

Series "In The Beginning...God"
"Table Of The Nations"
Genesis 10:1-32
Study-29

Genesis 10:1-2, 5, 8-10, 25, 31-32; John 3:16; Revelation 7:9-10

Genesis 10 is called "Table Of Nations" a presentation of the origin and dispersion of national groups: (How the world came to be populated again after the flood.) 70 Names/Families/Nations

Genesis 10 is an overview of the descendants of Noah, **Genesis 11** gives a detailed account of the event of the Tower of Babel that caused the dispersion. **The Tower of Babel Genesis 11 took place before Genesis 10**
Genesis 10:5, 25 the earth was divided; 32 nations were separated

Solomon said: **Proverbs 19:21**

Genesis 10 Table of The Nations:
Genesis 11:1-9 Tower Of Babel:
Genesis 11:10-32 Family And A Nation:

Thought Of Our Passage: Descendants Of Ham Are Listed In Greater Detail Since Many Of Them Will Be In Conflict With God's People Throughout The OT.

- 1. Verses 1-5 Japheth's Descendants:**
- 2. Verses 6-20 Ham's Descendants:**
- 3. Verses 21-32 Shem's Descendants:**

1. Verses 1-5 Japheth's Descendants:

Genesis 10:1 Context – Now we left off with the fall of Noah, Noah then pronouncing a curse upon **Canaan** which was **Ham's** son, blessing upon **Japheth**, then a blessing upon the Lord God of **Shem**. Through Shem, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob (Messiah). The death of Noah.

Japheth was the oldest son of Noah **Genesis 10:21**, **Shem** was the middle child, **Ham** was the youngest **Genesis 9:24**

Genesis 10:31, Genesis 9:1

4 Thoughts As We Study Genesis 10:

- 1. The Table Of Nations Is Not A Typical Genealogy:**
- 2. The Table of Nations Is Not Exhaustive:**
- 3. The Table of Nations Is Challenging To Identify All Of The Nations And Their Modern Names:**

4. The Human Race Is United By Virtue Of Its Beginning From One Family, Really Is One Family:

Recommend A Book: "Creation to Babel" A Commentary For Families, Genesis 1-11 by Ken Ham. Note Appendix 2

Genesis 10:2 (14 Families of Japheth)

The sons of Japheth – "enlargement" Genesis 9:27 (Indo-European People)

were Gomer (Germany) and Magog (Russians) and Madai (Medes) and Javan (Greeks) and Tubal and Meshech (Russians) and Tiras. All members of the anti-God alliance of the last days Ezekiel 38-39, Ezekiel 38:2-3

Verses 2-4 Japheth's Descendants – North (Europe & Asia Minor) There are 7 sons, and 7 grandsons from only 2 of Japheth's sons.

Genesis 10:3 The sons of Gomer (Cimmerians) were Ashkenaz (Germany) and Riphath and Togarmah. (Armenians)

(Not much involvement in the OT) These will all be part of the Anti-God alliance of the last days. Ezekiel 38-39

Genesis 10:4 The sons of Javan were Elishah (Grecian) and Tarshish, Kittim (Cypress, Italy) and Dodanim (Greeks).

The Results Of The Dispersion From The Tower Of Babel:

Genesis 10:5 Spread across Eurasia from the Black Sea and Caspian Sea to Spain

2. Verses 6-20 Ham's Descendants: Genesis 10:6 The sons of Ham – "black" (30 Families of Ham) (African, Mesopotamia, People of the East)

**Cush – ancient Ethiopia (Egyptians, Ethiopians. So Arabs, Babylonians, India)
and Mizraim - Egypt**

and Put – Libya, North African coast, modern Somalia. and Canaan. The territory promised to Israel. Genesis 12:7; Psalm 105:11

Genesis 10:7 The sons of Cush were Seba 1 Kings 10:1-13 (Northern Ethiopia) and Havilah and Sabtah (Ethiopia, Sudan, Arabia) and Raamah and Sabteca; and the sons of Raamah were Sheba and Dedan. (Arabia, Persian Gulf)

Verses 8-12 Nimrod, Founder Of A Great Empire: Genesis 10:8 Now Cush became the father of Nimrod; founder of a great empire
Genesis 11:1-9

Cush the question is was Cush Noah's son or a later descendant? Debated **became the father of Nimrod;** *"to rebel, or rebel"* He is called a son of Cush

Nimrod, 1st To Become "A Mighty Man" In Scripture: he became a mighty one on the earth. *"champion - someone that is superior in strength and courage."*

Genesis 10:9 Nimrod a mighty hunter before the LORD." *"A mighty hunter against the Lord or before the Lord."* **"Mighty"** used **3 times, Verses 9, 10**

Genesis 11:1-9 not good, was afront to God to live without God, afront to man.

Nimrod Built 4 Kingdoms In Shinar: Genesis 10:10 Shinar. This was Nineveh **Jonah 1:2; 3:2; 4:11; Micah 5:6**

his kingdom was Babel meant *"City of confusion."* **Babylon** – *"Gate to the gods"*

Babylon is both a place and a system. Revelation 17 Religious System, Revelation 18 Economic System: Israel's first encounter is in Joshua, **Joshua 7:21** Later **Isaiah 14:3-8** Nebuchadnezzar world leader of Babylon would exalt the God of Israel: **Daniel 4:35**

Nimrod Built 4 Kingdoms In Assyria: Genesis 10:11-12 Both **Babylon** (Ruled over Judah) and **Assyria** (Ruled over Israel)

Genesis 10:13 And Mizraim (All the rest are of Egypt)
14 and Pathrusim and Casluhim (from which came the Philistines) and Caphtorim.

Philistines – the archenemy of Israel. **1 Samuel 17** Goliath

Verses 15-19 The Canaanites, Israel's Enemies: Genesis 10:15-17 the Sinite the Chinese are descendants of these original Sinites

Genesis 10:18-19

Predicted Conflict By Noah: Genesis 9:25-27; Genesis 10:20

3. Verses 21-32 Shem's Descendants:

Verses 21-31 Central (Southwestern Asia, Hebrews, Arabs) 26 Families of Shem (Semites from whom Israel came)

Genesis 10:21 Eber, is important because Abraham came from this line.

Verses 22-24 Shem Decedents Would Occupy North of The Persian Gulf: Genesis 10:22 The sons of Shem were Elam and Asshur

(Founded Assyria)

Genesis 10:23 The sons of Aram were Uz (Arabian desert)

Verses 25-30 Division Of The Earth: Genesis 10:25

Genesis 10:26 And Joktan (Father of the Arabians) **27-30**

Verses 31-32 Descendants of Shem Were Later Called Semites:

Genesis 10, dispersion of Babel, 70 Languages, now 7,139

Significance – God Is The Lord of The Nations: Acts 17:26-27

Application: Remembering 5 Important Truths:

- 1. The God Of The Bible Is The God Of Both Geography And History; The God Who Is In Control.**
- 2. There Are External Differences But All Nations Belong To The Same Race And The Same Blood:** God made us from one blood. **Acts 17:26**
- 3. God Has A Purpose For The Nations To Fulfil:** From the reading of **Genesis 9:24-11:32** makes it clear that God has chosen Israel as his possession. In **Genesis 12** Israel is center stage in the rest of Scripture.
- 4. God Is Concerned For All The Nations:** We read in **Psalms "all you lands" or "all nations."** This speaks of the universal vision for the nations of the world to know God and serve Him. **Psalms 86:9**
- 5. What God Wrote In Genesis 9-10 Was Encouraging To Israel.**