

Genesis 10 - Lesson 20

Table of Nations

1. Summary

- a. God, Creator of all things, made of one blood all nations - Acts 17:22-31
- b. Gen 10 is genealogies of Noah's sons; a new section; and connected to Gen 11.
- c. It covers Japheth to 3 gen, Ham to 4 gen, and Shem to 6 generations = total 7 gen
- d. It contains 75 names in all (J-15, Sh-27, H-32), ~70 are tribes/nations (plural)
- e. It is a record of the division of families, tongues, lands, nations - 10:5, 20, 31-32
 - i. The people are real, but the names of places are used as in 1 Chr 2:54, 4:14
- f. It is not a complete list of nations, or census, but the names here were significant
 - i. It does not contain the names of siblings, relatives, or other followers.

2. Post-Flood World

- a. 9:29-29 - Noah lived 350 years after, Shem live 502 years after.
- b. There should be accounts of the flood in many cultures and there is (ex. Miao)
- c. Creation clearly seen pre-flood, the flood clearly seen after - Ro 1:21, until 2Pe 3:4
- d. There were pre-flood creatures, an ice age, confusion, global migration, long lives

3. Nimrod and Idolatry

- a. Old ancestors are made gods, and when dead, idols: Jer 16:20, Ps 96:5, Jud 2:8,19
- b. Idolatry began as generations forgot true history - De 4:19, 25, Jer 1:16,2:11,27-28
- c. God declares from ancient times - Jer 10:2, 9-11, Isa 45:20-21, 46:8-9
- d. Sun-gods and moon-gods are not gods at all, but God made them all things.
- e. Nimrod began to be mighty upon the earth - 1 Chron 1:10, Mic 5:6, 10:10

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- a. The Bible intersects with history, and this chapter is a big piece of the puzzle.
- b. Traditional history: early man in Mesopotamia, then Egypt, Syria, Persia, Greece.
- c. Bible history: Noah off the boat, Babel confounded languages, nations divided.
- d. Japheth went north-west - Psa 72:10; Ham south - Psa 78:51; Shem east - 10:30
- e. Many of these names are still in use today: Javan (Greece), Mizraim (Egypt)
- f. Historians (Herodotus, Josephus, Ptolemy, Nennius) mention these men
- g. Anglo-saxon royal lines go back to Noah's sons. Ireland names Japheth.
- h. These names were significant in history, and in the Bible (see Eze 25-28, Acts 2)
- i. True history is Bible history, the nations came from Noah's sons.
- j. The nations are made of one blood and God divided them in Gen 11.