

Genesis

Chapter 10:1-32

✠ **Genesis 10:1-5** *Now this is the genealogy of the sons of Noah: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And sons were born to them after the flood. The sons of Japheth were Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras. The sons of Gomer were Ashkenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah. The sons of Javan were Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim. 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.*

The question came up last week as to whether Canaan was born on the ark. Well, we have the answer right here in verse 1 *And sons were born to them after the flood.* So no children were born on the ark, and we also have evidence of this also in the New Testament.

✠ **1 Peter 3:20** *who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.*

Eight souls or people were saved from the flood, also indicating that only eight came out of the ark, with no children born at this time.

According to the Halley's Bible Handbook, the descendants of Japheth went north and settled in regions around the Black & Caspian seas, which became the race of the Caucasian race of Europe and Asia.

✠ **Genesis 10:6-14** *The sons of Ham were Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan. The sons of Cush were Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah, and Sabtechah; and the sons of Raamah were Sheba and Dedan. Cush begot Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one on the earth. He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD." And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. From that land he went to Assyria and built Nineveh, Rehoboth Ir, Calah, and Resen between Nineveh and Calah (that is the principal city). Mizraim begot Ludim, Anamim, Lehabim, Naphtuhim, Pathrusim, and Casluhim (from whom came the Philistines and Caphtorim).*

Notice that from Ham came Nimrod, which means Rebellion.

When you read this you may think that Nimrod was a great man before the Lord.

But the commentaries I've read don't imply that at all. In fact, they imply that he was a great hunter speaking of protecting the people from wild animals and became more of a ruler of terror rather than a good ruler. He was not content with what he had and wanted more as you can see as he had several kingdoms.

Notice also that one of his first kingdoms was Babel, which we now call Babylon.

- † **Isaiah 21:9** *And look, here comes a chariot of men with a pair of horsemen!" Then he answered and said, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen! And all the carved images of her gods He has broken to the ground."*
- † **Rev 14:8** *And another angel followed, saying, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."*
- † **Rev 17:5** *And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.*
- † **Revelation 18:1-8** *After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory. And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird! For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury." And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. Render to her just as she rendered to you, and repay her double according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix double for her. In the measure that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow; for she says in her heart, 'I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.' Therefore her plagues will come in one day--death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong is the Lord God who judges her.*

All this was started by Nimrod who's name once again means rebellion, but then it started even earlier than that, it started with Ham's sin.

The descendants of Ham went southward with the names seemingly to indicate South and Central Arabia, Egypt, the East shore of the Mediterranean and the East Coast of Africa. Egypt was called the "Land of Ham". "Khen" an Egyptian god, was Egyptian equivalent to Ham. And Egypt was called "Mizraim" the name of Ham's son. Ham means Hot; heat; brown. Basically we know that people from these regions were of the darker skin.

Notice something else? "Pathrusim" from whom came the Philistines. And who where the Philistines? Remember the Philistines from Sunday school (David and Goliath)?

- † **1 Sam 17:4** *And a champion went out from the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, from Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.*

† **1 Sam 17:8-9** *Then he stood and cried out to the armies of Israel, and said to them, "Why have you come out to line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and you the servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us."*

Does this sound familiar?

† **Gen 9:25** *Then he said: "Cursed be Canaan; A servant of servants He shall be to his brethren."*

And we know that God; using David, defeated Goliath.

† **1 Samuel 17:43-47** *So the Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. And the Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!" Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. Then all this assembly shall know that the LORD does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD'S, and He will give you into our hands."*

✚ **Genesis 10:15-20** *Canaan begot Sidon his firstborn, and Heth; the Jebusite, the Amorite, and the Girgashite; the Hivite, the Arkite, and the Sinite; the Arvadite, the Zemarite, and the Hamathite. Afterward the families of the Canaanites were dispersed. 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. These were the sons of Ham, according to their families, according to their languages, in their lands and in their nations.*

We looked at these verses a little last week when we were talking about Ham, and noticed that his family were a part of Sodom and Gomorrah, kind of like a modern day San Francisco or Las Vegas.

But also at this time, they didn't know that God would take the land from them and give it to the Israelites.

† **Ex 3:8** *So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing*

with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites.

And God warned the children of Israel about following the way of the Canaanites.

† **Exodus 23:22-24** *But if you indeed obey His voice and do all that I speak, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries. For My Angel will go before you and bring you in to the Amorites and the Hittites and the Perizzites and the Canaanites and the Hivites and the Jebusites; and I will cut them off. You shall not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do according to their works; but you shall utterly overthrow them and completely break down their sacred pillars.*

✠ **Genesis 10:21-31** *And children were born also to Shem, the father of all the children of Eber, the brother of Japheth the elder. The sons of Shem were Elam, Asshur, Arphaxad, Lud, and Aram. The sons of Aram were Uz, Hul, Gether, and Mash. Arphaxad begot Salah, and Salah begot Eber. 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. Joktan begot Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah, Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah, Obal, Abimael, Sheba, Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab. All these were the sons of Joktan. And their dwelling place was from Mesha as you go toward Sephar, the mountain of the east. These were the sons of Shem, according to their families, according to their languages, in their lands, according to their nations.*

The descendants of Shem included Jews, Assyrians, Syrians, Elamites, in the North Euphrates Valley and it's borders. Also Abraham was a descendant of Shem, and according to Haley's Bible Handbook, Shem lived 75 years after Abraham entered Canaan. An interesting thing also is that Noah died 2 years before Abraham was born.

The name Peleg means Division. And the division here we will see in the next chapter, next week.

Have you seen a pattern here in all of this? Can you see your own life in this pattern? Can you see how your decisions and the decisions of your family affect your future children?

We saw how through Ham's sin it was carried on to his whole family line affecting all his family and how they practiced what they were taught. I don't believe that Noah taught this sin to Ham, because he had two other sons that he taught at the same time and as we saw they turned out good. No, I believe he learned it through the sinful world and the way it was before the flood.

But think about what decisions you are making today. Your job, your God or god that you serve. How you serve God. When you pray or read your bible. Do your kids only know you pray when it's time to eat or when you go to church?

When do they see you in the word or even touching a bible? Is it only when it's time to go to church? Do you sometimes (maybe more than others) forget to bring your bible to church?

What about your friends that you hang out with? It's OK to have friends of the world, but do your children see you acting just like them, and totally different at church on Sunday? I've been divorced, and what I taught my son through my divorce was not a pretty thing. He knew I slept with other women, went out and partied, trying to play in the world and be a dad at the same time. But through the grace of God, my son is a Christian, despite what I was doing. And now he can finally say that he is proud to call me his dad.

Are you teaching your kids the same thing I was teaching my son, that it's OK to have sex before marriage. *"But we are planning on getting married so it's OK"* you may say, NO IT'S NOT!

We see the world and the way it is, and the reason it is this way, is because of thinking like that. Even the Jews took God's law and added to it so they now have volumes of books on how to do everything from pick your wife to which shoe to put on first.

"But it's so hard to break out of this relationship because I am so lonely and he/she makes me feel good." There's that awful word "feel". If we go by feelings, then half the time we wouldn't be Christians. *"I don't feel saved today"*, or *"I don't feel like God loves me today."* Well, whether you feel it or not, as a Christian you are saved and loved by God, even when you don't feel it.

I have been stressing through this study not to seek the things of this world for comfort. It's not me just wanting to say this, but I believe it's the Holy Spirit prompting me to teach this. Maybe it's for you and you alone, maybe it's for all of us. Seek the Lord and ask Him, or trust in the Holy Spirit speaking to your heart even now.

Listen to Him and flee the things that are drawing you away from Him and trying to make you depend on the world. Yes, it could even be another Christian in your life that you need to flee from if he or she is your weakness.

 **Gen 10:32** *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.*

Finally here is part of the answer to the question, *"Where did the different languages and nationalities come from?"* This is how we got the different types of people, next week we will look at how we got the different types of languages.