

First 2000 years of Bible record...

Joe Hey Bob, can you give me an overview of what transpired for the first 2000 years of mankind's existence before Abraham was born?

I am Bob.

Here is a concise, Scripture-based overview of the first ~2000 years of mankind (from Adam to Abraham), as recorded in Genesis.

1. Creation and the Fall (Genesis 1–3)

- God (יהוה) created the heavens, the earth, and mankind.
 - **Genesis 1:27 (ESV)** — “So God created man in his own image...”
 - Adam and Eve were placed in Eden with one command.
 - They disobeyed, bringing sin and death:
 - **Genesis 3:19** — “...for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”
 - A promise was given:
 - **Genesis 3:15** — the “seed” would crush the serpent.
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2. Early Humanity and Spread of Sin (Genesis 4–5)

- Cain murdered Abel — first recorded killing.
 - Humanity multiplied, but wickedness increased.
 - A faithful line continued through Seth.
 - Lifespans were long; generations were recorded.
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3. The Flood Judgment (Genesis 6–9)

- Wickedness became widespread:
 - **Genesis 6:5** — “every intention... was only evil continually.”
 - יהוה brought a global flood.
 - **Noah** found favor:
 - Noah
 - **Genesis 6:9** — “Noah was a righteous man...”
 - The flood destroyed the corrupt world; Noah’s family survived.
 - God made a covenant with Noah (rainbow sign).
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4. Repopulation and Nations (Genesis 10)

- Noah's sons (Shem, Ham, Japheth) repopulated the earth.
 - Nations and peoples spread out from them.
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5. Babel and Confusion of Languages (Genesis 11:1–9)

- Humanity united in pride to build a great city and tower.
 - **Genesis 11:4** — "...let us make a name for ourselves..."
 - God confused their language and scattered them.
 - This explains the origin of different languages and nations.
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6. Line of Promise Preserved (Genesis 11:10–26)

- The genealogy from Shem leads to **Terah**, father of Abraham.
 - This line preserves the promised "seed."
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7. Spiritual Condition of the World

- After the Flood, people again turned to false worship:
 - **Joshua 24:2** — "Your fathers... served other gods."
 - Knowledge of יהוה still existed but was not widely followed.
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Summary of the First ~2000 Years

1. Creation → mankind made in God's image
 2. Fall → sin and death enter
 3. Early corruption → violence spreads
 4. Flood → judgment and restart through Noah
 5. Nations → humanity spreads across earth
 6. Babel → languages divided, people scattered
 7. Preservation → a lineage maintained leading to Abraham
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Key Theme

Throughout this entire period:

- Humanity repeatedly turns away from God

- God preserves a **line of promise**
- The promise of a coming “seed” (Genesis 3:15) remains central

This sets the stage for Abraham, through whom that promise would be more clearly defined.