

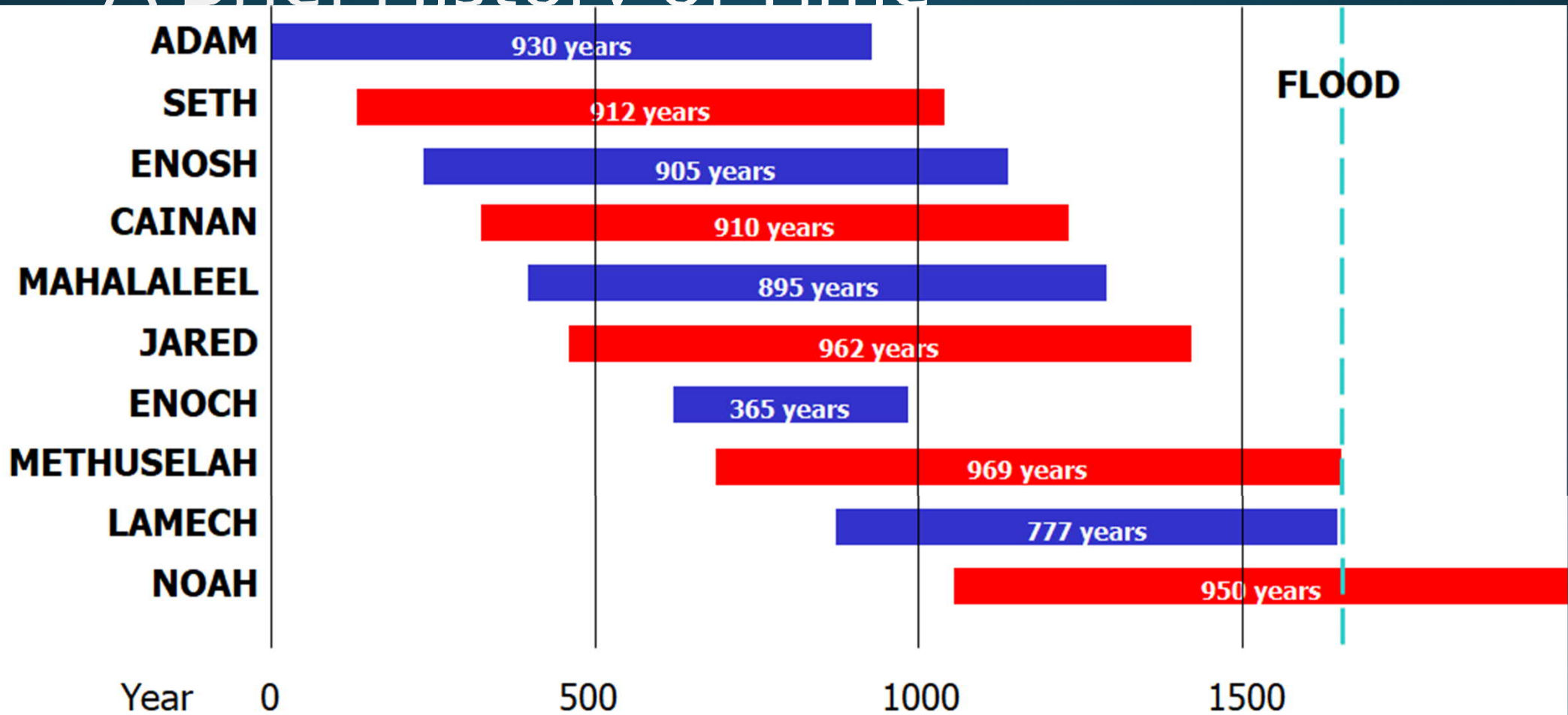
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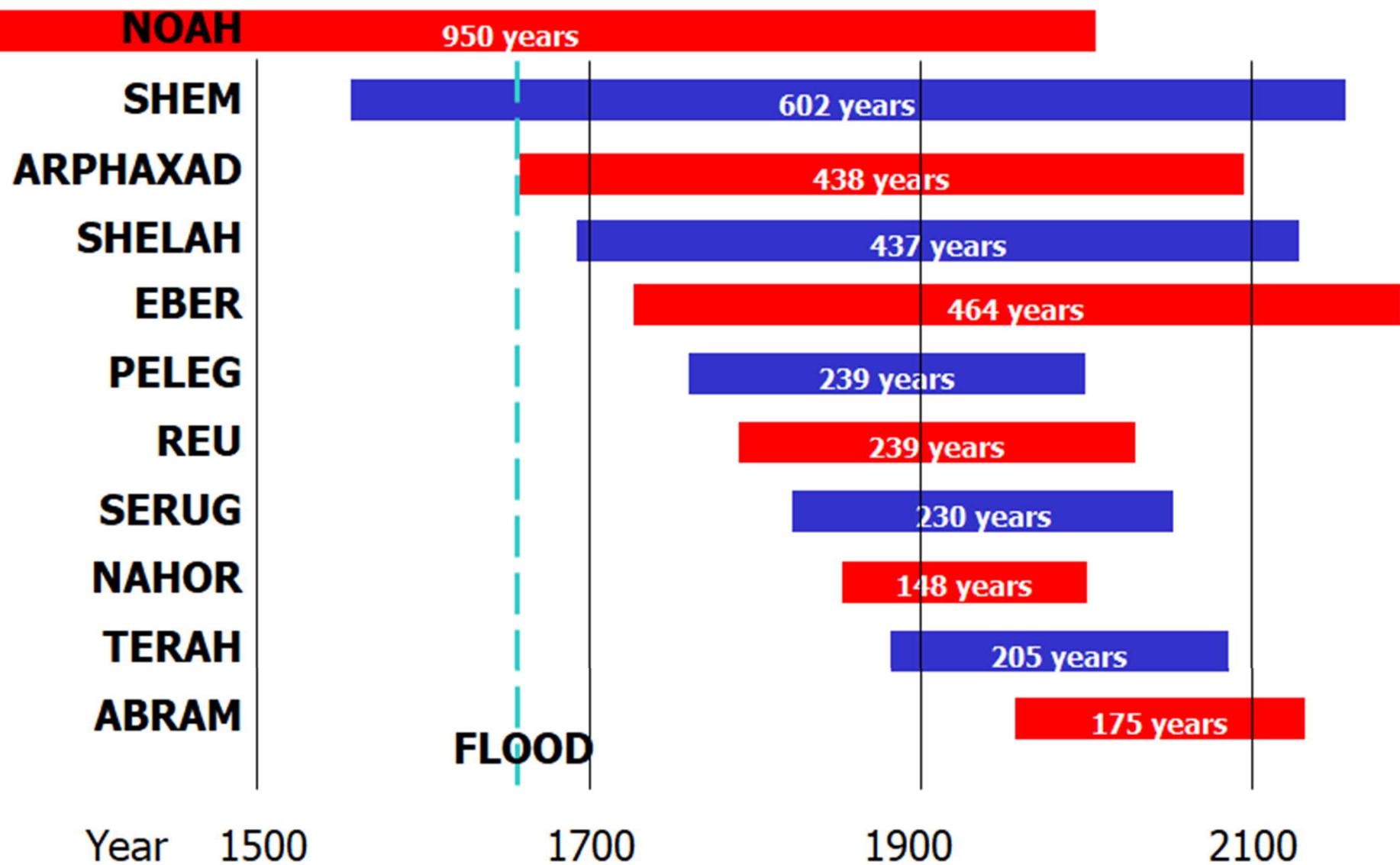
# Joshua / Judges / Ruth

# Class Plan

- Book of Joshua: January 5 through February 12
- Book of Judges: February 16 through March 22
- Book of Ruth: March 25 & 29
- Review April 1

# A Brief History of Time

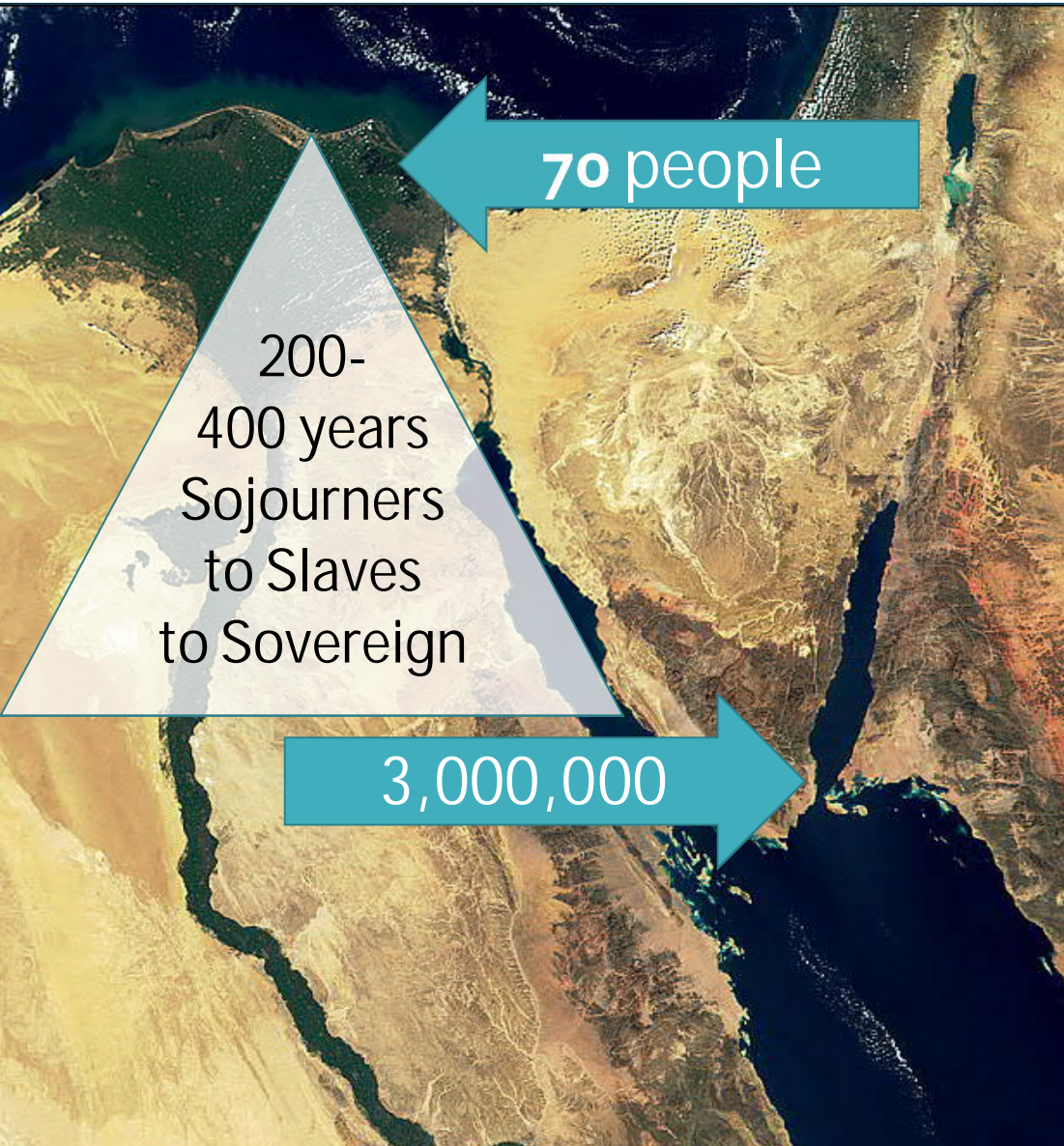




# The Saga Begins



- God's promises to Abram (Gen. 12:1-3)
- Relocation from Babylonia to Canaan
- Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, family dwell around Bethel



# Pyramid Scheme

- Kept Israel a distinct nation (Egyptian segregation)
- Favorable political situation allowed Israelites to multiply
- Plundered nation upon Exodus (material for Tabernacle)

# Birth of a Nation

- Law given at Mount Sinai
- Providential sustenance, but constant complaint & rebellion
- Spies report; lack of faith leads to 40-year wilderness wandering
- Everyone 20 or older would die in wilderness
  - Except Joshua & Caleb
  - Levites possibly exempt

NATION  
PROMISE



# Birth of a Nation

- Purpose of the wandering
  - Teach Israel dependence on God
  - Establish law; continue separation of Israel
  - Get Egypt out of Israel
- Moses leads Israelites to the verge of the promised land
- Delivers Law to new generation, transfers leadership to Joshua

LAND  
PROMISE





# Who Was Joshua?

- Leader of Israel's army against Amalekites (Exodus 17)
- Called Moses's servant in Exodus 24:13; 33:11; Num. 11:28
- Accompanied Moses to receive the Law atop Sinai (Ex. 24:13)
- Stayed by the Tabernacle while God talked to Moses (Ex. 33:11)
- One of the 12 who surveyed the land of Canaan (Numbers 13)
  - One of two who had faith they could take the land.
- Selected by God to succeed Moses (Numbers 27:15-23)
- His name means, "Jehovah is salvation". (Greek = "Jesus")

# Books of the Law

History	Law
Exodus (1 ½ years)	Leviticus (parallel to Ex. 35-40; Num. 1-4)
Numbers (40 years)	Deuteronomy (parallel to Num. 22-36)

- Exodus            what to do to be delivered from bondage
- Leviticus        how saved people must live
- Numbers         saved people can lose salvation
- Deuteronomy    saved people must remain faithful

# Book of Joshua

- First of 12 books (in our Bible) that relate Israel's history
- Topic: conquest & settlement of promised land
- Major themes
  - Obedience
  - Separation
  - God's deliverance