

GENESIS 10

THE LINE OF NOAH

WE FIND OURSELVES AGAIN IN GENEALOGY AND IF I'M BEING HONEST THIS PROBABLY MY WEAKEST AREA.

AND GOD HAS WORKED IT OUT THAT I HAVE TAUGHT 2 CHAPTERS THAT COVER SPECIFICALLY THIS TOPIC.

WHICH IS ACTUALLY QUITE WONDERFUL.

IT HAS PROVIDED ME WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY SOMETHING IN DEPTH THAT I HAVE NEVER STUDIED TO THIS DEGREE BEFORE WHICH IS INVALUABLE.

I AM ALWAYS GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN SOMETHING NEW AND ALSO TEACH SOMETHING NEW.

AS WE COVER CHAPTER 10 TONIGHT, WE NEED TO KEEP IN MIND THAT ANYTIME WE COVER GENEALOGY WE ARE COVERING VERY LARGE CHUNKS OF TIME.

AND DURING THESE LARGE CHUNKS OF TIME MANY SIGNIFICANT EVENTS TAKE PLACE.

TONIGHT, WE WILL BEGIN AFTER THE FLOOD AND SPAN A TIME THAT INCLUDES, THE TOWER OF BABEL AND THE DISPERSION OF PEOPLE ACROSS THE EARTH.

WE COVER NIMROD AND SEE THAT HIS KINGDOM BEGAN IN BABEL AND THEN HE WENT TO ASSYRIA AND BUILT NINEVAH.

SOMETHING ELSE WE WILL SEE IS MANY IF THE NAMES OF THESE MEN ARE ALSO THE NAMES OF CITIES WE SEE IN THE BIBLE.

THESE MEN WERE NOT NAMED AFTER THESE CITIES OR EVEN COUNTRIES BUT RATHER VICE VERSA. THESE PLACES WERE NAMED AFTER THE MEN.

SO WHAT WE CAN CLEARLY SEE IS THAT THESE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SETTLING IN THESE AREAS AND

BUILDING WHAT WOULD BECOME THESE CITIES THAT WE SEE ALL THROUGHOUT SCRIPTURE.

THIS IS THE NEW BEGINNING.

THIS IS THE RESULT OF THE BLESSING AFTER THE FLOOD WHICH WAS VERY SIMILAR TO THE BLESSING IN GENESIS CHAPTER 1.

WHICH WAS BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY.

EVERY CULTURE THAT EXISTS GOES BACK TO THESE 3 MEN.

SOMETHING ELSE THAT IS VERY INTERESTING IS THE SYMMETRY OF THIS TABLE OF NATIONS.

WHEN WE ADD UP THE NATIONS THAT CAME FROM NOAH'S SONS WE DISCOVER THEY TOTAL SEVENTY.

ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF SEVENS, TENS AND SEVENTIES WE HAVE SEEN SO OFTEN IN GENESIS.

THESE 70 NATIONS FROM NOAH REPRESENT TOTALITY.

ALL THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH.

GENESIS 10:1

NOW THIS IS THE GENEALOGY OF THE SONS OF NOAH: SHEM, HAM, AND JAPHETH. AND SONS WERE BORN TO THEM AFTER THE FLOOD.

FIRST WE HAVE SHEM.

HIS NAME MEANS.... WAIT FOR IT... NAME!

IT ALSO MEANS RENOWN.

IT WOULD BE FROM THE LINE OF SHEM THAT THE PROMISED MESSIAH WOULD COME.

HE WAS THE FATHER OF FIVE SONS WHICH BECAME THE FATHERS OF THE SEMITIC NATIONS.

SHEM WAS THE FATHER OF THE NATIONS OF THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST.

JUDAISM, ISLAM AND CHRISTIANITY ALL CAME FROM THE LINE OF SHEM.

THE SEMITES WERE KNOWN FOR THEIR RELIGIOUS ZEAL.

NEXT IN NOAH'S LINE WE HAVE HAM.

HAM'S NAME MEANS "HOT" OR "BLACK"

HAM HAD FOUR SON'S AND THEY BECAME THE FATHERS OF THE NATIONS OF AFRICA.

HAM'S FOURTH SON CANAAN WAS PROPHETICALLY CURSED BECAUSE HAM HAD GAZED AT HIS FATHERS' NAKEDNESS WHILE HE WAS DRUNK.

THIS CURSE WOULD MEAN THAT LATER CANAAN WOULD LOSE HIS LAND TO THE HEBREWS AND BE SUBSERVIENT TO THE DESCENDANTS OF SHEM.

THE HAMITES WERE KNOWN FOR THEIR PHYSICAL ENDURANCE.

NEXT, WE HAVE JAPHETH.

JAPHETH'S NAME MEANS GOD WILL ENLARGE.

JAPHETH AND HIS BROTHER SHEM WERE GREATLY BLESSED BECAUSE OF THEIR RESPECT FOR THEIR FATHER.

NOAH'S BLESSING ON HIS SON JAPHETH WAS FAR REACHING SEEING AS HOW HE WOULD BE THE FATHER OF THE EUROPEAN NATIONS MENTIONED IN CHAPTER 10.

SO, WHAT WE WILL SEE THROUGH ALL OF THIS IS FROM THESE 3 MEN WOULD COME ALL THE RACES AND NATIONS OF THE WORLD.

GENESIS 10:2

² THE SONS OF JAPHETH WERE GOMER, MAGOG, MADAI, JAVAN, TUBAL, MESHECH, AND TIRAS.

SHOW MAP

1. GOMER (CIMMERIANS) ORIGINALLY SETTLED NORTH OF THE BLACK SEA, BUT AFTERWARDS HIS DESCENDANTS MOST LIKELY MIGRATED TO GERMANY, FRANCE, SPAIN AND THE BRITISH ISLES.
2. MAGOG (THE SCYTHIANS) LIVED NORTH OF THE CASPIAN SEA.
3. MADAI (THE MEDES) SETTLED SOUTH OF THE CASPIAN SEA.
4. JAVAN WHICH IS THE HEBREW NAME FOR GREEK SETTLE IN GREECE.
5. TUBAL (THE TURKS) LIVED SOUTH OF THE BLACK SEA.
6. MESHECH (THE SLAVS) LIVED BETWEEN THE BLACK AND CASPIAN SEA.
7. TIRAS (ETRUSCANS) LIVED WEST OF THE BLACK SEA.

GENESIS 10:3-5

³ THE SONS OF GOMER WERE ASHKENAZ, ^[A]RIPHATH, AND TOGARMAH. ⁴ THE SONS OF JAVAN WERE ELISHAH, TARSHISH, KITTIM, AND ^[B]DODANIM. ⁵ 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.

HERE WE SEE THE FIRST REFERENCE TO THE DISPERSION OF THE PEOPLE FOR THE TOWER OF BABEL.

AND WHILE IT MAY NOT SPECIFICALLY STATE THAT IN THIS SECTION WE CAN CLEARLY SEE IN GENESIS 11:6-8 THAT THIS WOULD BE THE MOMENT REFERENCED.

GENESIS 11:6-8

6 AND THE LORD SAID, "INDEED THE PEOPLE ARE ONE AND THEY ALL HAVE ONE LANGUAGE, AND THIS IS WHAT THEY BEGIN TO DO; NOW NOTHING THAT THEY PROPOSE TO DO WILL BE WITHHELD FROM THEM. 7 COME, LET US GO DOWN AND THERE CONFUSE THEIR LANGUAGE, THAT THEY MAY NOT UNDERSTAND ONE ANOTHER'S SPEECH." 8 SO THE LORD SCATTERED THEM ABROAD FROM THERE OVER THE FACE OF ALL THE EARTH, AND THEY CEASED BUILDING THE CITY.

I DON'T WANT TO GO INTO GREAT DETAIL IN THIS SECTION BECAUSE WE WILL BE COVERING IT NEXT WEEK BUT I DO WANT TO POINT OUT A FEW KEY FACTORS TO HELP US UNDERSTAND WHAT IT IS GOING ON IN CHAPTER 10

WE SEE THE LORD SAY IN VERSE 6 THE PEOPLE ARE ONE, AND ALL HAVE ONE LANGUAGE.

HE GOES ON TO SAY "LET US GO DOWN AND CONFUSE THEIR LANGUAGE THAT THEY MAY NOT UNDERSTAND ONE ANOTHER'S SPEECH"

WHILE WE SEE GOD "CONFUSING" THEIR LANGUAGE WE MUST NOT OVERLOOK THE FACT THAT THERE IS ORDER TO THIS AS WELL.

WE CAN TAKE THE INFORMATION FROM CHAPTER 10 VERSE 5 AND CLEARLY SEE THAT THERE WAS AN ORDER TO THIS SO CALLED CONFUSION.

GENESIS 10:5

5 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.


SO WHEN GOD GAVE THEM NEW LANGUAGES TO SPEAK IT WAS ACCORDING TO THEIR FAMILIES.

IT WASN'T RANDOM AT ALL.

THIS WOULD BE HOW EACH FAMILY WOULD GO OUT INTO THE WORLD AND CREATE THE SEVENTY NATIONS.

REMEMBER GOD IS A GOD OF ORDER AND WHILE THE WORD CONFUSE IS USED THERE WAS STILL ORDER TO THAT AS WELL.

GENESIS 10:6,7

6 THE SONS OF HAM WERE CUSH, MIZRAIM, PUT, AND CANAAN. 7 THE SONS OF CUSH WERE SEBA, HAVILAH, SABTAH, RAAMAH, AND SABTECHAH; AND THE SONS OF RAAMAH WERE SHEBA AND DEDAN.

WE HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT HAM IS THE SON THAT BROUGHT SHAME ON NOAH.

GENESIS 9:20-22

20 AND NOAH BEGAN TO BE A FARMER, AND HE PLANTED A VINEYARD. 21 THEN HE DRANK OF THE WINE AND WAS DRUNK, AND BECAME UNCOVERED IN HIS TENT. 22 AND HAM, THE FATHER OF CANAAN, SAW THE NAKEDNESS OF HIS FATHER, AND TOLD HIS TWO BROTHERS OUTSIDE.

GENESIS 9:24,25

24 SO NOAH AWOKE FROM HIS WINE, AND KNEW WHAT HIS YOUNGER SON HAD DONE TO HIM. 25 THEN HE SAID: "CURSED BE CANAAN; A SERVANT OF SERVANTS HE SHALL BE TO HIS BRETHREN."

I JUST WANT US TO KEEP ALL THIS MIND AS WE CONTINUE ON TALKING ABOUT THESE PEOPLE.

BECAUSE IN CHAPTER 9 WE SEE WHAT HAM DID BUT THEN WE SEE NOAH CURSE CANAAN.

WHICH IS HAMS SON. THIS TELLS US THAT CANAAN WOULD'VE ALREADY BEEN BORN AT THE TIME THIS TOOK PLACE AND MUST'VE BEEN OLD ENOUGH FOR NOAH TO RECOGNIZE THE EVIL THAT WAS IN HIM.

SO WHY WOULD NOAH CURSE CANAAN AND NOT HAM?

THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION CAN BE FOUND IN GENESIS 9:1

GENESIS 9:1

SO GOD BLESSED NOAH AND HIS SONS, AND SAID TO THEM: "BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY, AND FILL THE EARTH

HAM WAS ONE OF THE REDEEMED, HE WAS SAVED.

NOT ONLY WAS HE SAVED BUT HE HAD BEEN BLESSED BY GOD.

AND NO MAN CAN PUT A CURSE UPON SOMEONE OR SOMETHING THAT GOD HIMSELF HAS BLESSED.

THIS ALSO AGAIN SHOWS US THAT EVEN THE SAVED MAKE MISTAKES, MISTAKES THAT CAN AFFECT THEIR CHILDREN AND THE GENERATIONS TO FOLLOW.

JUST BECAUSE YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN DOES NOT MEAN YOU HAVE BEEN MADE EXEMPT FROM CATASTROPHIC FAILURES.

THAT IS WHY PERSISTENCE AND PERSEVERANCE ARE SO IMPORTANT.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE UNRIGHTEOUS THOUGH IS THE RIGHTEOUS GET KNOCKED DOWN BUT THEY GET BACK UP.

THE UNRIGHTEOUS GET KNOCKED DOWN BY THEIR SIN AND THEY STAY THERE.

PROVERBS 24:16

FOR A RIGHTEOUS MAN MAY FALL SEVEN TIMES AND RISE AGAIN, BUT THE WICKED SHALL FALL BY CALAMITY.

GENESIS 10:6

⁶ THE SONS OF HAM WERE CUSH, MIZRAIM,  PUT, AND CANAAN.

THE FOUR NATIONS OF THE HAMITES WOULD'VE BEEN AS FOLLOWS

1. CUSH (ETHIOPIANS) THEY SETTLED IN ETHIOPIA SOUTH OF EGYPT AND SOMETIME WOULD'VE ALSO MIGRATED TO AN AREA NORTH OF THE PERSIAN GULF.
2. MIZRAIM (EGYPTIANS) SETTLED IN EGYPT OR NORTHEASTERN AFRICA.
3. PUT (THE LIBYANS) SETTLED IN LIBYA OR NORTH AFRICA.
4. CANAAN (THE CANAANITES) SETTLED ABOVE AFRICA EAST OF THE MEDITERRANEAN, THIS LAND WOULD LATER BE GIVEN TO THE HEBREWS.

GENESIS 10:8-12

⁸ CUSH BEGOT NIMROD; HE BEGAN TO BE A MIGHTY ONE ON THE EARTH. ⁹ HE WAS A MIGHTY HUNTER BEFORE THE LORD; THEREFORE IT IS SAID, "LIKE NIMROD THE MIGHTY HUNTER BEFORE THE LORD." ¹⁰ AND THE BEGINNING OF HIS KINGDOM WAS BABEL, ERECH, ACCAD, AND CALNEH, IN THE LAND OF SHINAR. ¹¹ FROM THAT LAND HE WENT TO ASSYRIA AND BUILT NINEVEH, REHOBOTH IR, CALAH, ¹² AND RESEN BETWEEN NINEVEH AND CALAH (THAT IS THE PRINCIPAL CITY).

HERE WE SEE THE INTRODUCTION OF MAN THAT WOULD BE INFAMOUS FOR ALL THE WRONG REASONS.

HE WAS A GREAT WARRIOR BUT NONETHELESS AN EVIL MAN.

WE SE HERE IS HE RESPONSIBLE FOR FOUNDING SOME OF THE MOST EVIL AND VILE CITIES THAT EVER EXISTED.

FROM BABEL TO NINEVEH AS WELL AS SYRIA.

THESE 3 NATIONS WOULD'VE BEEN SOME OF THE GREATEST ENEMIES OF ISRAEL.

ALL THREE VERY PAGAN NATIONS WHICH IS REFLECTION OF THEIR FOUNDING FATHER.

NIMROD IS REFERENCED SEVERAL TIMES FOR BEING A MIGHTY WARRIOR.

HIS NAME IN HEBREW MEANS REBEL.

HE WAS KNOWN AS THE FIRST GREAT WARRIOR UPON THE EARTH.

THIS TELLS US NOT ONLY OF PROWESS ON THE BATTLEFIELD BUT I THINK IT ALSO SPEAKS TO THAT FACT THAT HE WAS RUTHLESS MAN.

THERE ARE EIGHT CITIES MENTIONED IN THIS SECTION THAT HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR BUILDING.

WHICH TELLS US HE WAS WILLING TO DESTROY ANYTHING THAT STOOD IN THE WAY OF HIS GROWING EMPIRE.

HE WAS SO INFAMOUS THE PROPHET MICAH EVEN REFERS TO ASSYRIA AS THE LAND OF NIMROD.

WHICH WOULD'VE BEEN OVER 2,000 YEARS AFTER NIMROD LIVED.

GENESIS 10:13, 14

¹³ MIZRAIM BEGOT LUDIM, ANAMIM, LEHABIM, NAPHTUHIM, ¹⁴ PATHRUSIM, AND CASLUHIM (FROM WHOM CAME THE PHILISTINES AND CAPHTORIM).

HERE WE SEE ANOTHER FAMILIAR ENEMY OF ISRAEL, THE PHILISTINES.

VERY QUICKLY WE CAN RECOGNIZE HOW MANY OF ISRAEL'S ENEMIES CAME FROM THE LINE OF HAM.

GENESIS 10:15-20

¹⁵ CANAAN BEGOT SIDON HIS FIRSTBORN, AND HETH; ¹⁶ THE JEBUSITE, THE AMORITE, AND THE GIRGASHITE; ¹⁷ THE HIVITE, THE ARKITE, AND THE SINITE; ¹⁸ THE ARVADITE, THE ZEMARITE, AND THE HAMATHITE. AFTERWARD THE FAMILIES OF THE CANAANITES WERE DISPERSED. ¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ THESE WERE THE SONS OF HAM, ACCORDING TO THEIR FAMILIES, ACCORDING TO THEIR LANGUAGES, IN THEIR LANDS AND IN THEIR NATIONS.

HERE WE SEE ANOTHER REFERENCE TO THE DISPERSION OF THE NATIONS.

LIKE I SAID, ANYTIME YOU COVER GENEALOGY IT'S IMPORTANT TO KEEP IN MIND WE COVERING LARGE CHUNKS OF TIME.

GENESIS 10:21

21 AND CHILDREN WERE BORN ALSO TO SHEM, THE FATHER OF ALL THE CHILDREN OF EBER, ^[D]THE BROTHER OF JAPHETH THE ELDER.

SO WHY DOES IT MENTION THAT SHEM WAS THE FATHER OF ALL CHILDREN TO BORN TO EBER?

SHEM WAS EBER'S GRANDFATHER NOT HIS FATHER...

DOES ANYONE KNOW WHAT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE NAME EBER IS?

EBER IS RELATED TO THE WORD HEBREW.

SO IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT EBER IS THE ANCESTOR OF THE HEBREW PEOPLE.

ULTIMATELY "ABRAM THE HEBREW" SHARED DESCENT FROM EBER THROUGH PELEG AS THE GENEALOGY FROM SHEM TO ABRAHAM WILL SHOW IN CHAPTER 11.

IT IS THROUGH ABRAHAM THAT NOAH'S BLESSING OF SHEM WILL BE REALIZED.

GENESIS 10:22-31

22 THE SONS OF SHEM WERE ELAM, ASSHUR, ARPHAXAD, LUD, AND ARAM. 23 THE SONS OF ARAM WERE UZ, HUL, GETHER, AND ^[E]MASH. 24 ^[F]ARPHAXAD BEGOT SALAH, AND SALAH BEGOT EBER. 25 TO EBER WERE BORN TWO SONS: THE NAME OF ONE WAS ^[G]PELEG, FOR IN HIS DAYS THE EARTH WAS DIVIDED; AND HIS BROTHER'S NAME WAS JOKTAN. 26 JOKTAN BEGOT ALMODAD, SHELEPH, HAZARMAYETH, JERAH, 27 HADORAM, UZAL, DIKLAH, 28 ^[H]OBAL, ABIMAE, SHEBA, 29 OPHIR, HAVILAH, AND JOBAB. ALL THESE WERE THE SONS OF JOKTAN. 30 AND

THEIR DWELLING PLACE WAS FROM MESHA AS YOU GO TOWARD SEPHAR, THE MOUNTAIN OF THE EAST. ³¹ THESE WERE THE SONS OF SHEM, ACCORDING TO THEIR FAMILIES, ACCORDING TO THEIR LANGUAGES, IN THEIR LANDS, ACCORDING TO THEIR NATIONS.

FROM THE LINE OF SHEM WE HAVE:

1. ELAM (PERSIANS) SETTLED NORTH OF THE PERSIAN GULF
2. ASSHUR (THE ASSYRIANS) SETTLED BETWEEN THE TIGRIS AND EUPHRATES RIVERS.
3. ARPACHSHAD (BABYLONIANS) SETTELED IN CHALDEA
4. LUD (THE LYDIANS) SETTLED IN ASIA MINOR BUT SOME SAILED ACROSS THE MEDITERRANEAN AND SETTLED IN NORTH AFRICA.
5. ARAM (SYRIANS) LOCATED NORTH EAST OF ISRAEL

SOMETHING ELSE OF SIGNIFICANCE WE SEE IS IN VERSE 25

GENESIS 10:25

²⁵ TO EBER WERE BORN TWO SONS: THE NAME OF ONE WAS ^[c]PELEG, FOR IN HIS DAYS THE EARTH WAS DIVIDED; AND HIS BROTHER'S NAME WAS JOKTAN.

PELEG'S NAME MEANS DIVISION.

SO THIS GIVES US A TIME FRAME WHEN GOD HALTED THE BUILDING OF THE CITY OF BABEL AND SCATTERED THE PEOPLE OF THE EARTH.

WHICH TELLS US THAT IN ONLY FOUR GENERATIONS FROM THE FLOOD GOD HAD TO INTERVENE AGAIN.

THIS IS A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF
EXODUS 20:5,6

⁵ YOU SHALL NOT BOW DOWN TO THEM NOR ^[b]SERVE THEM. FOR I, THE LORD YOUR GOD, AM A JEALOUS GOD, VISITING^[c] THE INIQUITY OF THE FATHERS UPON THE CHILDREN TO THE THIRD AND FOURTH GENERATIONS OF THOSE WHO HATE ME, ⁶ BUT SHOWING MERCY TO THOUSANDS, TO THOSE WHO LOVE ME AND KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS.

THIS COMMANDMENT DOES MEAN THAT THE CHILDREN WILL BE PUNISHED FOR THE SINS OF THEIR PARENTS BUT THAT THEY WOULD FEEL THE IMPACT OF BREACHES OF GODS LAW BY THEIR PARENTS.

ESSENTIALLY UNHOLY REBELLIOUS PARENTS WILL PRODUCE AND RAISE UNHOLY REBELLIOUS CHILDREN.

I FIND IT INTERESTING THAT WE SEE THAT PLAY OUT HERE PRIOR TO MOSES RECEIVING THE LAW.

AND WHY IS THAT?

WHY IS THE THIRD AND FOURTH GENERATIONS THAT REBEL?

WELL IN THIS CASE THE FIRST AND SECOND GENERATION WITNESSED FIRST-HAND THE FLOOD AND THE WRATH OF GOD IN THE DESTRUCTION OF THE WORLD AS THEY KNEW IT.

THE THIRD GENERATION WOULD HAVE HEARD FIRST HAND FROM THEIR PARENTS AND GRAND PARENTS ABOUT THIS CATASTROPHIC EVENT.

BUT BY THE TIME IT HAS REACHED THE FOURTH GENERATION IT'S JUST OLD STORY BEING TOLD BY THEIR GREAT GRANDPARENTS.

GENESIS 10:32

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.

CHAPTER 10 ENDS JUST LIKE IT STARTED.

AND WHY IS THAT?

THIS IS SO THAT WE KNOW IT IS FROM THESE MEN THAT EVERY TONGUE TRIBE AND NATION CAME.

EVERY RACE AND EVERY LANGUAGE THAT HAS EVER EXISTED ALL CAME FROM THIS WHAT WE CALL THE TABLE OF THE NATIONS.

FROM JAPHETH WE GET THE PEOPLE OF EUROPEAN DECENT.

FROM HAM WE GET THE PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DECENT.

AND FROM SHEM WE GET PEOPLE FROM THE ASIAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN DECENT.

THE WORLD IS PRIMARILY DIVIDED UP AMONG THESE 3 WHAT WE CONSIDER RACES, WITH OF COURSE DIFFERENT VARIATIONS BASED ON INTER MARRIAGE AND SO FORTH.

AND WHILE THERE MAY SOME VERY NOTICEABLE DIFFERENCES IT DOES MEAN THAT ONE IS ANY MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE OTHER.

WHEN IT COMES TO GOD THERE IS BUT ONE RACE AND THAT IS THE HUMAN RACE.

WHAT WE SEE WHEN LOOK AT CHAPTER IS THE FULFILLMENT OF THE COMMAND AS WELL AS BLESSING THAT GOD PLACED ON NOAH'S SONS... "BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY AND FILL THE EARTH"

BUT THEY DIDN'T DO WHAT GOD COMMANDED THEM TO DO, THEY DIDN'T DISPERSE AND FILL THE EARTH.

THEY STAYED IN ONE CENTRALIZED LOCATION, SPEAKING ONE LANGUAGE.

IN FACT, WHAT THEY DID WAS INTENTIONAL.

THEY INTENTIONALLY WENT AGAINST WHAT GOD HAD TOLD THEM TO DO AS WE WILL SEE IN DETAIL NEXT WEEK.

GENESIS 11:4

⁴ AND THEY SAID, "COME, LET US BUILD OURSELVES A CITY, AND A TOWER WHOSE TOP IS IN THE HEAVENS; LET US MAKE A NAME FOR OURSELVES, LEST WE BE SCATTERED ABROAD OVER THE FACE OF THE WHOLE EARTH."

YES WE CLEARLY SEE THAT NIMROD WENT OUT AND STARTED SEVERAL CITIES BUT HE REACHED A POINT AND STOPPED.


HE AND HIS PEOPLE WERE FULL OF PRIDE AND IN THEIR PRIDE REBELLED AGAINST WHAT GOD HAD COMMANDED.

AND FOR THAT THEY WOULD SEE REPERCUSSIONS.

THE OTHER THING WE SEE IN CHAPTER 10 IS THAT ALL PEOPLE DERIVE THEIR EXISTENCE FROM THE LIFE-GIVING POWER OF GOD AND ARE ALL RESPONSIBLE TO HIM.

THE APOSTLE PAUL USED THIS TRANSCENDING TRUTH IN HIS FAMOUS SERMON AT THE AREOPAGUS IN ATHENS WHEN HE CALLED THE IDOLATROUS ATHENIANS TO SEEK THE ONE TRUE GOD.

Acts 17:26-28

26 AND HE HAS MADE FROM ONE  BLOOD EVERY NATION OF MEN TO DWELL ON ALL THE FACE OF THE EARTH, AND HAS DETERMINED THEIR PREAPPOINTED TIMES AND THE BOUNDARIES OF THEIR DWELLINGS, 27 SO THAT THEY SHOULD SEEK THE LORD, IN THE HOPE THAT THEY MIGHT GROPE FOR HIM AND FIND HIM, THOUGH HE IS NOT FAR FROM EACH ONE OF US; 28 FOR IN HIM WE LIVE AND MOVE AND HAVE OUR BEING, AS ALSO SOME OF YOUR OWN POETS HAVE SAID, 'FOR WE ARE ALSO HIS OFFSPRING.'

WE CLEARLY SEE HERE GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY IN THE SEPARATION OF THE NATIONS.

THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WAS WELL KNOWN TO PAUL.

PAUL EVEN TELLS US PART OF THE REASON THE LORD DID THIS WAS SO THAT MEN WOULD SEEK THE LORD.

IT IS ALSO ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT OUR BEING COMES DIRECTLY FROM GOD HIMSELF.

WE ARE ALL HIS OFFSPRING.

ALL PEOPLE ARE UNTIED TOGETHER BY THEIR ANCESTRY AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO GOD THEIR CREATOR.

**BUT AT THE SAME TIME ALL PEOPLE ARE DIVIDED,
GEOGRAPHICALLY, BY LANGUAGE, ETHNICITY AND CULTURE.**

BUT DIVIDED MOST OF ALL BY THEIR FALLENNESS AND SIN.

WHICH SEPARATES THEM BOTH FROM GOD AND EACH OTHER.

**WE HAVE TO REMEMBER THIS SEPARATION BETWEEN THE
RIGHTEOUS AND UNRIGHTEOUS GOES ALL THE WAY BACK TO
GENESIS 3:15.**

GENESIS 3:15
AND I WILL PUT ENMITY
BETWEEN YOU AND THE WOMAN,
AND BETWEEN YOUR SEED AND HER SEED;
HE SHALL ¹⁵BRUISE YOU ON THE HEAD,
AND YOU SHALL BRUISE HIM ON THE HEEL.”

THIS OF COURSE IS PROPHECY OF THE CROSS.

**BUT WE ALSO SEE DIVISION BETWEEN THE SEED OF THE SERPENT
AND THE SEED OF EVE.**

**SINCE THIS MOMENT IN TIME THERE HAS BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE
TO BE DIVISION BETWEEN THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE UNRIGHTEOUS.**

**WHAT WE SEE IN GENESIS CHAPTER 10 IS GODS PRESERVATION OF
THE MESSIANIC PATRIARCHY.**

**CHAPTER 10 HOLDS MUCH SIGNIFICANCE IN THE SENSE THAT WE
GET THE ONLY TRUE, ACCURATE HISTORICAL ACCOUNT OF THE
DISPERSION OF THE NATIONS.**

**WE SEE WHERE EACH RACE CAME FROM IN THE SENSE, WE KNOW
WHO THE THREE MEN ARE THAT ALL TONGUES, TRIBES AND
NATIONS CAME FROM.**

**BUT CHAPTER 10 ALSO GIVES US FROM NOAH TO ABRAHAM'S
FATHER, WHICH IS HOW WE CAN SEE WHICH ONE OF THE THREE
SONS, JESUS WOULD BORN FROM.**

SO WHILE ALL THIS GENEALOGY MAY SEEM REDUNDANT OR INSIGNIFICANT.

IT IS TRULY IMPORTANT.

BUT WHAT ARE OUR TAKEAWAYS FROM THIS?

BESIDES OF COURSE WHAT LEARNED ABOUT THE RACES AND THE LINE OF THE MESSIAH?

HOW DO WE TAKE SECTIONS LIKE THIS AND PRACTICALLY APPLY TO IT OUR LIFE AND HOW WE LIVE TODAY?

I THINK WE MUST ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT THERE IS ONE RACE, THE HUMAN RACE.

THERE IS NO ROOM FOR RACISM IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

IF WE ARE ALL DESCENDANTS OF NOAH THEN WE ARE ALL RELATED IN THAT SENSE.

AND WHILE WE SHOULD LOVE, HONOR AND RESPECT EVERY HUMAN THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT EVER COMPROMISE THE WORD OF GOD.

THERE IS A WORD THAT SO OVERUSED TODAY THAT DRIVES ME NUTS.

TOLERANCE.

WE LIVE IN A WORLD WHERE WE ARE CALLED TO TOLERATE SIN AND THAT'S JUST NOT OK.

WE MUST LEARN HOW TO LOVE PEOPLE WHILE NOT TOLERATING SIN.

WE DON'T HAVE TO EMBRACE OTHER RELIGIONS.

IN FACT, WE SHOULD DESPISE THEM.

WELL, WHOA PASTOR THAT'S PRETTY HARSH.

WELL, LET'S PROCESS THAT STATEMENT.

AT THIS CHURCH WE BELIEVE THAT THE BIBLE IS THE INFALLIBLE WORD OF GOD.

WE BELIEVE IN THE FATHER, THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT.

WE BELIEVE THAT JESUS CHRIST IS THE SON OF GOD, BORN OF VIRGIN BIRTH, LIVED A SINLESS LIFE, DIED ON THE CROSS FOR OUR SINS AND ROSE AGAIN ON THE THIRD DAY AND IS NOW SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE FATHER.

WE BELIEVE THAT HE THE WAY THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE AND NO ONE COMES TO FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH HIM.

HE IS THE WAY, NOT ONE WAY BUT THE WAY.

SO, SINCE WE BELIEVE THESE THINGS THAT MEANS THAT WE BELIEVE BY DEFAULT THAT ALL OTHER RELIGIONS ARE OF SATAN AND ARE LEADING PEOPLE STRAIGHT TO HELL.

HOW CAN WE NOT DESPISE SOMETHING THAT IS LEADING PEOPLE TO HELL.

NOW HOW REACT MUST BE TEMPERED BY THE WORD OF GOD AND A GENTLE SPIRIT MOST OF THE TIME.

BUT THERE ARE TIMES WHERE WE MUST STAND UP AND BOLDLY SPEAK AGAINST THE THINGS THAT ARE LEADING PEOPLE ASTRAY.

AND WHILE WE SHOULD NEVER BE PREJUDICE AGAINST A PERSON, WE CAN MOST CERTAINLY REJECT SIN.

WE CANNOT CONDONE OR ENABLE SIN.

THIS IS WHERE WE GET CALLED RELIGIOUS ZEALOTS OR PREJUDICE.

THIS IS WHERE WE GET CALLED INTOLERANT.

CHRISTIANS ARE SO SUPPOSED TO LOVE EVERYONE BUT YOU WON'T ACCEPT ME FOR WHO I AM.

THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LOVE AND TOLERANCE.

I LOVE MY CHILDREN BUT I WILL BY NO MEANS TOLERATE BAD BEHAVIOR.

YOU SEE THE DIFFERENCE?

SO THIS IS THE LONE WE HAVE TO WALK.

I KNOW THERE ARE PEOPLE IN HERE WITH FAMILY MEMBERS THAT ARE LIVING IN SIN AND EXPECT YOU TO JUST ACCEPT IT.

YOU CAN LOVE THEM WITHOUT ACCEPTING THEIR SIN.

THEY MAY NOT SEE IT THAT WAY BUT ULTIMATELY THAT'S ON THEM.

SIN BLINDS PEOPLE TO TRUTH, THEY LOVE THEIR SIN MORE THAN THE TRUTH AND THAT'S WHY THEY SO DESPERATELY WANT YOU TO BE OK WITH IT.

THE MORE PEOPLE THAT ACCEPT IT AND ARE OK WITH IT THE BETTER IT MAKES THEM FEEL.

BUT IF YOU TRULY LOVE SOMEONE YOU WILL TELL THEM THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH.

THERE IS A RIGHTEOUS GOD AND THERE IS COMING A DAY WHEN HE WILL POUR OUT HIS WRATH UPON THE UNRIGHTEOUS.

I LOVE YOU ENOUGH TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I LOVE YOU SO MUCH THAT I WOULD RATHER YOU BE UPSET WITH ME HERE AND NOW THAN SPEND AN ETERNITY IN HELL.

WE ALL DESPERATELY NEED SAVING, WE WERE ALL AT SOME POINT ENEMIES OF GOD.

BUT SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY SOMEONE LOVED US ENOUGH TO TELL US THE TRUTH.

WE HAVE TO BE THAT FOR OUR LOST FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS.

WE HAVE TO BE WILLING TO HURT THEIR FEELINGS TEMPORARILY TO PLANT A SEED THAT COULD LEAD TO ETERNITY.

WE HAVE TO BE AS PAUL SAYS UNASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL.