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“Clans, Lands, Languages and Nations” Genesis 10

Prel Rmks

Back to our study in Genesis ~ LOGW ~ read ... honor God ~ children

(1) Now this *is* the genealogy of the sons of Noah: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And sons were born to them after the flood. **(2)** The sons of Japheth *were* Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras. **(3)** The sons of Gomer *were* Ashkenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah. **(4)** The sons of Javan *were* Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim. **(5)** From these the coastland *peoples* of the Gentiles were separated into their lands, everyone according to his language, according to their families, into their nations. **(6)** The sons of Ham *were* Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan. **(7)** The sons of Cush *were* Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah, and Sabtechah; and the sons of Raamah *were* Sheba and Dedan. **(8)** Cush begot Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one on the earth. **(9)** He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD." **(10)** And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. **(11)** From that land he went to Assyria and built Nineveh, Rehoboth Ir, Calah, **(12)** and Resen between Nineveh and Calah (that *is* the principal city). **(13)** Mizraim begot Ludim, Anamim, Lehabim, Naphtuhim, **(14)** Pathrusim, and Casluhim (from whom came the Philistines and Caphtorim). **(15)** Canaan begot Sidon his firstborn, and Heth; **(16)** the Jebusite, the Amorite, and the Girgashite; **(17)** the Hivite, the Arkite, and the Sinite; **(18)** the Arvadite, the Zemarite, and the Hamathite. Afterward the families of the Canaanites were dispersed. **(19)** And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon as you go toward Gerar, as far as Gaza; then as you go toward Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, as far as Lasha. **(20)** These *were* the sons of Ham, according to their families, according to their languages, in their lands *and* in their nations. **(21)** And *children* were born also to Shem, the father of all the children of Eber, the brother of Japheth the elder. **(22)** The sons of Shem *were* Elam, Asshur, Arphaxad, Lud, and Aram. **(23)** The sons of Aram *were* Uz, Hul, Gether, and Mash. **(24)** Arphaxad begot Salah, and Salah begot Eber. **(25)** To Eber were born two sons: the name of one *was* Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided; and his brother's name *was* Joktan. **(26)** Joktan begot Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah, **(27)** Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah, **(28)** Obal, Abimael, Sheba, **(29)** Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab. All these *were* the sons of Joktan. **(30)** And their dwelling

II. The Sons of Ham 6-20

Genesis 9:24-27 So Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done to him. **(25)** Then he said: "Cursed *be* Canaan; A servant of servants He shall be to his brethren." **(26)** And he said: "Blessed *be* the LORD, The God of Shem, And may Canaan be his servant. **(27)** May God enlarge Japheth, And may he dwell in the tents of Shem; And may Canaan be his servant."

Settled primarily in Africa and Mesopotamia

(6) The sons of Ham *were* **(4 generations)**

Cush, Ethiopia, Arabia	Mizraim, Egypt
Put, Libya	Canaan Palestine

(7) The sons of Cush *were*

Seba,	Havilah,
Sabtah,	Raamah,
Sabtechah;	

and the sons of Raamah *were*

Sheba	Dedan.
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(8) Cush begot **Nimrod let us rebel, valiant** he began to be a **mighty one powerful one** on the earth.

(9) He was a **mighty hunter mighty in wickedness,**

From someone who may have begun by taking large game in his hunts

To someone who captured men or conquered men

Genesis 4:23-24 Then **Lamech** said to his wives: "Adah and Zillah, hear my voice; Wives of Lamech, listen to my speech! For I have killed a man for wounding me, Even a young man for hurting me. **(24)** If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, Then Lamech seventy-sevenfold."

Nimrod was a tyrant – He was after personal glory – self-aggrandizement

He conquered, overpowered, and took control and power over people

He was the world's first emperor – that didn't take long!

before the LORD; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod the mighty hunter **before the LORD.**" **in the sight of God – in plain view of God**

Hebrews 4:13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things *are* naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we *must give* account.

God sees what is happening in our nation – tyranny

Our focus must be in on prayer!

We can't do anything to bring our nation to repentance, BUT OUR GOD CAN!

(10) And the beginning of his kingdom was **Babel**, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, **in the land of Shinar**.

Genesis 11:1-4 Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. **(2)** And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. **(3)** Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and bake *them* thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. **(4)** And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top *is* in the heavens; **let us make a name for ourselves**, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."

{Saban}

Not what we're here for!

(11) From that land **he went to Assyria and built Nineveh**, Rehoboth Ir, Calah, **(12)** and Resen between Nineveh and Calah (that *is* the principal city).

(13) Mizraim begot Ludim, Anamim, Lehabim, Naphtuhim,

(14) Pathrusim, and Casluhim (from whom came **the Philistines** and Caphtorim).

(15) Canaan begot **Sidon** his firstborn, and Heth;

(16) the Jebusite, the Amorite, and the Girgashite;

(17) the Hivite, the Arkite, and the Sinite; **(18)** the Arvadite, the Zemarite, and the Hamathite. **Afterward** the families of the Canaanites were **dispersed spread abroad**.

These are the people God told the children of Israel to "utterly destroy" (Deuteronomy 7:2).

(19) And **the border of the Canaanites** was from Sidon as you go toward Gerar, as far as **Gaza**; then as you go toward Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, as far as Lasha.

(20) These *were* the sons of Ham, according to their families, according to their languages, in their lands *and* in their nations.

III. The Sons of Shem 21-31

(21) And *children* were born also to Shem, the father of all the children of Eber, **Hebrews**

the brother of **Japheth the elder** **the older brother of Japheth.**

(22) The sons of Shem *were* (5 generations)

Elam, Asshur, **Assyria – large empire**

Arphaxad, Lud,

Aram **Syrians**

(23) The sons of Aram *were*

Uz, Hul,

Gether, Mash.

(24) Arphaxad begot Salah,

and Salah begot Eber **to pass over**

(25) To Eber were born two sons:

Peleg, **division** for in his days the earth was divided;

and his brother's name *was* Joktan.

(26) **Joktan** begot

Almodad, Sheleph,

Hazarmaveth, Jerah,

(27) Hadoram, Uzal,

Diklah,

(28) Obal, Abimael,

Sheba, (29) Ophir,

Havilah, Jobab.

All these *were* the sons of **Joktan**.

(30) And their dwelling place was from **Mesha** as you go toward Sephar, the mountain of the east.

(31) These *were* the sons of Shem, according to their families, according to their languages, in their lands, according to their nations.

Summary:

(32) These *were* the families of the sons of Noah, according to their generations, in their nations; and from these the nations were divided on the earth after the flood.

Implications / Applications

1. The oneness of the human race

- The #70 = completeness, totality
 - 70 of Jacob's family went down into Egypt
 - 70 elders of Israel
 - Sanhedrin
 - Forgiveness 70 x 7
 - Jesus sent out 70 others
- We are all one!
 - God has one plan for mankind

Acts 17:30-31 Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, **(31)** because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

- What is it that divides us?
- What is the only way we can truly be reunited? {Baruch Maoz}

2. God's infinite knowledge of His creation, including all of mankind

- God sees and knows everything – nation, people groups, individuals
- God providentially guides history, every detail! ...
- Redemptive history – Hebrews leading to chapter 12 & Abraham

3. The truthfulness and veracity of God's Word

- Verifiable and verified over and over again
- Still some skeptics out there ...

James Montgomery Boice

Martin Luther (by way of JMB):

“... One must consider this chapter of Genesis a mirror in which to consider what we as human beings are, namely, creatures so marred by sin that we have no knowledge of our own origin, not even of God Himself, our Creator, unless the Word of God reveals these sparks of divine light to us from afar ...

Therefore, we have reason to regard the Holy Bible highly and to consider it a most precious treasure. This very chapter, even though it is considered full of dead words, has in it threads that are drawn from the first world to the middle and to the end of all things. From Adam the promise of Christ is passed on to Seth and from Seth to Noah and from Noah to Shem and from Shem to this Eber, from whom the Hebrew nation received its name as the heir the heir for whom the promise of the Christ is attended in preference to all the other peoples of the world ...

Those who are without the Bible live in error, uncertainty, and boundless ungodliness, for they have no knowledge about who they are and whence they came. Thanks to that Word, the Bible, we have the knowledge, not only of who we are and from whence we came, but also of how far we've fallen in our sin, and who alone is able to lift us up from that fall and bring us back into fellowship with Himself, and through the Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior, restore us to paradise.”