



## Genesis Chapter 10 The Table of Nations

Chapter 10 of the book of Genesis has been referred to in the past as the table of Nations. Noah's three sons have populated the entire present world, and so with that in mind, I'd like us to turn to the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Genesis so that we can read that chapter Word for Word and become more familiar with how the world was spawned with these three sons of Noah. Genesis chapter 10:

*Gen 10:1 These are the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Sons were born to them after the flood.*

*Gen 10:2 The sons of Japheth: Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras.*

*Gen 10:3 The sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah.*

*Gen 10:4 The sons of Javan: Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim.*

*Gen 10:5 From these the coastland peoples spread in their lands, each with his own language, by their clans, in their nations.*

*Gen 10:6 The sons of Ham: Cush, Egypt, Put, and Canaan.*

*Gen 10:7 The sons of Cush: Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah, and Sabteca. The sons of Raamah: Sheba and Dedan.*

*Gen 10:8 Cush fathered Nimrod; he was the first on earth to be a mighty man.*

*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, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.*

*Gen 10:11 From that land he went into Assyria and built Nineveh, Rehoboth-Ir, Calah, and*

*Gen 10:12 Resen between Nineveh and Calah; that is the great city.*

*Gen 10:13 Egypt fathered Ludim, Anamim, Lehabim, Naphtuhim,*

*Gen 10:14 Pathrusim, Casluhim (from whom the Philistines came), and Caphtorim.*

*Gen 10:15 Canaan fathered Sidon his firstborn and Heth,*

*Gen 10:16 and the Jebusites, the Amorites, the Girgashites,*

*Gen 10:17 the Hivites, the Arkites, the Sinites,*

*Gen 10:18 the Arvadites, the Zemarites, and the Hamathites. Afterward the clans of the Canaanites dispersed.*

*Gen 10:19 And the territory of the Canaanites extended from Sidon in the direction of Gerar as far as Gaza, and in the direction of Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, as far as Lasha.*

*Gen 10:20 These are the sons of Ham, by their clans, their languages, their lands, and their nations.*

*Gen 10:21 To Shem also, the father of all the children of Eber, the elder brother of Japheth, children were born.*

*Gen 10:22 The sons of Shem: Elam, Asshur, Arpachshad, Lud, and Aram.*

*Gen 10:23 The sons of Aram: Uz, Hul, Gether, and Mash.*

*Gen 10:24 Arpachshad fathered Shelah; and Shelah fathered Eber.*

*Gen 10:25 To Eber were born two sons: 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 fathered Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah,*

*Gen 10:27 Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah,*

*Gen 10:28 Obal, Abimael, Sheba,*

*Gen 10:29 Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab; all these were the sons of Joktan.*

*Gen 10:30 The territory in which they lived extended from Mesha in the direction of Sephar to the hill country of the east.*

*Gen 10:31 These are the sons of Shem, by their clans, their languages, their lands, and their nations.*

*Gen 10:32 These are the clans of the sons of Noah, according to their genealogies, in their nations, and from these the nations spread abroad on the earth after the flood.*

Do you think there might be a ton of information in this chapter? Because if this is what you are thinking... you would be exactly right. The genealogies of these men dictate the unfolding of the population of the entire world.

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And so, with that being said we're going to take our time in going through some of these genealogies so that we can get a better handle on how these genealogies played out over time.

One of the most important things that we need to understand as we read through the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Genesis, is that there are blessings and curses for these different family lines that we see laid out before us here in the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Genesis. Simply reading through the genealogy of these family lines and continuing to move through the book of Genesis without understanding the importance of the genealogy of these family lines is going to leave us with a lot of unanswered questions. It's also going to shortchange us in our knowledge concerning what has happened throughout history as well as, what will happen in the future. So, we want to slow down and spend a little time here.

For instance, there was one family line that has been set aside from the very onset of the days of Noah. Our Messiah who was the seed of the woman who would bruise the head of the serpent came from one of these family lines. And of course, that family line was the line of Seth. This small piece of information alone should give us pause before blowing over the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Genesis, or writing it off as just a bunch of hard to pronounce names that really make no difference today in our time. Nothing could be farther from the truth. These family

lines and genealogies do indeed mean something to us all, and the better we understand them the better we will understand not only the Torah and the Tanakh in the Old Testament... but the New Testament as well.

Today within our society we have many liberal minded academics who tend to scoff at the Bible and the God breathed Scriptures that we stand on. But interestingly enough, even these liberal minded Bible academics grudgingly admit that the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Genesis is the most accurate and complete document of its kind pertaining to the origination of the world's nations and races.



In a nutshell, Shem populated Asia, Ham populated Africa, and Japheth populated Europe. Of course, there are some exceptions to this neatly laid out map, and there are of course a lot of intermarrying and intermixing and so on and so forth as there always is. So, things are not as cut and dried today as they were 3000 years ago, but for the most part, to this very day we can still understand how these nations came to be, by simply reading through Genesis chapter 10.

As we begin to take a look at this map, many of the names that we just read in Genesis chapter 10 start to appear within the different locations around Europe, Asia, and Africa. The descendants of Japheth became the Cymry from Gomer, who was the first to settle the area of Wales and Britney. This Scythians, from Magog, were who formed the Russian people. The Medes came from Madai, the Greeks came from Yavan, and the Thracians came from Tiras, who became the Macedonians, from whom eventually came Alexander the great.

From these groups of people came the Germans and the Celts and the Armenians. Tarshish was also from the line of Japheth, and this is primarily known as modern-day Spain. Tarshish is important because it's also mentioned in a prophecy found in the book of Isaiah. Let's turn to

Isaiah 60:1-12:

*Isa 60:1 Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.*

*Isa 60:2 For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.*

*Isa 60:3 And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.*

*Isa 60:4 Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.*

*Isa 60:5 Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.*

*Isa 60:6 A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.*

*Isa 60:7 All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you; the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you; they shall come up with acceptance on my altar, and I will beautify my beautiful house.*

*Isa 60:8 Who are these that fly like a cloud, and like doves to their windows?*

*Isa 60:9 For the coastlands shall hope for me, the **ships of Tarshish** first, to bring your children from afar; their silver and gold with them, for the name of the LORD your God, and for the Holy One of Israel, because he has made you beautiful.*

*Isa 60:10 Foreigners shall build up your walls, and their kings shall minister to you; for in my wrath I struck you, but in my favor I have had mercy on you.*

*Isa 60:11 Your gates shall be open continually; day and night they shall not be shut, that people may bring to you the wealth of the nations, with their kings led in procession.*

*Isa 60:12 For the nation and kingdom that will not serve you shall perish; those nations shall be utterly laid waste.*

As we read through this astounding Scripture, we see the greater exodus of Israel being brought back to the land that our Father in Heaven had promised us through Abraham. Just because our Father in Heaven allowed many nations to be formed upon the face of the earth, does not mean that every nation upon the face of the earth has been chosen to be his elect. It has always been the 12 tribes of the house of Israel that have been the Apple of our Fathers eye, and just as he promised the house of Israel, he will once again bring them back into their promised land.

It's important for us to understand that we who have picked up our crosses, and have chosen to have faith and believe in his only begotten son are indeed grafted into the house of Israel. The rest of the nations of the world will indeed come to serve the house of Israel as our Father in Heaven brings us back into the promised land of Abraham. Galatians 3:27-29:

*Gal 3:27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.*

*Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

*Gal 3:29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.*

Knowing and understanding that we will be separate and apart from the rest of the nations of the world, we need to understand the greater exodus that will indeed take place when our Father in Heaven not only brings the Jewish people and the tribe of Judah back into the promised land... but also Ephraim and the other 10 tribes of Israel who will once again become one house, one nation, and one stick in the Father's hand. There is a continuation of this greater exodus prophecy that can be seen in Isaiah chapter 60. Let's read a little bit more about this greater exodus before we move forward. Let's turn to Ezekiel 37:

*Eze 37:1 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones.*

*Eze 37:2 And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry.*

*Eze 37:3 And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know."*

*Eze 37:4 Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.*

*Eze 37:5 Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.*

*Eze 37:6 And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."*

*Eze 37:7 So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone.*

*Eze 37:8 And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them.*

*Eze 37:9 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live."*

*Eze 37:10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.*

*Eze 37:11 Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.'*

*Eze 37:12 Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel.*

*Eze 37:13 And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people.*

*Eze 37:14 And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."*

*Eze 37:15 The word of the LORD came to me:*

*Eze 37:16 "Son of man, take a stick and write on it, 'For Judah, and the people of Israel associated with him'; then take another stick and write on it, 'For Joseph (the stick of Ephraim) and all the house of Israel associated with him.'*

*Eze 37:17 And join them one to another into one stick, that they may become one in your hand.*

*Eze 37:18 And when your people say to you, 'Will you not tell us what you mean by these?'*

*Eze 37:19 say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I am about to take the stick of Joseph (that is in the hand of Ephraim) and the tribes of Israel associated with him. And I will join with it the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, that they may be one in my hand.*

*Eze 37:20 When the sticks on which you write are in your hand before their eyes,*

*Eze 37:21 then say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will take the people of Israel from the nations among which they have gone, and will gather them from all around, and bring them to their own land.*

*Eze 37:22 And I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel. And one king shall be king over them all, and they shall be no longer two nations, and no longer divided into two kingdoms.*

*Eze 37:23 They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols and their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions. But I will save them from all the backslidings in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.*

*Eze 37:24 "My servant David shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd. They shall walk in my rules and be careful to obey my statutes.*

*Eze 37:25 They shall dwell in the land that I gave to my servant Jacob, where your fathers lived. They and their children and their children's children shall dwell there forever, and David my servant shall be their prince forever.*

*Eze 37:26 I will make a covenant of peace with them. It shall be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will set them in their land and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in their midst forevermore.*

*Eze 37:27 My dwelling place shall be with them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

*Eze 37:28 Then the nations will know that I am the LORD who sanctifies Israel, when my sanctuary is in their midst forevermore."*

The prophecy that we see here in Ezekiel 37 is an extension of the prophecy that we see in Isaiah chapter 60, and it's also found in other Scripture throughout our Bibles, but we won't get into that for time's sake here today. But what I do want us to understand is the fact that the 12 tribes of Israel will indeed return to the promised land of Abraham, and I'm not just talking about the Jews and the house of Judah. The Scripture is extremely clear... our Father in Heaven will indeed join the two houses... the two sticks of Israel... back together into one stick in the Father's hand just as it is prophesied in Ezekiel chapter 37. This joining of the two sticks believe it or not, is in the process right now in our time.

Our Messiah came to join the two sticks back together into one stick in our Father's hand. He came to unite all 12 tribes of Israel back together into one body. Both Jew and Gentile will indeed be grafted back into the Olive tree which is the house of Israel. This is taking place right now in our time. Those who pick up their crosses and follow him and do as he did, are indeed grafted into the Olive tree which is the house of Israel. And for more information on this biblical fact, you can turn to Romans chapter 11 for a better understanding of what takes place

the moment you begin to believe and to have faith in the only begotten son of God.

In Genesis chapter 10 we find that there are three sons of Noah. There are three family lines and three separate genealogies that all have three separate destinations, and it's important for us to understand what these three separate destinations are. The importance of Genesis chapter 10 and 11 is that they are the bridge from the beginning of the new world after the flood, to one of the most important patriarchs found in the Torah... Abraham. These two chapters unfold a linkage of genealogy between Shem and Abraham. Each of the three sons of Noah and their genealogy of people have their own destiny, and this destiny was laid out before them through the blessings and curses of Noah.

In verse six we start to see the genealogy and the descendants of Ham who was cursed by Noah because of an event that took place in Noah's tent when he fell asleep drunk earlier on. We need to pay close attention to these names because they will play a prominent role throughout the Scripture. Cush is Ethiopia, Mizraim is Egypt. Put is Libya, and Canaan is the founder of the land of Canaan that was conquered by Joshua which became Israel.

The descendants of Canaan form many of the people in the Middle East and in the Orient, some of which are often mistakenly called Arabs. The Arabs are of the line of Shem, not Ham, and will come back to this later.

I want to pause here for just a moment so that we can turn back to Genesis 10:8-12:

*Gen 10:8 Cush fathered Nimrod; he was the first on earth to be a mighty man.*

*Gen 10:9 He was a mighty hunter before the LORD. Therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the LORD."*

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As we can see in verse 8 Nimrod was the first on earth to be a mighty man. This term "mighty man" is actually translated from the Hebrew word "Gibbor" which can mean several different things, most of which all coincide with each other.

Strongs Hebrew and Greek Dictionary:

H1368

גִּבּוֹר גִּבּוֹר

gibbôr gibbôr

ghib-bore', ghib-bore'

Intensive from the same as H1397; powerful; by implication warrior, tyrant: - champion, chief,

X excel, giant, man, mighty (man, one), strong (man), valiant man.

This term “*gibbor*” or “*mighty man*” is often thought to mean that Nimrod was not just a normal hunter, but that he was a hunter of men. I find it curious that this term “*gibbor*” or “*mighty man*” can also mean “*giant*” according to Strongs Hebrew and Greek Dictionary. Out of all the children of the sons of Noah, the world had already become pretty populated by the time Nimrod arrived on the scene... and yet we’re told that Nimrod was and I quote... “*The First on earth to be a mighty man*”. So, there was clearly something much different about Nimrod that set him apart from other hunters, and we can clearly see that this tyrant of a man also had his own kingdom, and not only did Nimrod have his own kingdom... he seemed to have several kingdoms.

The very names of the kingdoms that Nimrod built can help us to understand more about this interesting character called “*Nimrod*”. “*Babel*” which was the first kingdom of Nimrod means “*confusion or mixing*”. If we look at the word “*Babl*” in verse 10 we can clearly see that it means “*Babylon*”.

Brown Driver Brigg’s Hebrew Definitions

H894

בבל

bâbel

BDB Definition:

Babel or Babylon = “confusion (by mixing)”

1) Babel or Babylon, the ancient site and/or capital of Babylonia (modern Hillah) situated on the Euphrates

Part of Speech: noun proper locative

A Related Word by BDB/Strong’s Number: from H1101

Contrast this with what we find in Revelation 18:2-5:

*Rev 18:2 And he called out with a mighty voice, "Fallen, fallen is **Babylon** the great! She has become a dwelling place for demons, a haunt for every unclean spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, a haunt for every unclean and detestable beast.*

*Rev 18:3 For all nations have drunk the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have grown rich from the power of her luxurious living."*

*Rev 18:4 Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues;*

*Rev 18:5 for her sins are heaped high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.*

Another kingdom of Nimrod was called “*Ereck*” which means “*to lengthen, prolong, or live with*”. So, if we take the meaning of these kingdoms literally, it would mean that Nimrod’s objective was 180 degrees away from God’s objective. To “*lengthen, prolong, and live with*

*confusion and mixing*” is not what we would call a Christians idea of godliness, and far from what we would call righteous by any stretch of the imagination.

The next kingdom of Nimrod was called “*Accad*” which means “*subtly*”. If we add this meaning to the equation we can speculate that Nimrods main objective was to “*subtly strengthen the confusion and mixing*” of Gods people. Keep in mind, that we already know that the giants of the pre-flood world did indeed somehow manage to return after the flood. Could this be the kind of mixing that Nimrod was up to?

The next kingdom of Nimrod that we see is the kingdom of “*Calneh*” which means “*fortress of Anu*”. Anu was a Sumerian pagan sky god that many other pagan gods derived from. The Sumerian sky god “*Anu*” was part of a triad of pagan deities completed by “*Enlil*” and “*Enki*”. Anu was supposed to be the high god of the three.

The next kingdom attributed to Nimrod was “*Ninevah*” which means “*Abode of Ninus*”. “*Ninus*” is often times considered to be “*Nimrod*” by some scholars. The original meaning of the name “*Ninus*” is unclear.

The next kingdom attributed to Nimrod was “*Rehoboth-Ir*” which means “*Wide Streets*”. This again is a far cry from the “*narrow path*” that a Christian would be familiar with. This “*mighty man*” also known as a “*hunter of men*” subtly strengthened and confused gods people with mixing Gods people with something unnatural, which then led them to believe in other multiple pagan gods, and showed them other wide paths that would lead them away from the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The name of the next kingdom attributed to Nimrod is “*Calah*” which means “*completion and resilient strength*”, and the last kingdom attributed to Nimrod is “*Resen*” which means “*a bridle*”.

When you put the meanings of these kingdoms of Nimrod together we really do get a rather grim picture of what Nimrods main objective was. To put a bridle on Gods people and to confuse them and to mix them (possibly with the DNA of the Nephilim from the pre-flood world ) and then lead them down a wide path away from the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, through the worship of these other pagan gods, having no mercy until completing his tyrannical objective. Take into consideration what we find in Deuteronomy 12:30-32:

*Deu 12:30 take care that you be not ensnared to follow them, after they have been destroyed before you, and that you do not inquire about their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods?—that I also may do the same.'*

*Deu 12:31 You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way, for every abominable thing that the LORD hates they have done for their gods, for they even burn their sons and their daughters in the fire to their gods.*

*Deu 12:32 "Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall not add to it or take from it.*

I think it's fair to say that Nimrod was the first antichrist who originally gave birth to the occult. It is said by many researchers that Nimrod had many names. Just to name a few, there was Gilgamesh, Orion, Apollo, Tammuz, and Osiris and several others throughout time. Just like most pagan gods all throughout history... the names have changed, but the entity is the same.

Mankind just keeps banging his head against the same wall as he dances in the pale moonlight with a devil of a different name. And so, there's much more to be said about this character Nimrod, and will get back to him as we proceed through Chapter 11. But as for now we'll stop here until next Wednesday evening at 7 PM Eastern standard Time, when we will venture into Chapter 11.