



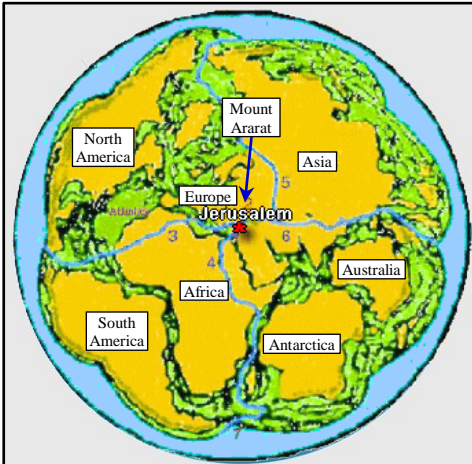
The story of the Tower of Babel is one of the most incredible in the Old Testament. This was the first-time mankind conspired together to try to “work” his way to heaven. God punished mankind by confusing the language and forcing the people to scatter. A man name “Peleg” lived at this time and his name infers the earth was split by a great earthquake. It’s believed that the continents were still connected together at this time (See **Genesis 1:9**) so not only were the “nations of people” divided, but also the “earth”. The Tower of Babel event took place about 100 to 150 years after Noah’s ark landed. This would have given the animals enough time to scatter to their proper habitats before the continental split. This is a hypothesis but it is strongly supported by scripture as well as geological science. The Tower of Babel was located in the city of Babylon within Mesopotamia and is now present-day Iraq.

The Tower of Babel Account

(**Genesis 11:1-9**) Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. Then they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. And they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.” But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. And the LORD said, “Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another’s speech.” So, the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. Therefore, its name is called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

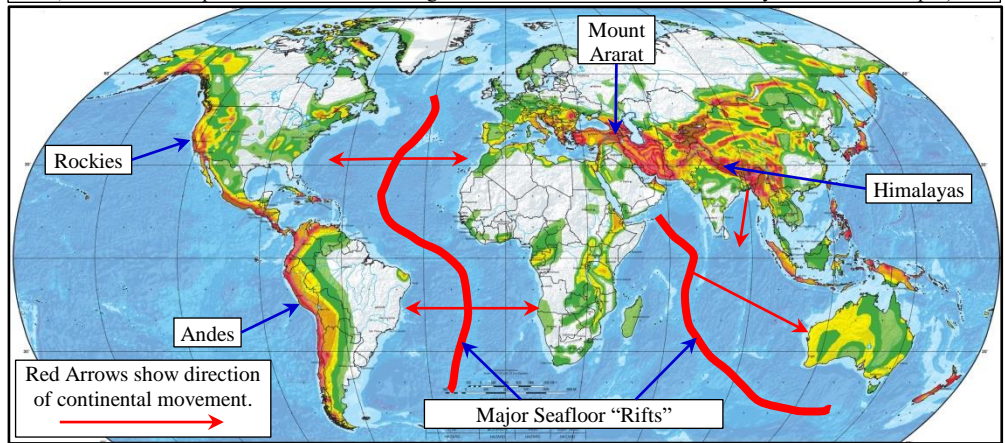


Possible Pre-Flood Earth Configuration (Pangea)



Post-Flood Earth – “in his days was the earth divided” – Split Occurred Around 2000 B.C.

(Red areas on map show the “newest and highest” mountains which were created by the continental split)



Continental Split Hypothesis

I believe that not only did God separate the nations of people during the Tower of Babel incident but He also separated the earth (continents) soon afterward as well. We’re told in (**Genesis 1:9**) that God gathered the waters together into one place and let the dry land appear. **Genesis (10:25)** tells us that the earth (land) was divided in the days of Peleg. While it’s specifically noted during the Tower of Babel incident that the nations (people) were divided (**Genesis 10:32**).

After Noah’s Ark landed on the mountains of Ararat (**Genesis 8:4**), the animals were released and God put the fear of man into them (**Genesis 9:2**). In order for animals to get to Antarctica, Australia, and North & South America, the continents needed to be joined together at this time. Logically, the continents also had to be connected before the flood so that Noah could gather the animals to put onto the ark. The time between Noah releasing the animals and the “days of Peleg” (and the Tower of Babel incident) was between 100 and 239 years...this allowed enough time for the animals to get to their proper habitats before the continents split. The huge amount of water added to the earth from the flood probably played a major role in the continental split.

Recall that during Noah’s flood, the waters covered the high hills and mountains (**Genesis 7:17-20**). This would indicate that the highest mountains today (over 5 miles high) couldn’t have existed but instead were created by the continental split.

The Days of Peleg

It’s of note that God tells us that one of Eber’s sons was named “Peleg” which denotes that the earth was divided during his life.

Peleg = earth quake, disruption, division by water channels, to break off.

(**Genesis 10:5**) From these the coastland peoples of the Gentiles were separated into their lands, everyone according to his language, according to their families, into their nations (people).

(**Genesis 10:25**) To Eber were born two sons: the name of one was Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided; and his brother’s name was Joktan.

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