

# In this episode:

## What Was the Tower of Babel?

### Part 2





#### SUMMARY:

In principio creavit Deus caelum et terram. Im Anfang schuf Gott die Himmel und die Erde. Alussa loi Jumala taivaan ja maan.

How does Babel fit into what we know about archaeology and paleoanthropology? When did Babel take place? How and where did they build the tower? To learn the answers to these questions and more tune into the latest episode of the science podcast that's just for you!

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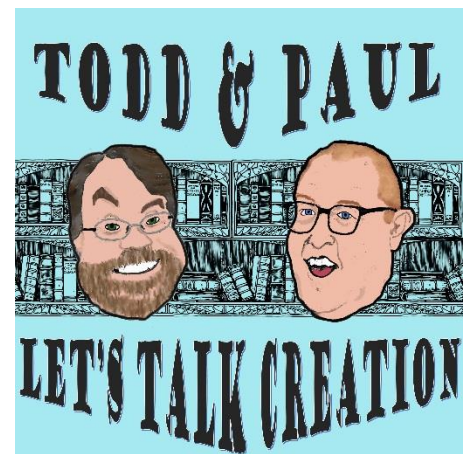
0:21 Introduction: Reintroducing the topic of Babel

1:31 Watch [Part 1](#)

2:23 How do we date Babel? When did it happen?

4:39 Days of Peleg referenced in [Genesis 10:25](#). What is the division of the days of Peleg?

9:33 Complications in finding out when Peleg lived. MT vs LXX controversy



[The Chronology of the Pentateuch: A Comparison of the MT and LXX](#) by Gerhard Larsson  
(1983)

[Biblical Chronogenealogies](#) by Jonathan Sarfati (2003)

[Textual Traditions and Biblical Chronology](#) by Lita Cosner and Robert Carter (2015)

[Who Was Born When Enosh Was 90? A Semantic Reevaluation of William Henry Green's](#)

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and Henry B. Smith Jr. (2016)

[Methuselah's Begetting Age in Genesis 5:25 and the Primeval Chronology of the Septuagint: A](#)

[Closer Look at the Textual and Historical Evidence](#) by Henry B. Smith Jr. (2017)

[MT, SP, or LXX? Deciphering a Chronological and Textual Conundrum in Genesis 5](#) by Henry  
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[The Case for the Septuagint's Chronology in Genesis 5 and 11](#) by Henry B. Smith Jr. (2018)

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[Setting the Record Straight on the Primeval Chronology of the Septuagint: A Response to Cosner  
and Carter](#) by Henry B. Smith Jr. (2018)

[The Masoretic Text of Genesis 5 and 11 is Still the Most Reliable](#) by Lita Cosner and Robert  
Carter (2019)

16:14 How does Babel fit within archaeological dating?

19:02 What is the oldest ziggurat by conventional dating? How far back do these towers go?

20:41 How do archaeologists date ziggurats?

[Episode 6: The Geologic Column for Beginners Part 1](#)

[Episode 7: The Geologic Column for Beginners Part 2](#)

[Episode 26: The Drippy Faucet: Exploring the Basics of Radiometric Dating](#)

30:40 Intermission

31:11 [John Walton's paper](#) on the history of ziggurats and the dating of Babel

46:54 Do we know anything about what the original language was?

1:00:43 Diverse forms of writing on top of language

Kurt Wise's Faith, Form, and Time is currently out of print

1:03:43 What are the implications of Babel for early hominins?

1:11:34 Wrap up and request for support to keep the podcast going

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