



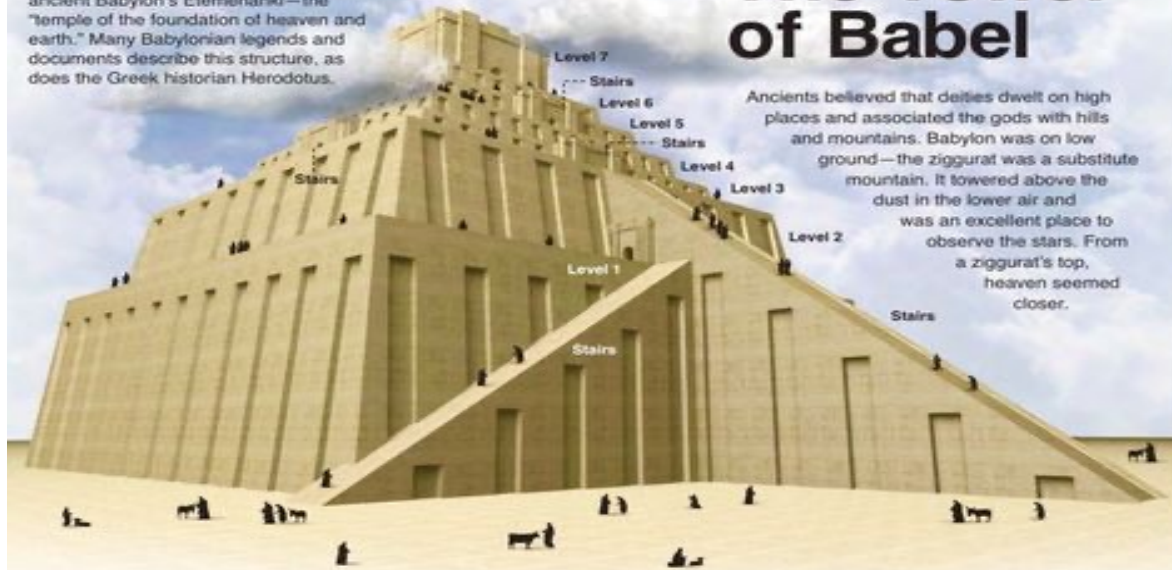
# Genesis 11 Bible Study Material



The Tower of Babel would have been built in ziggurat form. It probably was ancient Babylon's Etemenanki—the "temple of the foundation of heaven and earth." Many Babylonian legends and documents describe this structure, as does the Greek historian Herodotus.

# The Tower of Babel

Ancients believed that deities dwelt on high places and associated the gods with hills and mountains. Babylon was on low ground—the ziggurat was a substitute mountain. It towered above the dust in the lower air and was an excellent place to observe the stars. From a ziggurat's top, heaven seemed closer.



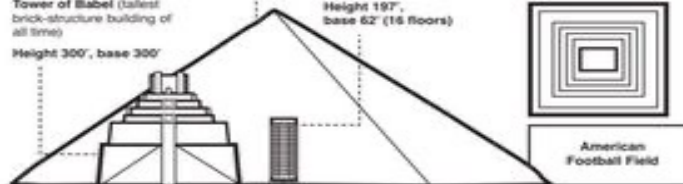
## Size comparison (approximate):

Great Pyramid of Giza (tallest building in the ancient world)  
Height 480', base 755.5'

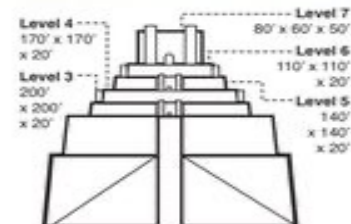
Monadnock Building in Chicago (tallest brick-structure building now standing)

Height 197', base 62' (16 floors)

Tower of Babel (tallest brick-structure building of all time)  
Height 300', base 300'

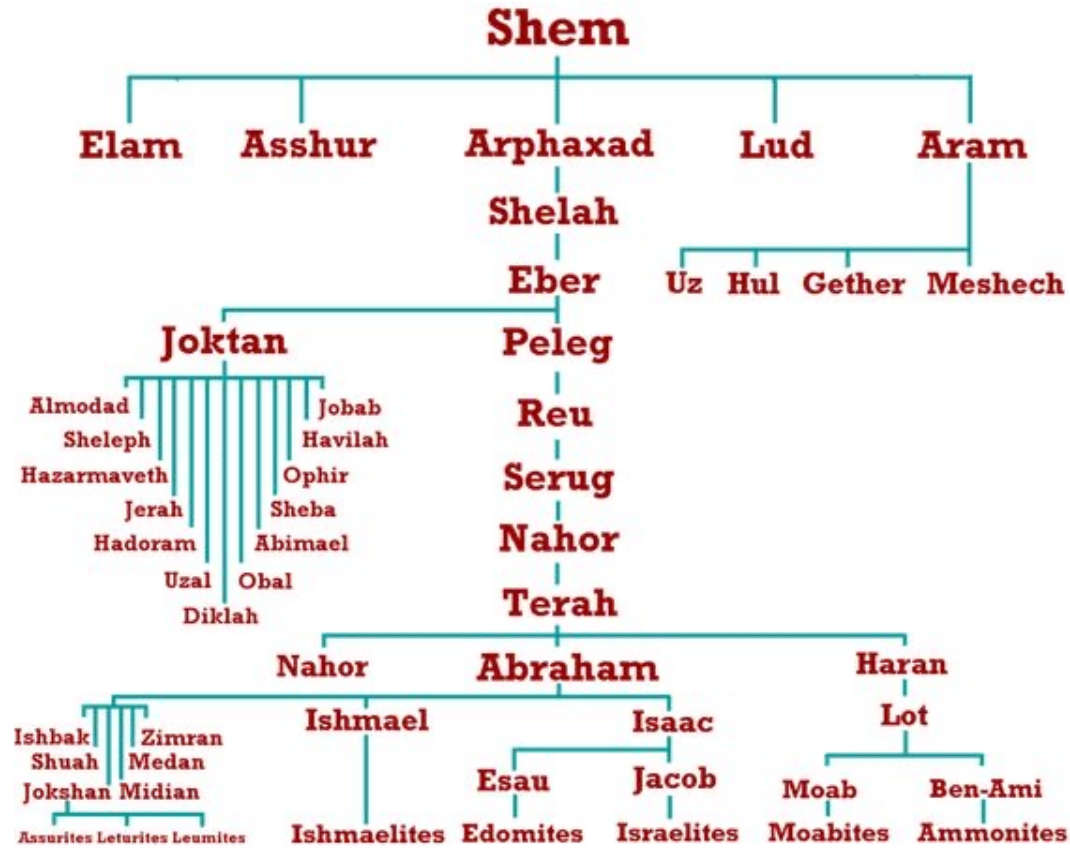


The Esagila Tablet from Uruk describes the Etemenanki with these dimensions. The stairs for the top levels are interior.



The Genealogy of Shem

Genesis 11:10-26



# Genealogy of Terah

Genesis 11:27-29

