

Aim:**Note:****Turn to Genesis 14**

Verse 4 tells us that for 12 years the cities of Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, Zeboiim and Bela (also called Zoar) had been subject to King Kedorlaomer of Elam. But they had rebelled and now King Kedorlaomer brought 3 other kings with him (from Babylon, Ellasar and Goiim) to fight them.

How did the fight go and what happened next? **Read verse 11-13**

What does Abraham do? **Read verse 14** (Along with his allies, he calls his armed men and sets off to free those taken captive.)

Abraham divided their group, attacked at night and the other army fled.

On their return they are met by the King of Sodom (who had fled and hid after the battle) and also someone else.

Read verse 18-20

Note: Abraham pays a tithe, even before the command given to Moses about tithing. When God told the Israelites to tithe, it wasn't a new thing, but rather a reminder of something that they have forgotten in their years of slavery. The same as the Sabbath, God created and celebrated the first Sabbath during the Creation week, but as slaves they had forgotten, or become slack about keeping the Sabbath. Also the offering of sacrifices to point to the sacrifice of Jesus. We have records of Abel, Noah and Abraham offering sacrifices prior to the Israelites.

Some interesting things to note about Melchizedek:

Read Hebrews 7:2-3

In the time of Moses, God appointed the descendants of Levi to be the priests of Israel, but the writer of Hebrews goes on to talk about Jesus being our High Priest – and although not a descendant of Levi, Jesus was much greater than the Levite Priests. He compares Jesus to Melchizedek, who was greater than Abraham; Abraham was the Great-Grandfather of Levi.

Incidentally – we don't know who Melchizedek, the 'King of Justice' and the city of 'Peace' but since Hebrews tells us that there is no record of his parents, ancestors or birth, it's possible that he might be actually be Shem, or one of his close family members, especially since Shem was still alive at that time, and lived much longer than the other people at that time and so compared to their 100-200 years, it would seem that Shem had lived forever. However we don't know for sure – it's something we can ask when we get to Heaven.

Read Genesis 14:21-22

Abraham is finally learning to rely on God... Maybe...

Read Genesis 15:1-4

If you ever read the Daveed series of books by Terri Fivash – they talk about the cutting ceremony as a way of making a covenant. In the reminder of this chapter, God is making a covenant with Abraham. God appears to Abraham in a vision, what does He tell him? **Read verse 13-16**

In chapter 16, Sarai, Abraham's wife suggests that since she can't have children, Abraham take her servant to have a child with. This was a common practice in those days since having children was seen as very important. Was this what God wanted?

No it caused lots of arguments between Sarai, and her servant Hagar, and later between Isaac and Ishmael.

Discuss: What should Abraham have done about Sarai's suggestion? (Asked God)

My Classed asked to know more about artifacts from the past... Or feel free to explore other Creation topics.

The Book of Daniel contains prophecies about the future and the end of the world. What was Daniel told in **Daniel 12:4?**

According to www.industrytap.com and this was written in 2013 (<https://www.industrytap.com/knowledge-doubling-every-12-months-soon-to-be-every-12-hours/3950>)

Buckminster Fuller created the "Knowledge Doubling Curve"; he noticed that until 1900 human knowledge doubled approximately every century. By the end of World War II knowledge was doubling every 25 years. Today things are not as simple as different types of knowledge have different rates of growth. For example, nanotechnology knowledge is doubling every two years and clinical knowledge every 18 months. But on average human knowledge is doubling every 13 months. **IBM**, predicted that the build out of the "internet of things" will lead to the doubling of knowledge every 12 hours by 2020.

(I wasn't able to find recent figures so I don't know if their prediction was correct, but I do know that knowledge is increasing at an ever increasing rate, all the time, and some of the things I hear of because of my work are absolutely amazing, even unimaginable. Eg. Quantum computers.)

The flood was catastrophic. **Read Genesis 8:17**

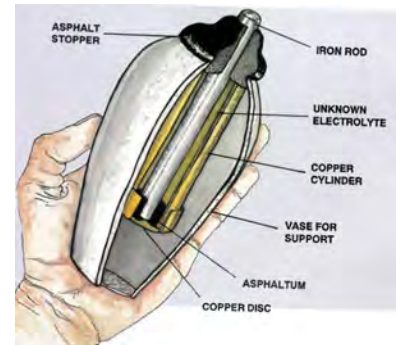
The only 'living things that breath' that survived were those on the Ark. The flood also destroyed all of the infrastructure on earth. The towns, cities, buildings, and the inventions, so we know practically nothing about how they lived. It also took many years after the flood for the climate and the earth itself to stabilize.

Evolutionists claim that the first humans were of lower intelligence than we have today, but the Bible says that God created Adam and Eve, in His image. We also know that before the flood they lived 10 times longer than we do today. Imagine how much a scientist could learn and invent, if he had 1000 years to do it in. Very occasionally, amazing unusual artifacts are found which may have survived from before the flood, or may have been saved on the Ark, or the knowledge about them, or the skills to make them, may have been saved by Noah's family. Here are some examples.

- In 1851 after dynamiting rock a metal vase was found embedded in solid pudding stone in Massachusetts USA. It was decorated with pictures of 6 people, a flower, a bouquet and a vine or wreath.
- In 1851 a 2" nail was found in a quartz rock, after the rock fell and broke. The impression of a 2" metal screw was found in a piece of feldspar in 1865 from the Abbey Mine, Treasure City, Nevada.
- In 1952, archaeologists opened an ancient Chinese tomb, from the Jin dynasty (265-420 AD) and found a skeleton with a belt. Now called the Nanjing belt, it has 20 pieces of metal on it. 4 of the pieces are pure Aluminium. Aluminium wasn't discovered until 1825. It does not exist naturally in its pure form.
- In 1885 a small metal cube was found inside a block of coal at the foundry in Austria. The cube had to concave sides and a grove all around about midway. It appeared to be part of a larger mechanism or machine.
- In 1891 a lady in Illinois was shovelling coal into her stove, when one of the pieces of coal fell and broke, she found a gold chain still embedded in it.
- In 1961 three rock hunters collecting geodes in California. When they cut one rock open, instead of crystals they found a mechanical device, a ceramic cylinder with copper rings around it; a metal shaft fixed to a spring; the shaft was surrounded by an unknown substance – it was in some ways similar to a spark plug, but different.

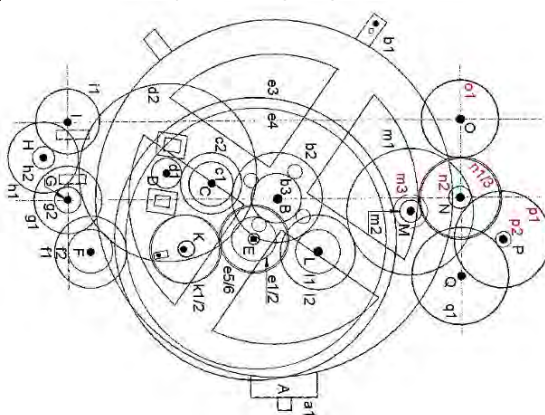
Fifty years ago, the then Director of the Baghdad Museum, Wilhelm Konig, reported the discovery of an electric battery 2,000 years old. The battery Konig discovered consisted of a pottery jar 14 centimetres high and 8 centimetres in diameter with a 3.3 centimetre opening at the top. Inside this opening, and held in place with asphalt, was a tube made of a copper sheet. The tube was sealed at the bottom with a copper disc held in place with more asphalt. Suspended from the asphalt lid was an iron rod which hung down inside the centre of the copper roll.

<https://creation.com/why-the-electric-battery-was-forgotten>



Approximately 50–70 BC,¹ a Roman merchant ship full of luxury goods was wrecked just off the small Greek island of Antikythera, probably during a violent storm. The cargo included wine jars (amphorae), jewellery, coins, and bronze and marble statues. Among the valuables lost to the ocean waves was an astronomical calculating device of astonishing complexity. It was found in 1901.

Today, the device is known as the Antikythera Mechanism. Approximately the size of a shoebox, it is considered the world's oldest analogue computer. Recent studies have determined that this mechanism accurately displayed the movements of the sun, moon (its phases), and the five then-known planets in relation to the earth. It could calculate dates for future solar and lunar eclipses, and the cycle of the ancient Olympic Games. It is now housed in the National Archaeological Museum in Athens, and is the subject of ongoing research.²



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