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THE BOOK OF BEGINNINGS – Genesis 10:1-32, Message 32

Genesis 10 and 11 are connected. In these two chapters we have the family history linking the days of Noah (10:1) with the time of \_\_\_\_\_ (11:26-32). Although this list of names may seem boring and are often skipped over by the casual reader, they provide us with very valuable information. Without these two chapters we would not be able to witness the fulfillment of Noah's prophecy (Genesis 9:25-27). We would not be able to understand how nations and differing languages were \_\_\_\_\_, and we would be ignorant concerning the motivation behind God's choosing Israel and the calling out of their patriarchal father (Abraham).

Genesis 10 will be the focus of today's study as it describes the genealogical history of the peoples of the world. It is important to note that Genesis 11:1-9 is a \_\_\_\_\_ on Genesis 10. The events of Genesis 11:1-9 take place \_\_\_\_\_ much of the records contained in chapter 10 (Genesis 10:5, 10, 20, 31). Like everything else we have seen in our study of Genesis, the historic events in these chapters are remarkable in their doctrinal significance and devotional application.

### THE TABLE OF NATIONS

1. Genesis 10 considered historically

- Archaeologists and ethnological students generally agree that this chapter is amazing...
  - Genesis 10 stands alone in ancient literature, without remote parallel, even among the Greeks, where we find the closest approach to a distribution of peoples in genealogical framework...the table of nations remains an astonishingly accurate document.

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- To a Bible believer this record is accurate and true...

2. The generations of the sons of Noah

- Japheth, the father of the \_\_\_\_\_ – verses 1-5
  - Gomer (*Ashkenaz, Riphath, Togarmah*)—Crimea, Germany, Ireland, Wales-Saxons, Gauls, Celts
  - Magog—Turkey, Ukraine
  - Madai—Kurdish tribes
  - Javan (*Elishah, Tarshish, Kittam, Dodanim*)—Ionians, Greece, Spain, Macedonia
  - Tubal—Armenian
  - Meshech—Asia minor, Russia
  - Tiras—Thracians-Sweden, Balkans, Etruscans-Italy, Corsica
- Japheth is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Noah's surviving sons – see verse 21

- Japheth is the progenitor of the European races. They migrated \_\_\_\_\_ into Europe and spread out from there, eastward and westward into the whole world.
- Japhethites, in regard to the biblical record, are negligible players with a \_\_\_\_\_ role in God's plan...
- Japhethites are the \_\_\_\_\_ people...
- Ham, the founding of \_\_\_\_\_ – verses 6-20
  - Cush (*Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah...Sheba, Dedan, Sabtechah, \_\_\_\_\_*)—Ethiopia, Sudan
  - Mizraim (*Ludim, Anamim, Lehabim, Naphtuhim, Pathrusim, Casluhim...Philistim, Caphtorim*)—Egypt, Africa, Philistines, Arabia
  - Phut—Libya
  - Canaan (*Sidon...Heth*)—Jebusite, Amorite, Girgasite, Hivite, Arkite, Sinite, Arvidite, Zemarite, Hamathite
  - Ham is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Noah's surviving sons – see 9:24 (*the birth order: Japheth, Shem, Ham*)
  - Ham is the progenitor of the African races. These constitute peoples with naturally dark pigment. Their ancestors migrated south into \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Hamite races play a \_\_\_\_\_ role in the biblical record; the Hamite races surround the Jew and his activity in the world.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ is preeminent in the list of the Hamite lineage...
  - Hamites are the \_\_\_\_\_ people...
- Shem, the origin of the \_\_\_\_\_ – verses 21-31 (*also see Genesis 11:10-32*)
  - Elam—Persian
  - Asshur—Assyria
  - Arphaxad (*Salah...\_\_\_\_\_...Peleg, Joktan...Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah, Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah, Obal, Abimael, Sheba, Ophir, Havilah, Jobab*)—Hebrews, Arabians, Samaritans
  - Lud—Lydian
  - Aram (*Uz, Hul, Gether, Mash*)—Aramaic or Syrian, Idumaea
  - Shem is the progenitor of the Asian races. Although curiously left out of the list, these constitute peoples of all \_\_\_\_\_ descent. Their ancestors continued \_\_\_\_\_; some went as far as the Bering Strait and crossed into North and South America.
  - Shemites are in the \_\_\_\_\_ of all biblical records. Shem is the father of all the children of \_\_\_\_\_ (*verse 21*) who's lineage begat Abraham, the father of the Hebrews (*Genesis 11:14-26*).
  - Shemites are the \_\_\_\_\_ people...

- Note: There are \_\_\_\_\_ perfectly pure peoples within the races of the world. Everyone is a mixture, to some degree, of all races...the Bible does not speak specifically of races, but rather as "*peoples, nations, tribes, tongues, and families.*"

3. Important highlights from Genesis 10

- Nimrod
  - Nimrod is the founder of Babel. He is also the founder of all \_\_\_\_\_ religions of the world...
- God's plan is often misunderstood – verse 32
  - God's plan, from the days of Noah, is for man to be \_\_\_\_\_ – Genesis 10:1-31; see verses 5, 32; 11:7-9
 

*To \_\_\_\_\_ mankind in order to \_\_\_\_\_ men unto God*
  - Satan's plan is for \_\_\_\_\_...
 

*To \_\_\_\_\_ mankind in order to \_\_\_\_\_ men away from God*