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### **THE HISTORY OF THE SHEMITES**

The history of the Shemites is recorded in the **4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Toledoth** (account, line, records) of the Book of Genesis.

1. (Gen.2:4)	Heavens and Earth	6. (Gen.11:27)	Terah (11:27-25:11)
2. (Gen.5:1)	Adam (Seth)	7. (Gen. 25:12)	Ishmael
3. (Gen.6:9)	Noah	8. (Gen.25:19)	Isaac
4. (Gen.10:1)	Sons of Noah (10:1-11:9)	9. (Gen.36:1)	Esau
5. (Gen.11:10)	Shem (11:10-26)	10.(Gen.37:2)	Jacob

We are following the lineage and history of the Shemites to Abraham. The history of the Shemites consisted of 10 generations (Gen.10:21-26; 11:10-26; 1 Chron.1:17-27; Luke 3:34-38).

Shemite history is important for us, Church Age Believers (CAB) to study because it is the Gentile link in the lineage of Christ in both the Antediluvian and Postdiluvian civilizations (Before and after the Flood).

The history of the Shemites ends with Terah (Gen.11:26; Luke 3:34-36).

**This lesson will study five aspects of the History of the Shemites  
as the last Gentile Divine Agency to Christ.**

#### **1. Genesis Ch.5 and Ch.11 give the listing of the messianic genealogy of the Gentile age from Adam to Terah.**

- **Gen.5 lists 10 generations** of Sethites from Adam to **Noah** (Name means 'rest')
  - Flood judgment upon world.
- **Gen.11 lists 10 generations** of Shemites from Noah to **Terah** (Name means 'delay')
  - Tower of Babel judgment upon world.

These two Gentile families were the Divine Agencies and Custodians of God's Word and Evangelism to world. It is interesting that both Gentile genealogies end with three sons: Noah and 3 sons (Gen.5:32) and Terah and 3 sons (Gen.11:26).

#### **2. The Sethite history reflects the spiritual development of the First Messianic Gentile lineage into the Divine Agency of the Plan of God in human history – prior to the Flood (Antediluvian Period).**

There was a major change in the Sethite history with the **generation of Jared** (name means 'descend') and was the 5<sup>th</sup> generation from Seth. (Gen.5:18-20; Gen.6:1-4, 11-12). It was during Jared's generation that the sons of God co-habited with the daughters of men and produced the Nephilim that brought the divine judgment of the Flood upon the world (Gen.6-9).

#### **3. The Shemite history reflects the spiritual development of a Second Messianic Gentile lineage into the Divine Agency of the Plan of God in human history – after the Flood (Postdiluvian Period).**

There was also a major change in the Shemite history in **generation of Peleg** (name means to 'divide') and was the 5<sup>th</sup> generation from Shem. (Gen.10:21-25, 31-32; 1 Chron.1:17-19).

God's judgment upon the Tower of Babel resulted in dividing the Shemites into 70 different nations and languages (Gen.11:7-9).

This resulted in different nations and languages for the Divine Agencies to minister the Word of God and Evangelism during the Jewish and Church ages (Gen.10: 21-32; Matt.28:18-20; Acts 2:5-12).

#### 4. **The Postdiluvian civilization consists of the Shemite period of Gentile Age and the Jewish age (Abraham to Jesus Christ)**

The Jewish Age was interrupted by the Church Age (mystery) (Eph.3:1-13) [Pentecost to Rapture] (1 Thess.4:3-18) followed by the last 7 years of Jewish Age - known as The Tribulation (Rev.6-19).

**NOTE:** The Bible contains the only record of this important period of human history. There is some vague history in the Sumerian history of this period.

#### 5. **It is interesting to observe the life expectancy changes throughout the Gentile Age (Sethites and Shemites) into the Postdiluvian civilization.**

- The average life expectancy of the Sethites was **911** years (Antediluvian) until Flood judgment.
- The average life expectancy of the Shemites was **445** years (Postdiluvian)
  - Prior to the Tower of Babel judgment.
- The average life expectancy of the Shemites was **212** years (Postdiluvian)
  - After Tower of Babel judgment - to Abraham. (Abraham lived to 175 years).
- The average life expectancy of the Jewish and Church Ages is **95** years (Postdiluvian)
  - (120 to 70); (Gen.6:3; Ps.90:10).
- Did you notice that they declined **by 50%** under divine discipline.

Big mutation changes occurred in mankind related to Adam's Original Sin (AOS) and Dispensational Divine Disciplines.

**(2 Cor.4:16-18)** "Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet **our inner man is being renewed day by day**. For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are **temporal**, but the things which are not seen are **eternal**."

#### **Sethites and Shemites:**

**(Gal.3:16)** "Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, 'and to seeds,' as referring to many, but rather to One, 'And to your seed,' that is, **Christ.**" (Rom.4:1-15)

Mankind has always been saved by the Gospel of Christ by grace through faith (**Gen.3:15**; 1 Cor.15:22, 45; Rom.5:12-21) [Transitioning from a prophetic gospel into an historical gospel].

**(Gal.3:8)** "The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, 'All the nations will be blessed in You.'" (Gen.12:3)