the Philistines came out, and Caphtorim. 15And Canaan fathered Sidon, his firstborn, and Heth 16and the Jebusite and the Amorite and the Girgashite and the Hivite and the Arkite and the Sinite 18and the Arvadite and the Zemarite and the Hamathite. And later the families of the Canaanites were dispersed. 19And the Canaanite border was from Sidon, as you come to Gerar, up to Gaza, as you come to Sodom and Gomorrah and Admah and Zeboim, up to Lasha. 20These are Ham's children, by their families, by their languages, in their lands, within their nations.

21 Children were born to Shem, him as well, father of all of Eber's children, older brother of Yaphet. 22Shem's children were Elam and Asshur and Arpachshad and Lud and Aram. 23And Aram's children were Uz and Hul and Gether and Mash. 24And Arpachshad fathered Shelah, and Shelah fathered Eber. 25And two sons were born to Eber. The name of one was Peleg, because in his days the earth was divided, and his brother's name was Joktan. 26And Joktan fathered Almodad and Sheleph and Hazarmaveth and Jerah 27and Hadoram and Uzal and Diklah 28and Obal and Abimael and Sheba 29and Ophir and Havilah and Jobab. All these are Joktan's children. 30And their home was from Mesha, as you come to Sephar, to the mountain of the east. 31These are Shem's children, by their families, by their languages, in their lands, by their nations.

32These are the families of Noah's children by their records in their nations, and the nations were dispersed from these in the earth after the flood.

Genesis, Chapter 11

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And it was: all the earth was one language and the same words. 2And it was when they were traveling from the east: and they found a valley in the land of Shinar and lived there. 3And they said to one another, "Come on, let's make bricks and fire them." And they had brick for stone, and they had bitumen for mortar. 4And they said, "Come on, let's build ourselves a city and a tower, and its top will be in the skies, and we'll make ourselves a name, or else we'll scatter over the face of all the earth."

3And YHWH went down to see the city and the tower that the children of humankind had built. 6And YHWH said, "Here, they're one people, and they all have one language, and this is what they've begun to do. And now nothing that they'll scheme to do will be precluded from them. 7Come on, let's go down and babble their language there so that one won't understand another's language." 8And YHWH scattered them from there over the face of all the earth, and they stopped building the city. 9On account of this its name was called Babylon, because YHWH babbled the language of all the earth there, and YHWH scattered them from there over the face of all the earth.

10These are the records of Shem: Shem was a hundred years old, and he fathered Arpachshad, two years after the flood. "And Shem lived after his fathering Arpachshad five hundred years, and he fathered sons and daughters. 12And Arpachshad lived thirty-five years, and he fathered Shelah. 13And Arpachshad lived after his fathering Shelah three years and four hundred years, and he fathered sons and daughters. 14And Shelah lived thirty years, and he fathered Eber. 15And Shelah lived after his fathering Eber three years and four hundred years, and he fathered sons and daughters. 16And Eber lived forty-three years, and he fathered Peleg. 17And Eber lived after his fathering Peleg thirty years and four hundred years, and he fathered sons and daughters. 18And Peleg lived thirty years, and he fathered Reu. 19And Peleg lived after his fathering Reu nine years and two hundred years, and he fathered sons and daughters. 20And Reu lived thirty-two years, and he fathered Serug. 21And Reu lived after his fathering Serug seven years and two hundred years, and he fathered sons and daughters. 22And Serug lived thirty years, and he fathered Nahor. 23And Serug lived after his fathering Nahor two hundred years, and he fathered sons and daughters. 24And Nahor lived twenty-nine years, and he fathered Terah. 25And Nahor lived after his fathering Terah nineteen years and a hundred years, and he fathered sons and daughters. 26And Terah lived seventy years, and he fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

27And these are the records of Terah: Terah had fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran, and Haran had fathered Lot. 28And Haran died in the lifetime of Terah, his father, in the land of his birthplace, in Ur of the Chaldees. 29And Abram and Nahor took wives. Abram's wife's name was Sarai, and Nahor's wife's name was Milcah, daughter of Haran—father of Milcah and father of Iscah. 30And Sarai was infertile. She did not have a child. 31And Terah took Abram, his son, and Lot, son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai, his daughter-in-law, the wife of Abram, his son; and they went with them from Ur of the Chaldees to go to the land of Canaan. And they came as far as Haran, and they stayed there. 32And Terah's days were five years and two hundred years. And Terah died in Haran.

Genesis, Chapter 10

Chaim Stern in Plaut, The Torah: A modern commentary

1] This is the line of Noah's sons Shem, Ham, and Japheth: sons were born to them after the flood.

2] Japheth's sons were Comer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras. 3] Corner's sons were Ashkenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah. 4] Javan's sons were Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim. 5] From them the nations of the coastal islands spread out, each with its own tongue, in their clan and their peoples.

6] Ham's sons were Cush, Mitzraim, Put, and Canaan. 7] Cush's sons were Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah, and Sabteca; and Raamah's sons were Sheba and Dedan. 8] And Cush begot Nimrod; he was first among the earth's heroes. 9] He was a mighty hunter before the Eternal, for which reason it is said, "Like Nimrod, a mighty hunter before the Eternal." 10] His choice domains ;Were Babylon, Erech, and Akkad, all of them in the land of Shinar. 11] From that land came Ashur, who founded Nineveh, Rechovot-ir, and Calah, 12] and Resen, between Nineveh and Calah—the largest city. 13] Mitzraim begot Ludim, Anamim, Lehabim, Naph-tuhim, 14] Pathrusim, and Casluhim, from whom descended [the] Philistines and Cretans. 15] Canaan begot Sidon his first-born and Heth, 16] and the Jebusites, the Amorites, and the Girgashites, and the Hivites, the Arkites, and the Sinites,

17] and the Arvadites, the Zemarites, and the Hamathites; afterwards the Canaanite clans spread out. The Canaanite border reached from Sidon, as far as Gerar, up to Gaza, as far as Sodom, and Gomorrah, and Admah, and Zeboim up to Lasha. 18] These are Ham's sons by their clans, their tongues, in their lands and their nations. 19] And Shem too had progeny; [he was] the ancestor of all the sons of Eber, brother of Japheth the Great. 22] Shem's sons were Elam, Ashur, Arpachshad, Lud, and Aram. 23] Aram's sons were Utz, Hul, Gether, and Mash. 24] Arpachshad begot Shelah, and Shelah begot Eber. 25] And to Eber were born two sons; the first was named Peleg ["Division"], for in his time the earth was divided; his brother's name was Joktan, 26] And Joktan begot Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmavet, Jerah, 27] Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah, 28] Obal, Abimael, Sheba, 29] Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab—all these were Joktan's sons. 30] Their dwelling was near Masha, as you come to S'phara, the eastern mountain. 31] These are Shem's sons by their clans, their tongues, in their lands and their nations.

Genesis, Chapter 11

Chaim Stern in Plaut, The Torah: A modern commentary

1] All the earth had the same language and the same words. 2] As they wandered from the east, they came upon a valley in the land of Shinar and settled there. 3] Then people said to one another: "Come, let us make bricks and fire them, and use them as mortar." So they had bricks to build with, and tar served them as mortar. 4] Then they said, "Come, let us build a city with a tower that reaches the sky, so that we can make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over all the earth!" 5] Then the Eternal came down to look at the city and tower the people had built, 6] and the Eternal One said, "Look—these are all one people with one language, and this is just the beginning of their doings; now no scheme of theirs will be beyond their reach! 7] Let us go down there and confuse their speech, so that no one understands what the other is saying." 8] So it came about that the Eternal scattered them over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. 9] That is why it was called Babel, because there the Eternal confused the speech of all the earth; and from there the Eternal scattered them over the face of the earth.

10] This is the line of Shem: Shem was 100 years when he begot Arpachshad, 2 years after the flood.

After begetting Arpachshad, Shem lived 500 years; and he begot sons and daughters.

Arpachshad had lived 35 years when he begot Shelah. 13] After begetting Shelah, Arpachshad lived 403 years; and he begot sons and daughters. 14] Shelah had lived 30 years when he begot Eber. 15] After begetting Eber, Shelah lived 403 years; and he begot sons and daughters. 16] Eber had lived 34 years when he begot Peleg. 17] After begetting Peleg, Eber lived 430 years; and he begot sons and daughters. 18] Peleg had lived 30 years when he begot Reu. 19] After begetting Reu, Peleg lived 209 years; and he begot sons and daughters. 20] Reu had lived 32 years when he begot Serug. 21] After begetting Serug, Reu lived 207 years; and he begot sons and daughters.

Serug had lived 30 years when he begot Nahor.

After begetting Nahor, Serug lived 200 years; and he begot sons and daughters. 24] Nahor had lived 29 years when he begot Terah. 25] After begetting Terah, Nahor lived 119; and he begot sons and daughters. 26] Terah had lived 70 years when he begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

27] This is the chronicle of Terah: Terah begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran begot Lot. 28] Then Haran died in the presence of Terah his father, in the land of his birth, in Ur of the Chaldeans. 29] Then Abram and Nahor took wives: Abram's wife was named Sarai, and Nahor's wife was named Milcah daughter of Haran father of Milcah and of Yiscah. 30] And Sarai was barren; she had no offspring. 31] Then Terah took his son Abram and his brother's son Lot son of Haran and his daughter-in-law Sarai, and they all left Ur of the Chaldeans to go to the land of Canaan; but they got as far as Haran and settled there. 32] The years of Terah's life came to 205; then Terah died in Haran.