

Gen 8:1-5 *But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the cattle that were with him in the ark; and God caused a wind to pass over the earth, and the water subsided. (2) Also the fountains of the deep and the floodgates of the sky were closed, and the rain from the sky was restrained; (3) and the water receded steadily from the earth, and at the end of one hundred and fifty days the water decreased. (4) In the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark rested upon the mountains of Ararat. (5) The water decreased steadily until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains became visible.*

The flood had been one of tremendous proportions.

Mt Ararat is 12,782 ft above sea level being about 485 miles from the closest point in the Mediterranean Sea and about 200 miles north of Ur of the Chaldees (modern Nasiriyah, Iraq)

Water will flow from the Chesapeake Bay Bridge to the mouth of the Bay, a relatively flat movement of 120 miles in about 3 weeks.

150 days for the water to come down for the ark to rest on the “mountains of Ararat”, i.e., the foothills.

Gen 8:6-11 *Then it came about at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made; (7) and he sent out a raven, and it flew here and there until the water was dried up from the earth. (8) Then he sent out a dove from him, to see if the water was abated from the face of the land; (9) but the dove found no resting place for the sole of her foot, so she returned to him into the ark, for the water was on the surface of all the earth. Then he put out his hand and took her, and brought her into the ark to himself. (10) So he waited yet another seven days; and again he sent out the dove from the ark. (11) The dove came to him toward evening, and behold, in her beak was a freshly picked olive leaf. So Noah knew that the water was abated from the earth.*

A raven and a dove released, the dove finds no place to eat (doves are ground feeders, eating seeds, although some species eat fruits and plants, on the tree/vine); ravens are omnivorous and would have eaten rotting flesh as well as grains and fruit.

Gen 8:20-22 *Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. (21) The LORD smelled the soothing aroma; and the LORD said to Himself, "I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man's heart is evil from his youth; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done. (22) "While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, And cold and heat, And summer and winter, And day and night Shall not cease."*

“the intent of man's heart is evil from his youth”

Man's character is not sinful at birth but develops from observation.

Pro 5:18 Let your fountain be blessed, And rejoice in the wife of your youth. (same word)

8.22 God will not ever repeat this horrible event.

Gen 9:2-7 *"And the fear of you and the terror of you shall be on every beast of the earth and on every bird of the sky; with everything that creeps on the ground, and all the fish of the sea, into your hand they are given. (3) "Every moving thing that is alive shall be food for you; I give all to you, as I gave the green plant. (4) *"Only you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood.**

It has been suggested that up to this point, all living things ate only plants (Gen 1.29-30), however, there are a number of strict carnivores for which plant proteins are insufficient. Nevertheless, plants are the bottom of the food chain upon which all nutrition is based.

There are a number of bacteria which require animal protein diets and participate in digesting flesh as well as some animals, e.g., lice, hair mites and ticks.

*Gen 9.5 "And surely I will require your
lifeblood; from every beast I will require it.
And from every man, from every man's
brother I will require the life of man. (6)
"Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his
blood shall be shed, For in the image of God
He made man.*

Capital punishment is required for murder, for man and animals.

The current situation in the law of most states is opposed to this and devalues the life given by God.

Gen 9.7 "And as for you, be fruitful and multiply; Populate the earth abundantly and multiply in it."

The question of how many of mankind it takes to fulfill this command is a problem for us as in the last 150 years we have conquered most of the diseases which killed mankind and we have increased the production of food so that we no longer starve.

Gen 9:20-21 Then Noah began farming and planted a vineyard. (21) And he drank of the wine and became drunk, and uncovered himself inside his tent.

This transition from a hunter-gatherer to farmers and herdsman is seen as a major transition by anthropologists as man began to gather into groups.

Gen 10 Notable descendants of Ham include Assyrians v. 10 (to the North of Israel, below Iran), and Philistines v. 14 (northern coast of Israel).

Notable descendants of Shem are Abraham, his descendants, the Jews and Jesus.

Lk 3.36 – the forebear of the Jews.

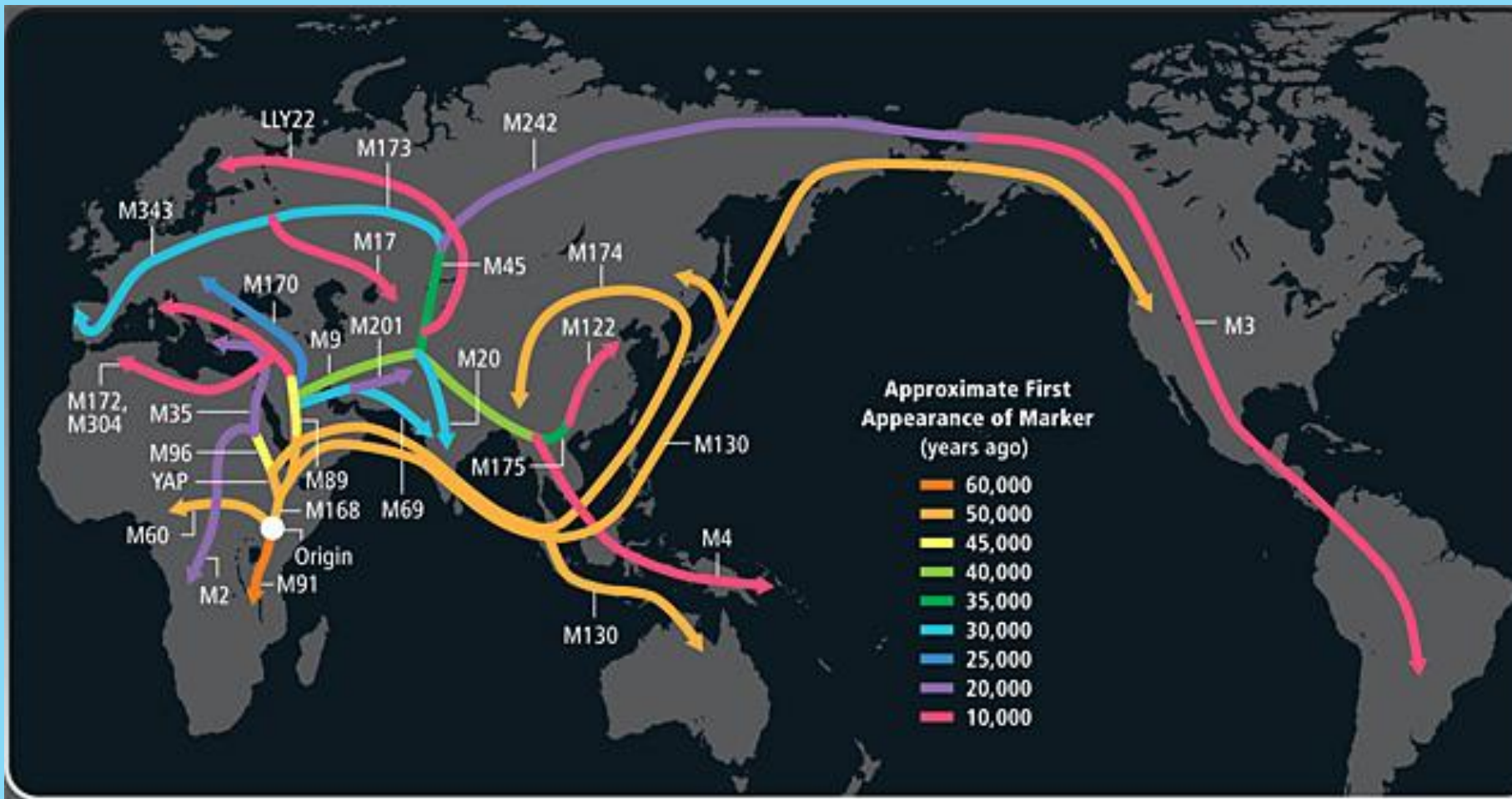
Gen 10:25 *And two sons were born to Eber; the name of the one was Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided; and his brother's name was Joktan.*

"the earth was divided" some translators believe it looks forward to the division of languages at Babel. Certainly it does not refer to the division of continents as man was limited at this time to the Mesopotamian basin and no way of telling how far the earth might have split.

Gen 11:1-3 *Now the whole earth used the same language and the same words. (2) And it came about as they journeyed east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. (3) And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and burn them thoroughly." And they used brick for stone, and they used tar for mortar.*

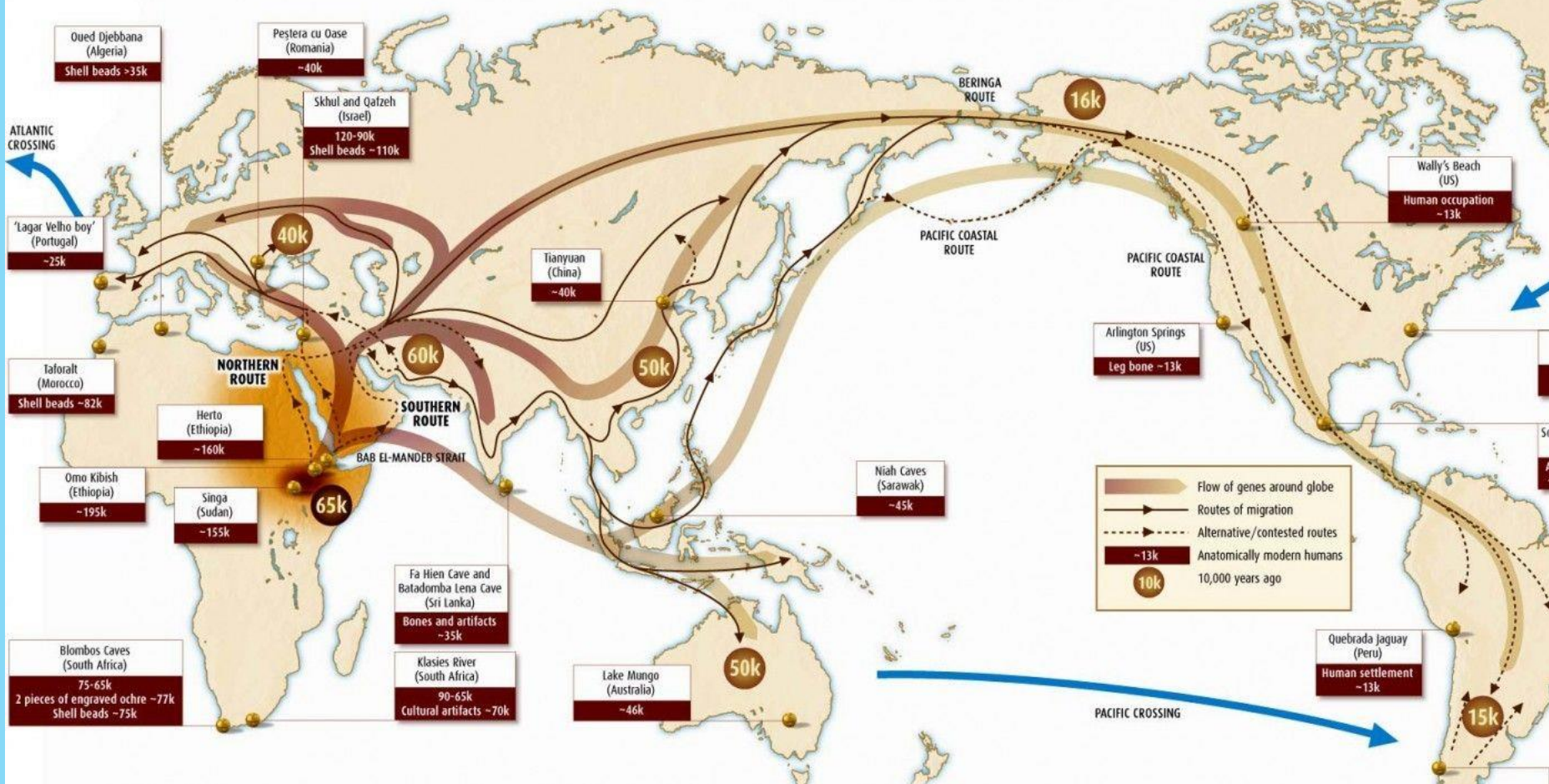
Gen 11:4-6 And they said, "Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top will reach into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name; lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth." (5) And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. (6) And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they began to do, and now nothing which they purpose to do will be impossible for them.

(7) "Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." (8) So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of the whole earth; and they stopped building the city. (9) Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of the whole earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of the whole earth. God confuses the language of the people in order to cause men to move from their point of origin to inhabit the whole earth.



The tracing of languages to an origin is one branch of language studies called Geolinguistics. Most maps start in Mesopotamia, some move toward Africa.

Evidence from fossils, ancient artefacts and genetic analyses combine to tell a compelling story



These language maps coincides with DNA maps tracing origins of ethnic groups as men spread from Mesopotamia/Africa.

Again, we see that science coincides with the Bible on the origin and spread of languages and people from near where God said it happened.