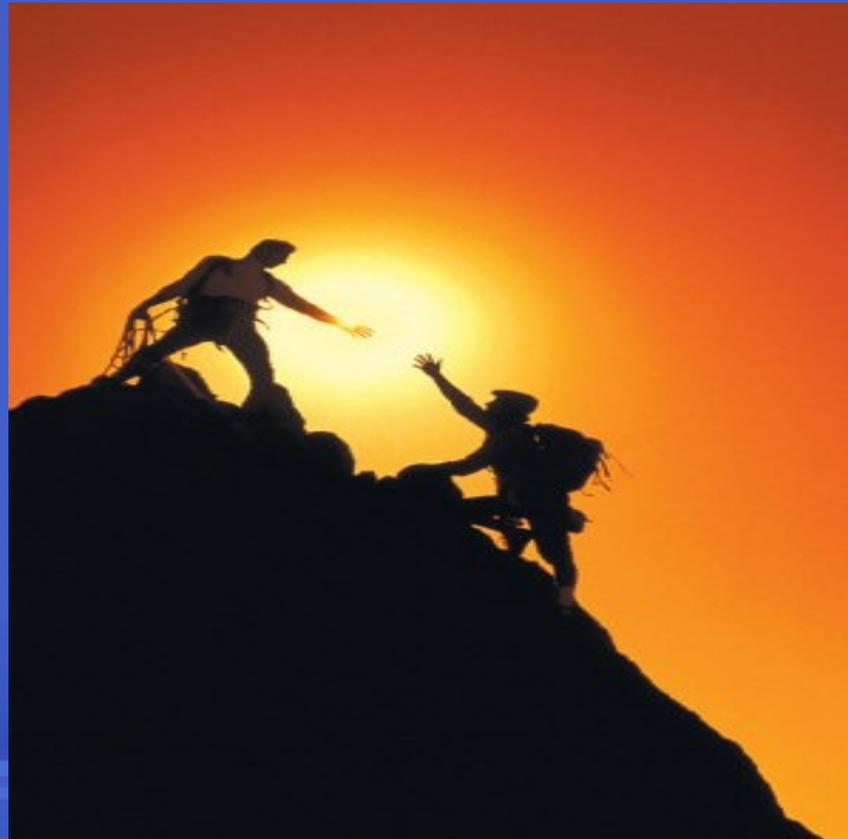


***Our goal this morning is to complete
our journey through the first eleven
chapters in the
Old Testament book of Genesis!***



The Text:

Genesis 10:1-11:32!



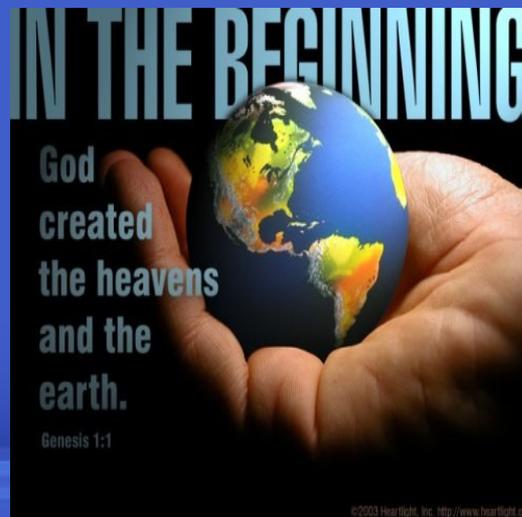
The Sermon Title:

The Scattering of Noah's Descendants!

The Introduction!

This morning as we end our journey in the first eleven chapters of the book of Genesis, a book that is rejected by Darwinian scientists, and under great attack by many who stand in today's pulpit, we continue to build on the book's literary style. We continue to build upon the book's narrative.

Psalm 100:3!



Our Final Look At The Overview Of Genesis!

Chapter 1: The Creator and His Creation.

Chapter 2: The Conclusion of Creation.

Chapter 3: The Curse upon Creation.

Chapters 4 & 5: The Contrast in Genealogy.

Chapters 6-9: The Catastrophe or Flood.

Chapters 10-11: The Coalition of Men.

In these final two chapters our attention will turn to two things:

1.) The Tower of Babel,

2.) The Dispersion (Scattering) of the People.

All of which is embraced by three genealogies!

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Exploring Genesis!

“The story of Babel precedes chronologically (as a narrative) the ethnological cultures table (ethnology is the study of people’s customs, practices, and grouping together) given in chapter 10. The ethnic table sets before us the completeness of the dispersion of the various families of mankind; the story of the tower of Babel relates the cause of the dispersion.”

In other words, in these two final chapters, the ethnological tables set before us, give us the most straight forward, complete and detailed explanation of man’s dispersion on the earth. And this account stands before us all, unblemished and untarnished and irrefutable. Because of the exactness and detail of its genealogies, it has caused Bible critics numerous problems in their attempt to challenge and refute the Word of God.

Our Sermon Outline Overview:

I. (10:1-11:32) The COALITION of Men!

A. (10:1-8 – 11:10-26) The Dividing Up of GOVERNMENT.

1. (10:1-5) The Descendants of JAPHETH.

2. (10:6-20) The Descendants of HAM.

3. (10:21 & 11:10-26) The Descendants of SHEM.

B. (11:1-9) The Dismissing of GRACE.

1. (11:1-3) The MATERIALS.

2. (11:4a) The METHOD.

3. (11:4b) The MOTIVE.

4. (11:5-9) The MISTAKE.

Our Sermon Outline:

I. (10:1-11:32) The COALITION of Men!

Chapters ten and eleven are most often referred to as the “table of nations” by students of the Bible. This is because they are a record of the descendants of Noah’s three sons:

- A. **Japheth’s** (the oldest son) descendants will occupy Europe and make up the Asiatic Aryan races.*
- B. **Shem’s** (the middle son) descendants will make up the Assyrian, Hebrew, and Joktanite Arabs (Central & Southern Arabia).*
- C. **Ham’s** (the youngest son) descendants will make up the Egyptians, Ethiopians, Southern Arabs, and the early Babylonian tribes.*

These two chapters are the oldest recorded explanation of the geographical distribution of mankind. It’s record, while often attacked by critics, remains consistent and sound. They are traceable!

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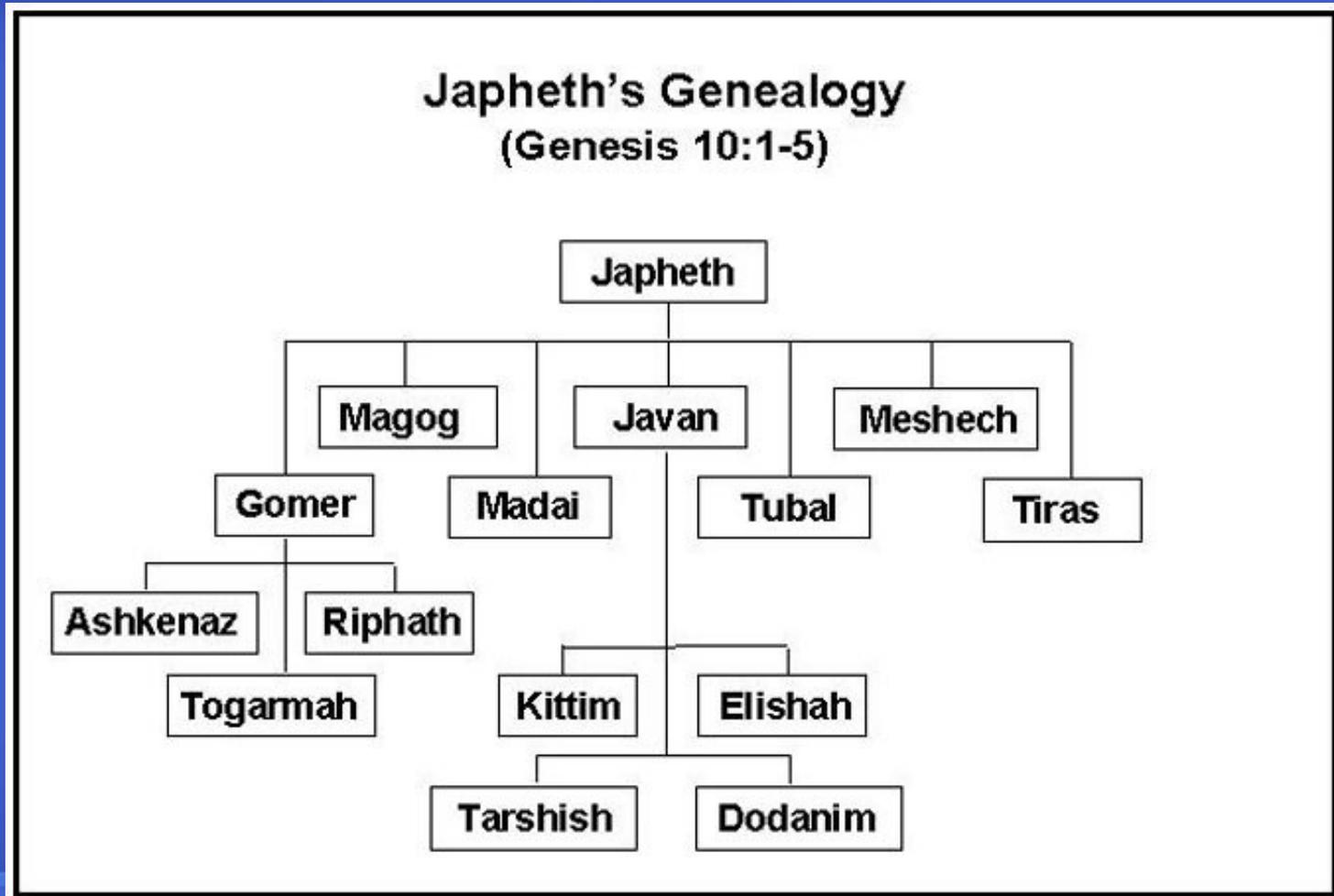
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1. (10:1-5) The Descendants of Japheth.

The table of nations begins with the descendants of Noah's oldest son. According to the culture of the day it would be normal for the first born to be listed first. And because he was the oldest it would be expected for him to venture out first, and to go the farthest. Remember, in chapter 9:27, Japheth had received his father's blessing. Thus Japheth would have had no fear in adventuring out into the wilderness.

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1. (10:1-5) The Descendants of Japheth are Recorded:



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- a. The first name to be listed is Gomer. Historians believe that the descendants of Gomer were the first to settle on the shores of the Caspian and Black Seas (Turkey). They later spread into Europe and traveled as far as the Atlantic Ocean.***
- b. Magog's name appears next. His descendants were a fierce and warlike people. Their leaders bore the royal title of "Gog". Today we would identify them with the Soviet Union.***

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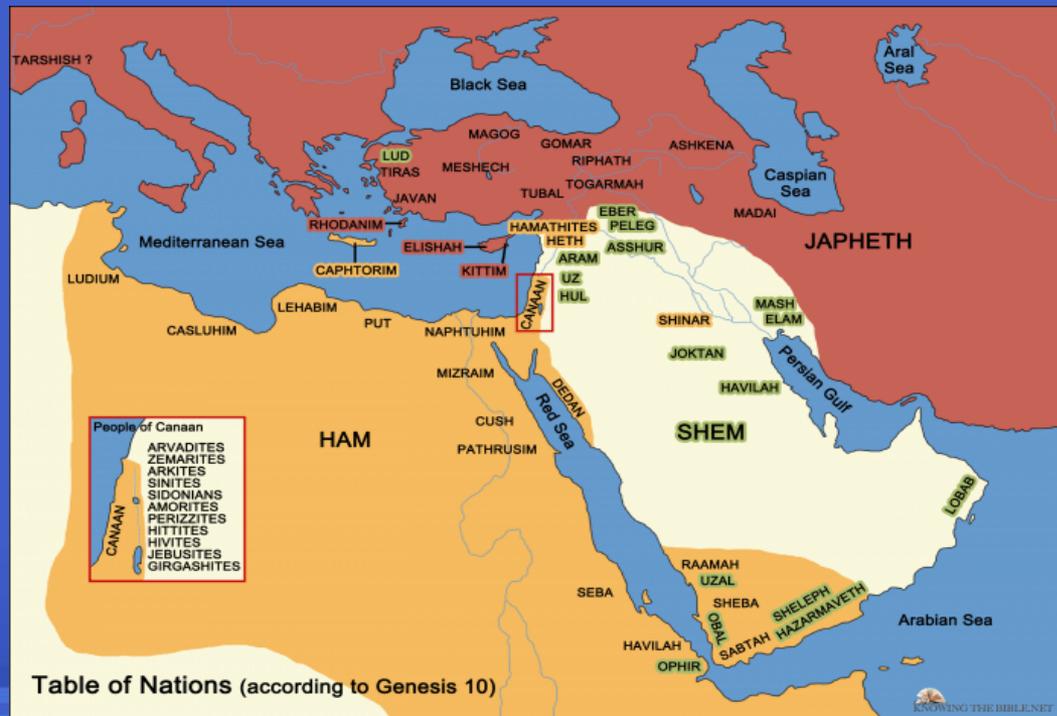
- c. Madai*** is the third founding father to be listed. His descendants were the Medes and their territory is linked with the southeast shore of the Casper Sea (Iraq).
- d. Javan*** Became the father of the Greek people.
- e. Tubal*** and ***Meschech*** settled in and around northern Armenia and again are identified with the Soviet Union.
- f. Tiras*** settled and founded his home around Taurus (Southern Turkey).

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I. (10:1-11:32) The **COALITION** of Men!

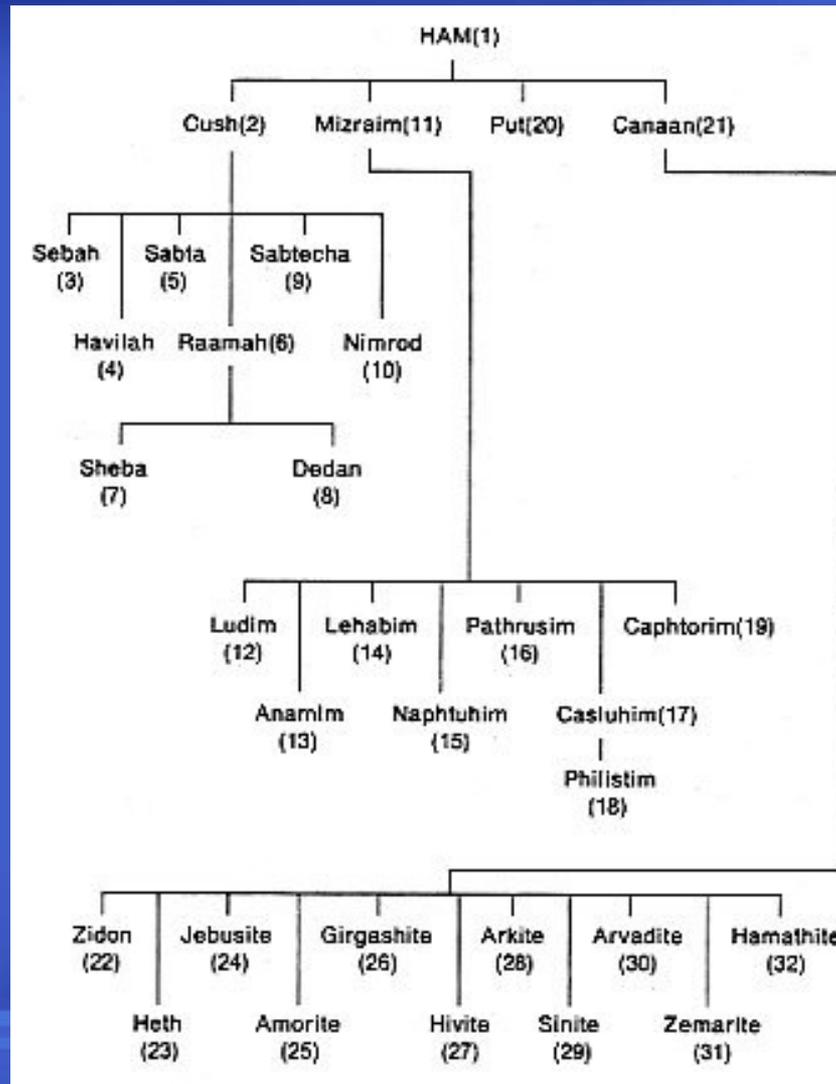
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1. (10:1-5) The Descendants of **Japheth** are Recorded:



Our Sermon Outline:

2. (10:6-20) The Descendants of Ham are Recorded:



Our Sermon Outline:

2. (10:6-20) The Descendants of Ham are Recorded:

a. The table of nations next turns to Noah's youngest son Ham. Historians identify the descendants of Ham as being vigorous, aggressive, and the early empire builders who took control of their own destiny. The Hamitic list of names begin with **Cush**. It is believed that he settled along the Nile River. He is generally identified in the Bible with Ethiopia. The Bible depicts the Cushites as being black (Jeremiah 13:23) and tall (Isaiah 45:14). His descendants also settled between the Arabian Sea and the Persian Gulf.

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2. (10:6-20) The Descendants of Ham are Recorded:

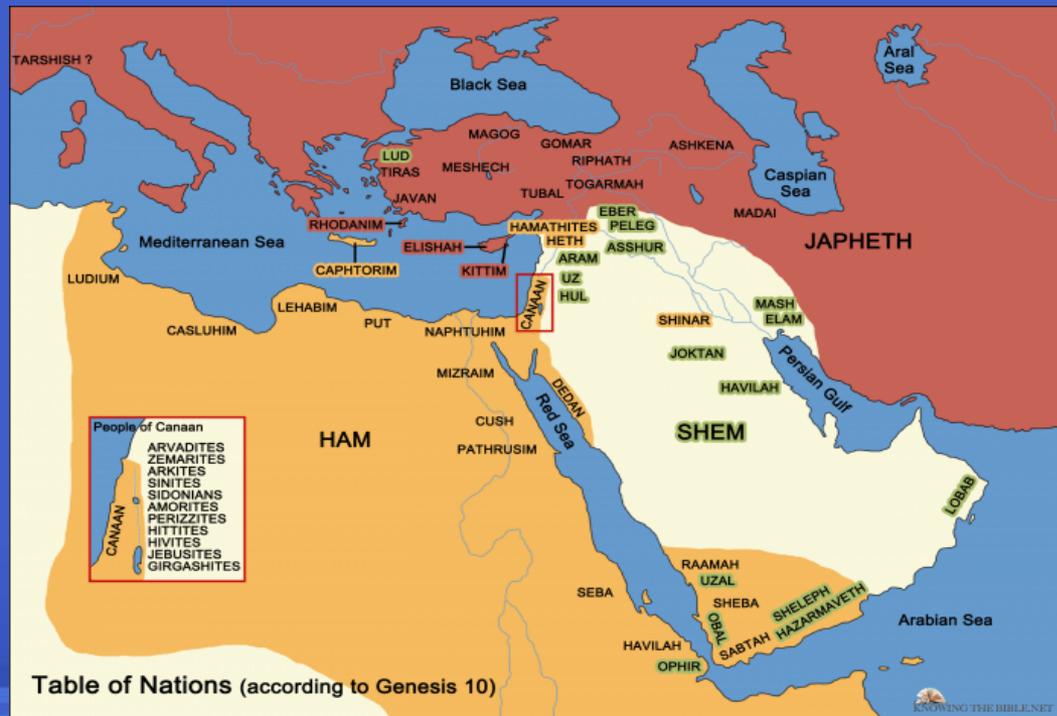
- b. Mizraim*** founded Egypt and settled along the Nile River. The original name for Egypt was “Kem.” It is believed that the name “Kem” is an off take of Ham.
- c. Put’s*** descendants founded the nation of Libya on the African coast.
- d. And Canaan*** occupied the territory that afterwards bore his own name. Remember, the Canaanites or descendants of Canaan were so vile that God later (Deuteronomy 7) commanded that they be completely exterminated.

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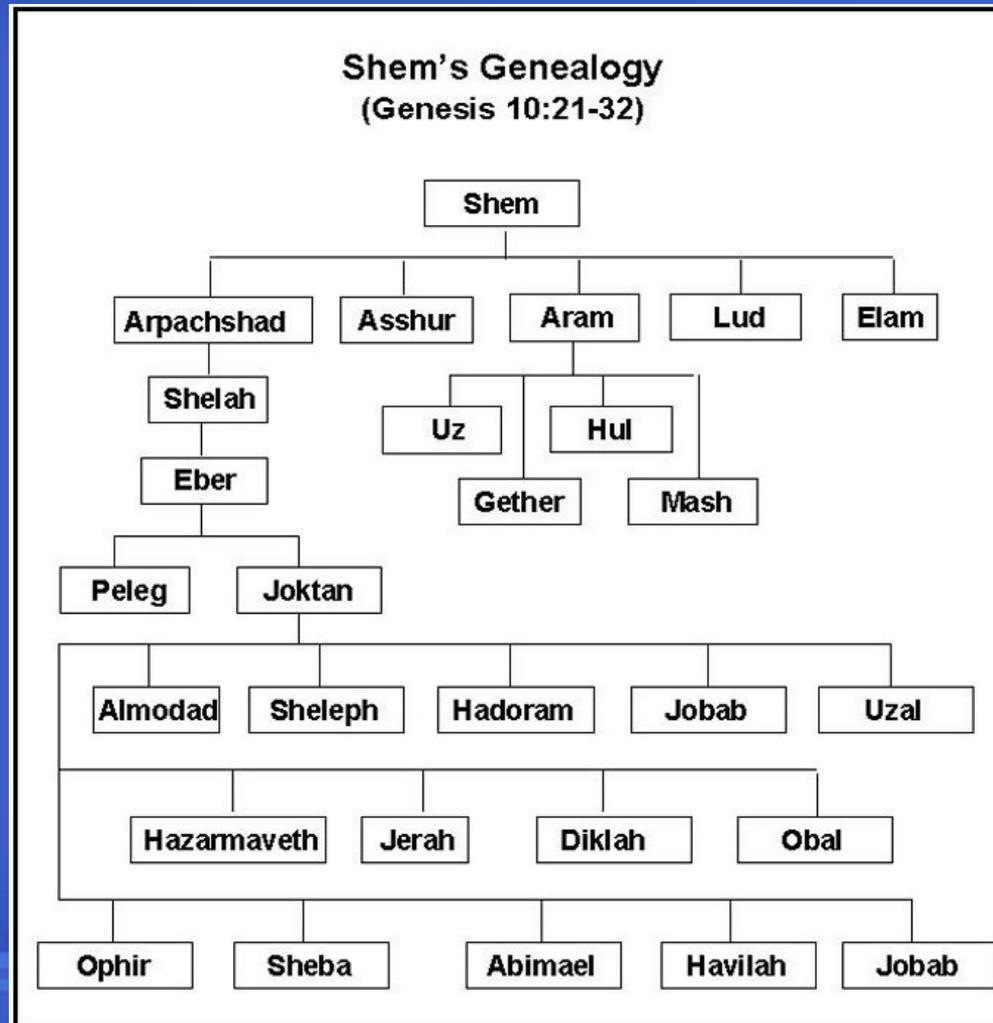
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Our Sermon Outline:

3. (10:1-5) The Descendants of Shem are Recorded:



Our Sermon Outline:

3. (10:21-32 & 11:10-26) The Descendants of Shem:

After focusing on Noah's oldest (Japheth) and youngest (Ham) sons, Moses now concentrates on the Semitic (or Jewish) race. Most likely Shem's lineage is focused on last because of its importance. It will be through Shem's descendants that Messiah would finally come. Chapter 12 introduces us to Abram who is the father of Israel. It will be through Israel (Shem's seed) that salvation would be offered to all mankind (John 3:16).

Our Sermon Outline:

3. (10:21-32 & 11:10-26) The Descendants of Shem:

- a. The first son of Shem is Elam. He will settle in the mountainous regions east of what will later be called Babylon.***
- b. Asshur's name comes next. He will be the founder of the nation of Assyria.***
- c. Arpachshad territory is north of Assyria.***
- d. Lud's descendants were the Lydians of Asia Minor (Turkey), having migrated there they quickly identified with Shem's descendants.***

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3. (10:21-32 & 11:10-26) The Descendants of Shem:

e. Aram settled in Damascus and Mesopotamia. The first born of Aram was Uz. He settled southeast of Palestine in the Arabian desert. This place is famous because this is the place where Job lived. The book of Job is the oldest book in all the Bible.



Our Sermon Outline:

3. The Descendants of Shem are Recorded:



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I. (10:1-11:32) The COALITION of Men!

A. (10:1-11-- 11:10-26) The Dividing Up of GOVERNMENT!

B. (11:1-9) The Dismissing of GRACE!

It is at the beginning of chapter 11 that we discover the cause of the dispersion of the nations. The cause centers around the building of the tower of Babel, a project that was under the leadership of a man named Nimrod. The purpose for the tower was to promote unity among the races by establishing a one world system. A system that would remain independent from God and glorify man. Because of this God will judge the nations. It should be noted that in the last book in the Bible (Revelation), Antichrist will also attempt to do the same thing. But he too will also fail.

Our Sermon Outline:

B. (11:1-9) The Dismissing of GRACE!

Let's look at Nimrod's attempt to built Babel:

- 1. (11:1-3) Their MATERIALS: (Matter over Supernatural)***
 - a. (v.1) Summary Statement – Note: the unbridged gap between the animals and the human language of man, as well as the statement that all men spoke the same language, stands in contradiction to the theory of evolution.***
 - b. (v.2) Place Settled – Shinar is the land located between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers (Iraq and Iran).***
 - c. (v.3) Story Continued – By means of direct discourse. They would use hardened bricks and make sure they were permanently secure.***

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B. (11:1-9) The Dismissing of GRACE!

Let's look at Nimrod's attempt to built Babel:

2. (11:4a) Their METHOD: (Human Works over God's Grace)

- a. It is apparent that the reason for their gathering was self-serving. "Let us build ... for ourselves ... so that we can make a name for ourselves."***
- b. It is here that they are found standing in direct violation to God's earlier command (given in 9:1 and 8:16-17) ... "to replenish (fill) the whole earth". Moses is again pointing out that man's focus has turned away from God.***

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B. (11:1-9) The Dismissing of GRACE!

Let's look at Nimrod's attempt to built Babel:

3. (11:4b) Their MOTIVE: (Man's Will over God's Will)

Is announced by their own words – “otherwise we will be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.”

The plain of Shinar served as a rallying point for all mankind to gather together to honor themselves by focusing on their own achievements (Matthew 22:35-40 / Ephesians 2:8-9 / Human Works).



Our Sermon Outline:

B. (11:1-9) The Dismissing of GRACE!

4. (11:5-9) Their MISTAKE: (Man's Sin overtake God's Sovereignty)

- a. (v.5) The Scene – The Lord comes down to witness for Himself that their efforts were totally contrary to God's command and void of His promised protection.***
- b. (v.6) The Summary – If nothing is done, the sinfulness of mankind will continue to grow and the achievements of mankind will lead him farther and farther away from My grace. Note: The discussion is within the Godhead – “Let Us” / in verse 7! (I John 2:15-19 / Isaiah 14:12-14)***

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B. (11:1-9) The Dismissing of GRACE!

4. (11:5-9) Their MISTAKE:

c. (vv.7-8) The Scattering – What mankind thought to be their greatest strength – their pride and unity – would be disrupted by God. Their prideful achievements would not be allowed to separate them from God's grace.
(Isa. 28:1 / Prov. 16:18 / 600BC – Hanging Gardens).

d. (v.9) The Summary – The story ends by way of conclusion. The place would be called “Babel.” The word in Hebrew is “confusion.” Today the Arabs who stand against Israel translate the word “Babel” as “The gate of God.” However, this stands in contrast to the teaching in the text. God's focus is on His grace and not man's sin!

Points of Interest in Chapters 10 and 11!

- 1. Unlike the genealogy set before us in chapter 5, the lists of Noah's descendants in chapters 10 and 11 are not a tally of the total number of years each person lived. Unlike chapter 5, these two chapters do not end with the words "and he died." Chapters 5 and 6 stress death (cause by sin) before the time of the flood, while chapters 10 and 11 express the expansion of life (caused by God's grace) after the time of the flood. These chapters stress the difference between God's love and grace and man's sinful works.***



Points of Interest in Chapters 10 and 11!

2. While our journey ends this morning, and does not continue with chapter 12, the narrative will continue to build on the lineage of Shem (Noah's middle son). In chapter 12 the story will focus on a man named Abram. It will be through Abram's lineage that the long awaited Messiah will enter the world to pay mankind's debt of sin.



Points of Interest in Chapters 10 and 11!

3. Genesis is the book of beginnings. That's what the word "genesis" means. And in our journey through this book of beginnings we have been introduced to the beginning of time, the creation of the heavens and earth, the beginning of mankind, the beginning of marriage, of sin, and separation from God, of salvation, etc. The theme developed throughout the book is God's sovereignty over His creation. And in these first 11 chapters of Genesis, we have witnessed God's sovereignty over the sinful destruction of mankind. This is most evident in His love and grace for a sinful mankind.

