

## ~EBER 1 (60)

(E'ber) [from a root meaning pass over or cross, or, other side, that is, the opposite side]

- A forefather of Abraham, the son of Shelah and the father of Peleg and Joktan as well as of other children. In the days of his son Peleg, whom **Eber** outlived by about 191 years, the earth was divided.
- This may have reference to Yehowah's confusing the language of those who were building Babel and its tower under the direction of Nimrod.
- And to **Eber** there were two sons born. The name of the one was Peleg, because in his days the earth was divided, and the name of his brother was Joktan. (**Genesis 10:25**)
- And Shelah lived thirty years. Then he became father to **Eber**. (**Genesis 11:14**)
- And after his fathering **Eber** Shelah continued to live four hundred and three years. Meanwhile he became father to sons and daughters. (**Genesis 11:15**)
- And **Eber** lived on for thirty-four years. Then he became father to Peleg. (**Genesis 11:16**)
- And after his fathering Peleg **Eber** continued to live four hundred and thirty years. Meanwhile he became father to sons and daughters. (**Genesis 11:17**)
- And Peleg lived on for thirty years. Then he became father to Reu. (**Genesis 11:18**)
- And after his fathering Reu Peleg continued to live two hundred and nine years. Meanwhile he became father to sons and daughters. (**Genesis 11:19**)
- And Terah lived on for seventy years, after which he became father to Abram, Nahor and Haran. (**Genesis 11:26**)
- And to Shem, the forefather of all the sons of **Eber**, the brother of Japheth the oldest, there was also progeny born. (**Genesis 10:21**)

- Refers to Shem, the forefather of all the sons of **Eber**, ancestor of all the Hebrews, **AT**, **Mo**, the brother of Japheth the oldest.
- Evidently **Eber** is here listed in close relation to Shem because of the Biblical importance attached to **Ebers** descendants, particularly from Abraham forward.
- The text, therefore, does not restrict Shem's descendants to just the Hebrews, as the succeeding verses make clear. Eber's descendants through Joktan appear to have settled in Arabia, while those through Peleg are associated with Mesopotamia.