

## Shem

*Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.*

*Most people, even some Christians, think of the flood of Noah as a fairy tale. Why might that be?*

*Matthew 24:37, "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man." What were the characteristics of Noah's day that we see today?*

*What is known about the Nephilim? Genesis 6:4 "The Nephilim were on the earth in those days — and also afterward — when the sons of God went to the daughters of men and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown." It sounds like congenital demon possession. Do people today have dealings with demons?*

*2 Peter 2:5 calls Noah "a preacher of righteousness." How might that have happened?*

*Does it make sense that there were written records from the pre-flood patriarchs? Genesis 5:1 "This is the written account of Adam's line."*

*Shem outlived Abraham and could also have met Isaac and Jacob. How does this change our view of the passage of information from generation to generation?*

*What would it have been like to see your children, grandchildren and great grand children all dying?*

*What might have caused it? See Genesis 6:3 and Psalm 90:10.*

*What would it have been like for Shem to see the rebellion of Nimrod and the tower of Babel?*

*The color of the sky is not in Scripture (Carl Baugh proposed it based on experiments with speculations about atmosphere composition). What was different about the sky as noted in Scripture?*

*What did Noah's family bring with them besides material possessions? How did that affect world history?*