

In the Beginning

Genesis 10:1-32

- The flood is over and now the repopulating of the earth has begun through the sons of Noah, for from them all nationalities and nations that you see on a map have descended from these men. This chapter is known as “The Table of Nations” its purpose is to show us that everything and everyone came from something that was created by God and didn’t just show up out of nothing.

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- **V1-2** we’ll go through some of them real quick > **1st** Japheth- he was the father of the Indo-European peoples, those stretching from India to the shores of Western Europe. From Japheth came “**Gomer**” where the Germans came from, “**Magog**” settled farther North and its where the Russians descended from, “**Madai**” produces the Medes what are now Iraq and Iran, the people from India also descended from this branch of Japheth’s family, “**Javan**” are the Greeks, “**Tubal**” and “**Meshech**” northern Turkey parts of Russia, “**Tiras**” where the Italians came from.
- **V3** From Gomer > “**Ashkenaz, Riphath**” they settled north of Judea, in fact many Jews who settled in Russian and Germany are called Ashkenaz Jews, “**Togarmah**” the Armenians descend from. **V4-5** you see the sons of “**Javan**” settling on the coast where the Greeks made their home. **V6** the sons of “**Ham**”- Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan, his descendents populated Africa and the Far East, as “**Cush**” divided into two branches some founded Babylon, and others Ethiopia.
- “**Mizraim**” founded Egypt, and sometimes Egypt is referred to by this name in the book of Chronicles, “**Put**” founded Libya and the region of North Africa that’s West of Egypt, “**Canaan**” founded the surrounding areas of where Israel is today including Palestine. **V7-12** scripture focuses on one of the sons of “**Ham**” and just as a side note Sheba-Dedan is present day Saudi Arabia just for future reference, but notice Cush has a son named “**Nimrod**” this man distinguished himself from the others as were told that he began to be “**Mighty**”.
- But what made him mighty wasn’t because he was good at tracking animals, “**mighty hunter**” in this context meant he was good at hunting men, catching them, a warrior or taker of life. Nimrod became ruler over Babylon and history tells us he had a wife named “**Semiramis**” the Babylonians made a god out of her and called her “**the queen of heaven**” or astrology. She claimed her son “**Tamuz**” didn’t have a father and that she conceived him while she was a virgin.
- One day he was attacked by a wild boar that gored him to the point of death, supposedly he lay three days in the woods before he recovered. The Babylonians saw this as proof of everything his mother said about him and that he is to be worshipped, so Nimrod and his family was not only people who could take your life but with their false worship would steal your soul as well.

- He wasn't content to stay where he was as he began to spread out and build this is what counterfeit worship looks like as Satan adjusts his plan that if he couldn't destroy man then he would trick us into polluting and corrupting Who God is and thus making ourselves out to be god. So Nimrod becomes known for conquering men, stealing souls, and shaking his fist at God.
- **V13-14** these sons of "**Mizraim**" produced the Philistines who were the constant enemies of Israel, **V15-20** in the sons of Canaan we see some familiar names like the Jebusites, Amorites, Hivites, and when you add "**Sidon**" which produced the "**Hitites**" and combine this with the Philistines, you see that at one time hated enemies were once closely related, until false worship, ungodliness, pride, entered into the picture and then it was every man for themselves
- **V21-22** here are the sons of "**Shem**" where Abraham and the Jews will descend from, "**Elam**" was the father of the Persians, "**Asshur**" fathered the Assyrians, "**Lud**" the Lydians, "**Aram**" the father of the Syrians, "**Arphaxed**" was the ancestor to Abram and the Hebrews. **V23** Uz the son of Aram is where Job came from, it was in a region of Arabia. **V24-30** the descendants of Arphaxad, and all are associated with Arabic people, which is where we get the Middle East.
- **V31-32** here is the summary statement for the chapter as we see here is where we get the nationalities, nations, languages and different dialects and customs will all descend from these migrations. In looking at this we can never fully be able to trace exactly where we come from because man has gotten around so these commercials that advertise that they can tell you exactly where you come from is just guessing at this point in history, as there is no way to really know because we have spread out throughout the earth, the one thing we can be sure of is that all of our ancestors came from the same boat and that is Noah's Ark, so we are in this together.