

## Genesis 10

- QUESTION? Why are people so interested in knowing their genealogy?
  - Ancestry.com
    - Been around 40 years
    - Over 1 billion in revenue
    - 23 million customers
  - 23andMe.com
    - 17 years
    - 280 million revenue last year
    - 12.8 million customers
  - These services also use heuristics to determine your genetic risk for certain diseases
- Studying our ancestors can be interesting, but it can also be scary
  - My mom used to say we were related to Annie Oakley
  - My great-great grandparents arrived New York at Ellis Island and went to Michigan
  - My brother did his 23andme and found out he is small percentage Ashkenazi Jew
    - QUESTION? What's an Ashkenazi Jew? Well talk about Ashkenaz in a bit.
    - Jews who fled to the land of Ashkenaz from the Holy Land during the Muslim invasion
      - Where is Ashkenaz? Mostly Germany, but scattered throughout Europe.
  - What if we do the research and find out we are related to a famous serial killer?
  - QUESTION? Does it really matter?
- For certain, all of us come from Shem, Ham or Japheth, from Noah, and from Adam
- Chapter 10 can be fascinating or boring, depending on how we look at it
- A read through Genesis 10, without knowing what all the names mean is BORING!
  - This chapter is known as the Table of Nations
  - There is NO record, other than the bible, for these early generations
  - God put this chapter in genesis for a reason!
  - Knowing the offspring of these patriarchs, we can:
    - Understand early human history
    - Trace to spread of mankind by relating names to places and nations
    - Understand God's sovereign involvement with mankind
    - Trace the ancestry of the Nation of Israel, and the promised Messiah
- The main point of this chapter is to explain the origin of peoples and nations (70 in total)
  - God said, be fruitful and multiply, and that definitely happened
  - But it is also to explain Abraham, his ancestry, and the pathway to Messiah
  - For this reason, the sons of Noah are addressed in reverse order, leaving Shem LAST
- All of the nations descended from the three sons of Noah were wicked and idolatrous, not knowing or recognizing the true God.
- Even though their parents and great-grandparents could explain to them first-hand the account of the flood, the reason for the flood, the result of the flood. No one cared.
  - *Rom 1:21-25, For even though they knew God, they did not <sup>[a]</sup>honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. <sup>22</sup> Professing to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup> and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and <sup>[a]</sup>crawling creatures. <sup>24</sup> Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. <sup>25</sup> For they exchanged the truth of God for <sup>[a]</sup>a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed <sup>[a]</sup>forever. Amen.*

- Every once-in-a-while a righteous man pops up here and there:
  - Enoch
  - Noah
  - Job
  - Zacharias, in the NT
- Apart from these rare instances what we see is the general decline of the human race.
  - Even the religious elite in Israel were “a brood of vipers”
- It was only when God chose Abraham (chapter 12), from the line of Shem, and began working with him, that eventually the nation of Israel was born
  - QUESTION? What was God’s purpose for the nation of Israel?
    - *Deu 7:7-9, “The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup> but because the LORD loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers, the LORD brought you out by a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of <sup>[a]</sup>slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup> Know therefore that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps <sup>[a]</sup>His covenant and <sup>[a]</sup>His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments;*
  - QUESTION? But what was Israel’s purpose? God’s missionary nation!
    - *Isa 49:6, “I will make you a light to the Gentiles, and you will bring my salvation to the ends of the earth.”*

**Pull out your two sheets for reference!**

***Gen 10:1-4, Now these are the records of the generations of Shem, Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah; and sons were born to them after the flood. <sup>2</sup> The sons of Japheth were Gomer and Magog and Madai and Javan and Tubal and Meshech and Tiras. <sup>3</sup> The sons of Gomer were Ashkenaz and <sup>[a]</sup>Riphath and Togarmah. <sup>4</sup> The sons of Javan were Elishah and Tarshish, Kittim and <sup>[b]</sup>Dodanim. <sup>5</sup> From these the coastlands of the nations <sup>[c]</sup>were separated into their lands, every one according to his language, according to their families, into their nations.***

- Notice the last part, indicates what happened at the Tower of Babel, which we will talk about next week.
- So the Table of Nations list the descendants of Noah’s family, all of which are scattered from Babel at the confusing of language.
- Japheth is the father of the Indo-European nations, North of the Mid-East, going from East to West, basically from India across to Europe.
- We know this by studying the names which became nations, and also the roots and structure of language, which are related to Sanskrit
- Webster’s New Collegiate Dictionary:
  - *The Indo-European languages are the most important linguistic family of the globe, comprising the chief languages of Europe, together with the Indo-Iranian and other Asiatic tongues. In the nineteenth century, comparative and historical study of these languages, called also Indo-Germanic or Aryan languages, established their descent from a common ancestor. This language sourced probably in eastern Europe by a people or group of people of unknown, perhaps mixed race. The dialects of the primitive Indo-Europeans accompanied their migrations into India, Persia, Greece, Rome, and the western borders of Europe, where they are found at the beginning of history. The parent speech was highly inflected, but historically the general tendency of the Indo-European languages has been toward the analytical type such as French or English.*
    - The Greeks: Claim to have descended from Japetos, a form of Japheth

- The Persians: Trace themselves back to a flood account with a man named Japeti as their father. Also a word related to Japheth
  - Indo-European (583 languages) Sino-Tibetan (501 languages) Afro-Asiatic (379 languages)
- The sons of Japheth
  - Gomer
    - North to the Black Sea area, and spreading west into Europe, France, England
    - The sons of Gomer
      - Ashkenaz – North to Turkey in the area of Lake Ascanius
        - Later many moved to Germany and west into Europe
        - I mentioned earlier, Ashkenazi Jews are not Japhethites, they are Jews living in the land of Ashkenaz (Germany and Europe)
        - And then many fled to the USA during the German purge in WWII
      - Riphath – Josephus associates them with the Paphlagonians (Northern Turkey-on the south shore of the black sea)
      - Togarmah – The House of Targum – today’s Armenians
  - Magog. Also known as Gog. Migrated north of the Caspian Sea
    - Magog is mentioned in Ezekiel 38. It is an end-times prophecy about the beginning of Armageddon. These are tribes of the North
      - *Ez 38:1-3, And the word of the LORD came to me saying, <sup>2</sup>“Son of man, set your face toward Gog of the land of Magog, the <sup>[a]</sup>prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him <sup>3</sup> and say, ‘Thus says the Lord <sup>[b]</sup>GOD, “Behold, I am against you, O Gog, <sup>[c]</sup>prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal.*
    - Note Meshech (Mushku River-Moscow) and Tubal (Tobol River and Tobolsk, Russia) are also sons of Japheth
    - “Prince of Rosh” (Russia)
  - Madai – The Medes in the area of Persia.
    - The Magi who visited Jesus were from Persia
  - Javan – The Greeks, the Ionians
    - The sons of Javan
      - Elishah, a derivative of the Hellenists (Greeks)
        - *Acts 6:1, Now <sup>[a]</sup>at this time while the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint arose on the part of the <sup>[b]</sup>Hellenistic Jews against the native Hebrews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily serving of food.*
      - Tarshish, believed to be a city in Spain called Tartessos
        - Jonah tried sailing there when called to preach to Ninevah
      - Kittim and Rodanim – went to the Med. islands of Cyprus and Rhodes
  - So the descendants of Japheth populated Europe, North Asia (Russia), Peria and India.
  - They may have even moved across Siberia, crossed the land bridge to North America and populated the Americas
  - Noah’s prophecy was true, “May God extend Japheth’s territory” (Gen 9:27)

**Gen 10: 6-14, The sons of Ham were Cush and Mizraim and Put and Canaan. <sup>7</sup> The sons of Cush were Seba and Havilah and Sabtah and Raamah and Sabteca; and the sons of Raamah were Sheba and Dedan. <sup>8</sup> Now Cush <sup>[d]</sup> became the father of Nimrod; he <sup>[e]</sup> became a mighty one on the earth. <sup>9</sup> He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the LORD." <sup>10</sup> The beginning of his kingdom was <sup>[f]</sup> Babel and Erech and Accad and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. <sup>11</sup> From that land he went forth into Assyria, and built Nineveh and Rehoboth-Ir and Calah, <sup>12</sup> and Resen between Nineveh and Calah; that is the great city. <sup>13</sup> Mizraim <sup>[g]</sup> became the father of Ludim and Anamim and Lehabim and Naphtuhim <sup>14</sup> and Pathrusim and Casluhim (from which came the Philistines) and Caphtorim.**

- The sons of Ham
  - Cush is Ethiopia
    - The name Cush also appears in Saudi Arabia
      - *Jer 13:23, "Can the Ethiopian (Cushite) change his skin Or the leopard his spots? Then you also can do good Who are accustomed to doing evil.*
    - During the Messianic kingdom age:
      - *Isa 45:14, Thus says the LORD, "The <sup>[a]</sup>products of Egypt (Mizraim) and the merchandise of <sup>[b]</sup>Cush And the Sabeans (descendants of Saba), men of stature, Will come over to you and will be yours; They will walk behind you, they will come over in chains And will bow down to you; They will make supplication to you: <sup>[c]</sup>Surely, God is <sup>[d]</sup>with you, and there is none else, No other God."*
    - Cush also fathered Nimrod, a mighty hunter (or warrior)
      - Nimrod was also the founder of Babel which we will see next week
        - Bab-el means gateway to God in Babylonian
        - But in Hebrew Babel means "confusion"
        - One represents the view of man, the other the view of God
      - "A mighty hunter "before the Lord" Actually "against" the Lord.
      - Not hunting animals, but hunting the souls of men, like AntiChrist
      - Nimrod means "rebel"
      - But he also built many cities listed in verses 10-12
        - Nineveh was one of the cities, so sinful that God sent a prophet
      - His kingdom was enormous!
        - He was the ruler of Babylon
        - And also Nineveh, a city in Assyria
      - Interestingly, God used the Assyrians in 722 BC to take captive the 10 northern tribes of Israel back to Assyria
      - And he sent the Babylonians, under Nebuchadnezzar in 605 and 586 BC to take the remaining two southern tribes away to Babylon
  - Put is Lybia (northern Africa)
  - Mizraim is Egypt and the Nile valley

**Gen 10:15-20,<sup>15</sup> Canaan <sup>[b]</sup>became the father of Sidon, his firstborn, and Heth <sup>16</sup> and the Jebusite and the Amorite and the Girgashite <sup>17</sup> and the Hivite and the Arkite and the Sinite <sup>18</sup> and the Arvadite and the Zemarite and the Hamathite; and afterward the families of the Canaanite were spread abroad. <sup>19</sup> The territory of the Canaanite <sup>[l]</sup>extended from Sidon as you go toward Gerar, as far as Gaza; as you go toward Sodom and Gomorrah and Admah and Zeboiim, as far as Lasha. <sup>20</sup> These are the sons of Ham, according to their families, according to their languages, by their lands, by their nations.**

- Canaan occupied the land of Palestine
  - Remember the curse of Canaan from last week
  - Canaanites were so conquered and subjugated, not just by Israel, that many of them fled abroad.
  - Of all the clans of Canaan, possibly the Hittites or the Sinites populated the Far East
    - Hittites- Hittites and the Mongols have very similar features: shoes which had toes that turned up, hair in a pigtail, pioneer work in smelting and casting iron, and the domestication of horses
    - Sinites, the word Sin is very prevalent in China. Sin means purebred, and we see that many Chinese have very similar features
    - The prefix Sin as in Sino indicates China
    - Many emperors prefix their name with Sin
    - The Great Wall of China was started by Alexander the Great and was called the Wall of Magog, because it was designed to protect them from the Huns (also known as Scythians (Russian) peoples of the north (Magog)
    - For certain, the far east Asians came from Noah
      - **Chinese character for boat..**

**Gen 10:21-32, Also to Shem, the father of all the children of Eber, and the <sup>[l]</sup>older brother of Japheth, children were born. <sup>22</sup> The sons of Shem were Elam and Asshur and Arpachshad and Lud and Aram. <sup>23</sup> The sons of Aram were Uz and Hul and Gether and Mash. <sup>24</sup> Arpachshad <sup>[k]</sup>became the father of Shelah; and Shelah <sup>[l]</sup>became the father of Eber. <sup>25</sup> Two sons were born to Eber; the name of the one was <sup>[m]</sup>Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided; and his brother's name was Joktan. <sup>26</sup> Joktan <sup>[n]</sup>became the father of Almodad and Sheleph and Hazarmaveth and Jerah <sup>27</sup> and Hadoram and Uzal and Diklah <sup>28</sup> and <sup>[o]</sup>Obal and Abimael and Sheba <sup>29</sup> and Ophir and Havilah and Jobab; all these were the sons of Joktan. <sup>30</sup> Now their <sup>[p]</sup>settlement <sup>[q]</sup>extended from Mesha as you go toward Sephar, the hill country of the east. <sup>31</sup> These are the sons of Shem, according to their families, according to their languages, by their lands, according to their nations.**

**<sup>32</sup> These are the families of the sons of Noah, according to their genealogies, by their nations; and out of these the nations were separated on the earth after the flood.**

- The sons of Shem
  - QUESTION? Eber is the great grandson of Shem, but is mentioned right here in verse 21. WHY?
    - This is the Patriarch from which we get the name “Hebrew”
    - And his son, Peleg, means “divided”
    - Eber was a contemporary of Nimrod and what happened at Babel
      - Probably he named his son “divided” after what God did at Babel

- Peleg is the branch of descendants down to Abraham, detailed in Chapter 11
  - All the sons of Shem settled in the Middle East from north to south
  - Elam is mentioned, who founded the Elamites
    - The King of Elam conquered and enslaved the Canaanites in Gen 14
    - So the curse of Canaan didn't have to wait for Israel to come out of Egypt
  - Notice Aram, the father of the Arameans (Ancient Syrians) from which we get Aramaic
    - The books of Daniel and Ezra are written in Aramaic, because that was the language of the Babylonians, where Israel was held captive for 70 years
    - Most Jews coming back from exile spoke Aramaic, and were still speaking Aramaic during the days of Jesus. Evidence strongly suggests that Aramaic was the language of Jesus and His disciples.
    - **Side note:** Aramaic is now considered a dead language, although some small groups still speak it. When Mel Gibson produced the Passion of the Christ movie, he brought Aramaic back to life, and some of the actors had to learn Aramaic to play their roles.
      - Jesus and His disciples spoke in Aramaic
      - The Jewish leaders spoke in Hebrew
      - The Roman authorities spoke in Latin
      - This was the linguistic environment in Israel at that time
      - QUESTION? When the Magi came from the east to visit Jesus, what language did they speak? What language did Mary and Joseph speak?
    - Notice also Uz, a son of Aram, who resided in the land of Uz
      - QUESTION? Who was from the land of Uz?
      - Job was from the land of Uz, probably near Petra, in Jordan
- If we add up all the families listed in Genesis Chapter 10, we get 70 people groups!
- QUESTION? Do these different people groups ever have issues with each other?
  - A famous Japhethite decided he hated Shemites and killed 6 million of them
  - Gomerites (from Japheth) enslaved Cushites (from Ham) for centuries
  - Iran and Iraq are next-door neighbors, but they hate each other. Why? Iran was settled by Japhethites. Iraq was settled by Shemites. Their distaste for each other stems from very different cultural, genetic, and language roots. Iranians speak Farsi, Iraqis speak Arabic. Surprisingly, Iranians are more like Europeans in culture and appearance, and Iraqis are more like Saudis!
    - Arabic is in the Afro-Asiatic family while Farsi is in the Indo-European family.
  - I mentioned the Chinese and the Huns, and the Wall of Magog. Japheth/Ham.
- QUESTION? Does it take different people groups to create animosity toward one-another?
- This is why God came to earth in human form, to save us from ourselves!
  - Let me go back to the man who played Jesus in the Passion, Jim Caviezel
    - Hollywood was so furious with him that he has been virtually shunned.
    - He is Catholic, and outspoken about his faith, and they hate that!
    - They not only hate Jesus, but anyone who plays Jesus in a movie!