**Genesis 11:16-21**

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*The genealogy covering the ten generations from Shem to Abraham continues with Peleg, Reu, and Serug.*

The line of Peleg is the fifth generation in the journey from Shem to Abram. Peleg’s father Eber lived a total of 464 years. This makes him the longest living person recorded in the Bible who was born after the flood. Peleg’s brother Joktan was the ancestor of Arabian tribes while Peleg is the forefather of northwest Mesopotamian families[[1]](#footnote-1). Peleg’s son Reu is not identified with any specific location. His name means “friend.” Reu’s son Serug is the name of an ancient city (Sarugi) west of Haran in northwestern Mesopotamia. The city of Sarugi, in the Balikh Valley, is the site of the modern village of Suruc on one of the important Near Eastern trade routes. [This is likely a vestige of the settlement of Serug in the area of northwestern Mesopotamia.]

**Biblical Text:**

**16 Eber lived thirty-four years, and became the father of Peleg; 17 and Eber lived four hundred and thirty years after he became the father of Peleg, and he had *other* sons and daughters. 18 Peleg lived thirty years, and became the father of Reu; 19 and Peleg lived two hundred and nine years after he became the father of Reu, and he had *other* sons and daughters. 20 Reu lived thirty-two years, and became the father of Serug; 21 and Reu lived two hundred and seven years after he became the father of Serug, and he had *other* sons and daughters.**

1. Mathews, K. A. [*Genesis 1-11:26*](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1-11.26&t=NASB95). Vol. 1A. Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1996. Print. The New American Commentary. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)