

## The Deluge to Abraham

**The Deluge to Abraham.** For the period from the deluge to Abraham we are again dependent upon the genealogical data in the Greek and Hebrew texts, and the Samaritan Pentateuch. Reckoning the age of Terah at the birth of Abraham as 70 (Gen. 11:26), the years from the deluge to Abraham would be 292 according to the MT, 942 according to the Samaritan Pentateuch, and 1172 according to the LXX. But if the age of Terah at Abraham's birth is reckoned as 130 years (on the basis of Gen. 11:32; 12:4; and Acts 7:4), the above totals would be raised by 60 years. On this basis the Hebrew text would give 352 years from the deluge to Abraham, and the Greek, 1232.

In this area the testimony of the MT stands alone against the LXX and the Samaritan Pentateuch, where the numbers are 100 years higher than those of the MT for Arphaxad, Salah, Eber, Peleg, Reu, and Serug, while for Nahor, the grandfather of Abraham, the Samaritan is 50 years higher and LXX 150, than the MT.