Nations & Families Divided

Genesis Chapter 10

Gen 10:1 Generations of Japheth vs 1-5

Now these are {the records of} the generations of Shem, Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah; and sons were born to them after the flood.

- Gen 10:2 The sons of Japheth {were} Gomer and Magog and Madai and Javan and Tubal and Meshech and Tiras.
- Gen 10:3 The sons of Gomer {were} Ashkenaz and Riphath and Togarmah.
- Gen 10:4 The sons of Javan {were} Elishah and Tarshish, Kittim and Dodanim.
- Gen 10:5 From these the coastlands of the nations were separated into their lands, every one according to his language, according to their families, into their nations.
 - Indo European peoples (India to the shores of Western Europe
 - Gomer = German, French, Spanish, Celtic Magog, Tubal, Meshech = Far North Russian
 - Madai = Medes + Iran, Iraq Javan = Greeks
 - Kittim = Cyprus Rodanim = Rhodes

Gen 10:6 Generations of Ham vs 6-20

The sons of Ham {were} Cush and Mizraim and Put and Canaan.

- Gen 10:7 The sons of Cush {were} Seba and Havilah and Sabtah and Raamah and Sabteca; and the sons of Raamah {were} Sheba and Dedan.
- Gen 10:8 Now Cush became the father of Nimrod; he became a mighty one on the earth.
- Gen 10:9 He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the LORD."
- Gen 10:10 The beginning of his kingdom was Babel and Erech and Accad and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.
- Gen 10:11 From that land he went forth into Assyria, and built Nineveh and Rehoboth-Ir and Calah,
- Gen 10:12 and Resen between Nineveh and Calah; that is the great city.
- Gen 10:13 Mizraim became the father of Ludim and Anamim and Lehabim and Naphtuhim
- Gen 10:14 and Pathrusim and Casluhim (from which came the Philistines) and Caphtorim.
- Gen 10:15 Canaan became the father of Sidon, his firstborn, and Heth
- Gen 10:16 and the Jebusite and the Amorite and the Girgashite
- Gen 10:17 and the Hivite and the Arkite and the Sinite
- Gen 10:18 and the Arvadite and the Zemarite and the Hamathite; and afterward the families of the Canaanite were spread abroad.
- Gen 10:19 The territory of the Canaanite extended from Sidon as you go toward Gerar, as far as Gaza; as you go toward Sodom and Gomorrah and Admah and Zeboiim, as far as Lasha.
- Gen 10:20 These are the sons of Ham, according to their families, according to their languages, by their lands, by their nations.
 - Populated Africa and Far East
 - Cush = Babylon Mizraim = Egypt Put = Lybia Canaan =area of today's Israel
 - Sidon = Related to Hittites + Lebanese Sinites = Oriental

• Nimrod "a mighty hunter"

"This is not talking about Nimrod's ability to hunt wild game. He was not a hunter of animals. He was a hunter of men - a warrior. It was through his ability to fight and kill and rule ruthlessly that his kingdom of the Euphrates valley city states was consolidated." (Boice)

a Jewish legend: "The great success that attended all of Nimrod's undertakings produced a sinister effect. Men no longer trusted in God, but rather in their own prowess and ability, an attitude to which Nimrod tried to convert the whole world."

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Gen 10:21 Generations of Shem vs 21-32

Also to Shem, the father of all the children of Eber, {and} the older brother of Japheth, children were born.

- Gen 10:22 The sons of Shem {were} Elam and Asshur and Arpachshad and Lud and Aram.
- Gen 10:23 The sons of Aram {were} Uz and Hul and Gether and Mash.
- Gen 10:24 Arpachshad became the father of Shelah; and Shelah became the father of Eber.
- Gen 10:25 Two sons were born to Eber; the name of the one {was} Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided; and his brother's name {was} Joktan.
- Gen 10:26 Joktan became the father of Almodad and Sheleph and Hazarmaveth and Jerah
- Gen 10:27 and Hadoram and Uzal and Diklah
- Gen 10:28 and Obal and Abimael and Sheba
- Gen 10:29 and Ophir and Havilah and Jobab; all these were the sons of Joktan.
- Gen 10:30 Now their settlement extended from Mesha as you go toward Sephar, the hill country of the east.
- Gen 10:31 These are the sons of Shem, according to their families, according to their languages, by their lands, according to their nations.
- Gen 10:32 These are the families of the sons of Noah, according to their genealogies, by their nations; and out of these the nations were separated on the earth after the flood.
 - Populated Arabia + Middle East
 - Eber = Hebrew "Nomadic tribe"
 - Older Brother of Japheth Ham not mentioned "Possible Shem lived among Japheth not
 Ham"
 - FAMILIES, LANGUAGES, LANDS, NATIONS, GENERATIONS implies a writing after division in Ch 11

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