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Genesis 10 The Line of Shem

Genesis Message Thirty-Three



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Today's Message:

THE GENERATIONS OF SHEM

Genesis 10: 21-32 And unto Shem, the father of all the children of Eber, the elder brother of Japheth, to him also were children born. The sons of Shem: Elam, and Asshur, and Arpachshad, and Lud, and Aram. And the sons of Aram: Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Mash. And Arpachshad begat Shelah; and Shelah begat Eber. And unto Eber were born two sons: The name of the one was Peleg. For in his days was the earth divided. And his brother's name was Joktan. And Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah, and Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah, and Obal, and Abimael, and Sheba, and Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab: all these were the sons of Joktan. And their dwelling was from Mesha, as thou goest toward Sephar, the mountain of the east. These are the sons of Shem, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, after their nations. These are the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations: and of these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood (ASV 1901).

Shem is presented last in the genealogies of Noah's sons even though he was the first-born. The Hebrew is very emphatic in stating that this line would provide a blessing (Genesis 9:26).

Genesis 9: 26 And he said, Blessed be Jehovah, the God of Shem; And let Canaan be his servant.

The first four words of Genesis 9: 26 are:

אֱלֹהֵי
Elohay
GOD

יְהוָה
Yehoha
JEHOVAH

בָּרוּךְ
Barooch
BLESSED

וַיֹּאמֶר
Vaiomeer
AND HE SAID

Hebrew reads from right to left.



With the way the Hebrew is constructed the word Barooch it implies a blessing by God with full divine strength. It means to endue with special power.

Blessed is Jehovah God for keeping His promises of blessing the offspring of Shem. This is a prophetic declaration of Noah promising that God will bless the offspring of Shem One of those blessings was giving them the land of the Canaanites. That blessing would be the nation Israel who gave the world the very oracles of God (Our Old Testament) and the Messiah our Lord Jesus.

Romans 3: 1-2 What advantage then hath the Jew? or what is the profit of circumcision? Much every way: first of all, that they were intrusted with the oracles of God (KJV).

During their Exodus and wilderness wanderings they would receive God's Law (Torah) and which had many facets to separate them from the rest of humanity. They were given dietary and sanitary laws as well as socialization and a direct connection to the God of the Universe. They have truly been separated from the rest of humanity.

Consider the following:

1. Jews make up 0.2 percent of the world population, but 54 percent of the world chess champions,
2. 27 percent of the Nobel physics laureates
3. 31 percent of the medicine laureates.
4. Jews make up 2 percent of the US population, but 21 percent of the Ivy League student bodies,
5. 26 percent of the Kennedy Center honorees,
6. 37 percent of the Academy Award-winning directors,
7. 38 percent of those on a recent Business Week list of leading philanthropists,
8. 51 percent of the Pulitzer Prize winners for nonfiction.
9. Most Jews gave up or were forced to give up farming and the guilds in the Middle Ages; God forced them to live off of their wits ever since.
10. They became financially astute lenders in the Middle Ages.
11. Tel Aviv has become one of the world's foremost entrepreneurial hot spots.
12. Israel has more high-tech start-ups per capita than any other nation on earth.
13. It leads the world in civilian research-and development spending per capita.
14. It ranks second behind the US in the number of companies listed on the NASDAQ.

15. Israel, with seven million people, attracts as much venture capital as France and Germany combined.
16. Because of the strength of the economy, Israel has weathered the global recession reasonably well.
17. The government did not have to bail out its banks or set off an explosion in short-term spending.
18. Between 1980 and 2000, Egyptians registered 77 patents in the US Saudis registered 171 but the Israelis registered 7,652.

Source: The Golden Age of Jewish Achievement, by Steven L Pease

God has given the Israelis blessings just as He promised. He will not let them be destroyed.

Jeremiah 31: 35-37 Thus saith Jehovah, who giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, who stirreth up the sea, so that the waves thereof roar; Jehovah of hosts is his name: If these ordinances depart from before me, saith Jehovah, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever. Thus saith Jehovah: If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, then will I also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith Jehovah (ASV 1901).

The first four words of Genesis 9: 26 are:

אֱלֹהֵי	יְהוָה	בְּרוּךְ	וַיֹּאמֶר
Elohay	Yehoha	Barooch	Vaiomeer
GOD	JEHOVAH	BLESSED	AND HE SAID

Hebrew reads from right to left.



With the way the Hebrew is constructed the word *Barooch* implies a blessing by God with full divine strength. It means to endue with special power. Prophetically speaking He will put them in charge of the world during the Millennial Kingdom when Christ sits on David's Throne in Jerusalem. When Christ returns the Jews will finally turn to Him confess His name and renounce their sin. Then shall all Israel be saved (Romans 11: 26). God promised them a prominent role in the world if they would only follow His laws.

Deuteronomy 28: 13 And Jehovah will make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if thou shalt hearken unto the commandments of Jehovah thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them (ASV 1901).

Matthew 23:39 "For I say to you, from now on you will not see Me until you say, BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!"(NASB)

SHEM HAD FIVE SONS.

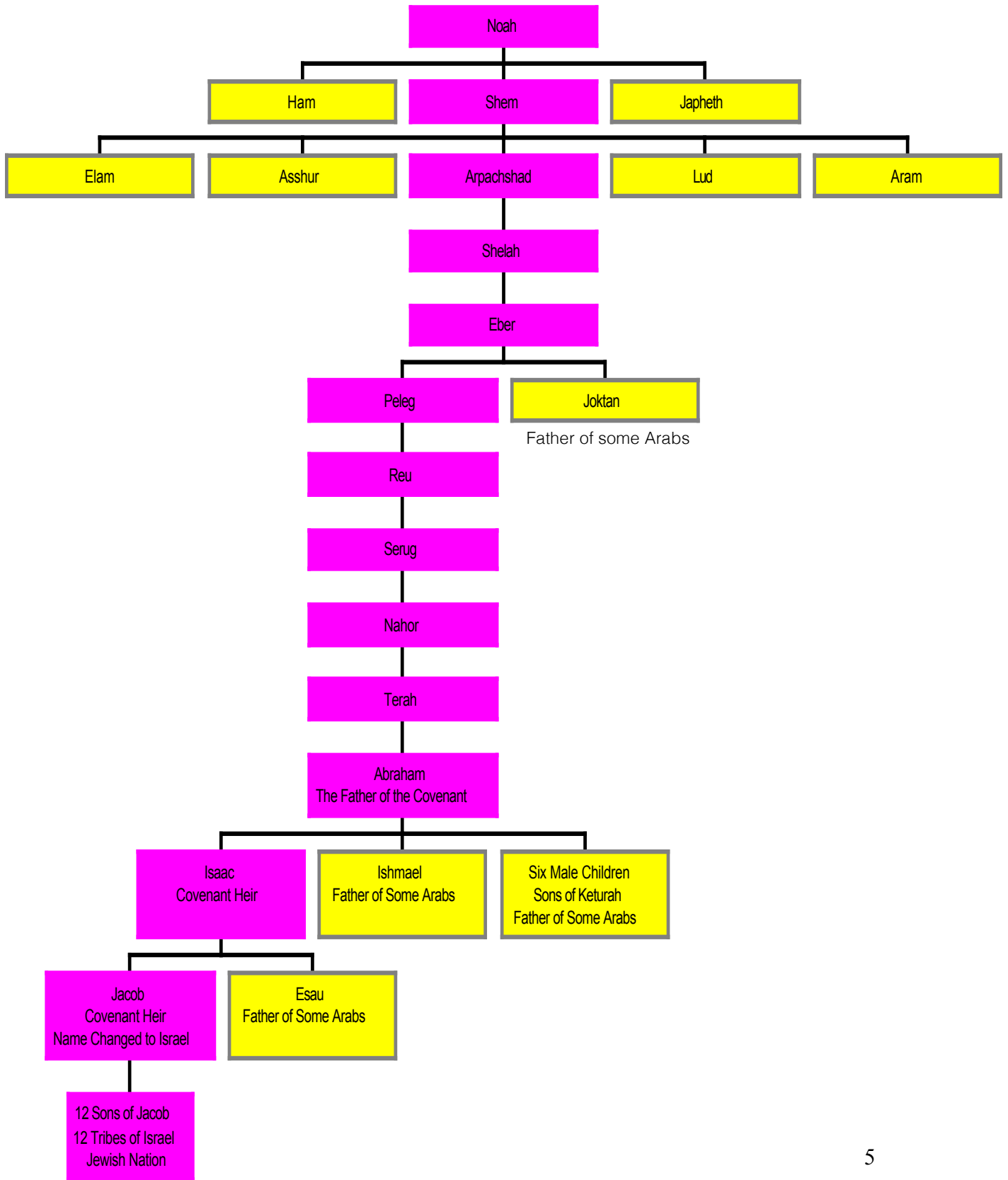
1. The first son was Elam. He was identified with the country east of Babylon. It used to be called Persia and is now Iran.
2. Asshur was the second son. He is identified with Assyria. Their capital in ancient times was Nineveh. The Semitic Assyrians replaced the Hamitic Assyrians of Genesis 10: 11.
3. Arpachshad was the third son. Josephus says he was of the Chaldeans. He was the *seed-son* from which the Messianic genealogy would flow.
4. Lud was the fourth son. He went to Assyria too but seems to have settled in Lydia of Asia Minor.
5. Aram was the fifth son. He became Aramea between Damascus and the Euphrates River. *Aram* is the Hebrew name for Syria.

ARAM HAD FOUR SONS.

1. Uz was the first son. Josephus says that he located to the area called the Trachonites in northeastern Canaan.
2. Hul was the second son. Josephus locates him in Armenia.
3. Gether was the third son. Josephus places his progeny in northeastern Afghanistan in the Bacteria region.
4. Mash is the fourth son. Josephus places him in Mesene at the mouth of the river Euphrates.

Next the text of Genesis 10: 24-30 focuses on the line of Arpachshad. He being the seed line to the Messiah receives significant space in the eleventh chapter of Genesis. In the tenth chapter the text will emphasize the sons of Joktan, which became some of the Arabian tribes.

The Toldot of Noah
&
Semites through Shem



The Septuagint (Cir 250 B.C.) the Greek translation of the Hebrew Old Testament states that Arpachshad begat Kenan and Kenan begat Shelah. We do not know where Shelah lived. The Hebrew text used as a source for the Septuagint had Kenan in while the Masoretic text (source for our Old Testament Cir. 11th Century A.D.) does not have it. The Book of Jubilees (Cir 100 B.C.), which is in the Dead Sea Scrolls, has Kenan listed.

Then Shelah begat Eber. Some call him the father of the Hebrews due to the sound of his name. He lived in the region of the Ur of the Chaldeans. Eber had two sons Peleg was one and his name means to divide. It is probable that the Genesis eleven division of the world's languages occurred in his lifetime. His brother was Joktan, which was of Arabia. The text then goes on to explain the sons of Joktan. He had thirteen sons.

1. Almodad was the first son. He migrated to Southern Arabia in Yemen.
2. Sheleph was the second son. He lived between Hadramaut and Sheba.
3. Hazarmaveth was the third son. He located in Hadramaut of Southern Arabia.
4. Jerah was the fourth son. He too was in southern Arabia.
5. Hadoram was the fifth son. He too was in southern Arabia.
6. Uzal was the sixth son. His name was the ancient name for Sana the capital of Yemen.
7. Diklah is the seventh son. He too migrated to Yemen.
8. Obal was the eighth son. He also went to Yemen and southern Arabia.
9. Abimael was the ninth son. His migration is unknown.
10. Sheba is the tenth son. He became the Sabean of southern Arabia along with Ham's line of Genesis 10:7.
11. Ophir is the eleventh son. He is associated with Aphar the Sabean capital. Some think he went to Somalia. His area was known as a source of gold (I Chronicles 29: 4; II Chronicles 8: 18; Job 22: 24, 28: 16; Psalm 45: 9).
12. Havilah was the twelfth son. He went to the west coast of Arabia near Yemen. He is also mentioned in Ham's line in Genesis 10: 7.
13. Jobab was the thirteenth son. He is mentioned with the town of Juhaibab near Mecca.

There are a total of twenty-six nations with a time span of five generations. The total nations to come from Noah's loins are seventy. This is ten times seven.

NEXT WEEK: BABYLON AND THE TOWER OF BABEL

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THE ELEMENT OF GOD'S DESIGN AFFIRMING DIVINE AUTHORSHIP

1. The word for land *Eretz* is found in this chapter 14 times which is 2 X 7
2. *Eretz* is found 7 times in the verses that speak to the division of Noah's sons (Genesis 10: 5, 25, 32 Genesis 11: 4, 8, 9)
3. *Japheth* had seven sons
4. He also had seven grandsons
5. He fathered fourteen nations which is 7 X 2.
6. *Cush's* grandsons numbered seven without Nimrod
7. *Beni* meaning sons of is found 14 times or 7 X 2.
8. *Avi* meaning father of and *banim* meaning sons and *Toldot* meaning generation of and *yalad* meaning begat appears 28 times which is 4 X 7.

