

Genesis 10-11

70 names total: 14 from Japheth, 30 from Ham, 26 from Shem.

"The tenth chapter of Genesis stands absolutely alone in ancient literature, without a 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."

~William F. Albright (Renowned Middle East Archaeologist)

Deuteronomy 32:8 — When the Most High divided their inheritance to the nations, When He separated the sons of Adam, He set the boundaries of the peoples According to the number of the children of Israel.

Acts 17:26 — "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,

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Japheth's Line — 14 names (10:2-5)

Sons of Japheth (10:2)

1. Gomer = Cimmerians (→ later Germanic / Celtic)
2. Magog = Scythians (southern Russia / Caucasus)
3. Madai = Medes (northern Iran / Kurds)
4. Javan = Greeks (Ionia)
5. Tubal = Tibareni (between Black & Caspian Seas)
6. Meshech = Moschi (same region; possible "Moscow" root)
7. Tiras = Thracians (traditional) / Rosh = Russia (alternate, via Akkadian)

"Without much doubt, Rosh designates the Russians, who are described by the Byzantine writers of the 10th century under the name of Rus as inhabiting the northern parts of Taurus, and also by Ibn Foslan, an Arabic writer of the same period, under the name Rus as dwelling upon the river Volga."

~Wilhelm Gesenius (Hebrew Lexicon)

Sons of Gomer (10:3)

8. Ashkenaz = Germany / Ashkenazi Jews
9. Riphath = uncertain (possibly Paphlagonia / Carpathians)
10. Togarmah = Armenia / eastern Turkey

Sons of Javan (10:4)

11. Elishah = uncertain coastal region (possibly Cyprus / Aegean)
12. Tarshish = India (teaching position; majority view: Britain/Spain)
13. Kittim = Cyprus
14. Dodanim = Rhodes / Aegean islands

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Ham's Line — 30 names (10:6-20)

Sons of Ham (10:6)

15. Cush = Ethiopia / Sudan / upper Nile
16. Mizraim = Egypt
17. Put = Libya / North Africa
18. Canaan = land of Canaan (the cursed line)

Sons of Cush (10:7)

19. Seba = Arabian tribe (likely upper Nile / Yemen)
20. Havilah = Arabian tribe (Hamitic)
21. Sabtah = Arabian tribe
22. Raamah = Arabian tribe
23. Sabtechah = Arabian tribe

Sons of Raamah (10:7)

24. Sheba = Saudi Arabia (Hamitic Sheba)
25. Dedan = Saudi Arabia (Hamitic)

Also from Cush (10:8)

26. Nimrod = founder of Babel / Babylon (Mesopotamia)

Sons of Mizraim (10:13-14)

27. Ludim = North African / Egyptian-descended (uncertain)
28. Anamim = Egyptian-descended (uncertain location)
29. Lehabim = Libyans
30. Naphtuhim = Lower Egypt (uncertain)
31. Pathrusim = Upper Egypt (Pathros)
32. Casluhim = Egyptian; ancestor of the Philistines
33. Caphtorim = Crete / Aegean (Philistine origin region)
Philistines noted as Egyptian/Hamitic, NOT Arab/Ishmaelite

Sons of Canaan (10:15-18)

34. Sidon = Phoenicians (modern Lebanon)
35. Heth = Hittites (Asia Minor)
36. Jebusite = Jebusites (pre-David Jerusalem = Jebus)
37. Amorite = Amorites (Canaanite people)

38. Girgashite = Girgashites (Canaan, location uncertain)
39. Hivite = Hivites (central Canaan)
40. Arkite = Arkites (Arka, northern Lebanon)
41. Sinite = Sinites (possibly Far East / China — speculative)
42. Arvadite = Arvadites (island of Arwad, Phoenician coast)
43. Zemarite = Zemarites (Sumur, north Lebanon)
44. Hamathite = Hamathites (Hamath, Syria)

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Shem's Line — 26 names (10:21-31)

Sons of Shem (10:22)

45. Elam = Persians / Iran
46. Asshur = Assyrians
47. Arphaxad = Messianic line (→ Eber → Abraham → Christ)
48. Lud = Lydians (western Asia Minor)
49. Aram = Aramaeans / Syrians

Sons of Aram (10:23)

50. Uz = land of Job (Aramaean region)
51. Hul = Aramaean (location uncertain)
52. Gether = Aramaean (location uncertain)
53. Mash = Aramaean (possibly Mt. Masius)

Arphaxad's Line (10:24)

54. Salah = Messianic line
55. Eber = origin of "Hebrew"

Sons of Eber (10:25)

56. Peleg = Messianic line (named for "earth divided")
57. Joktan = father of 13 Arabian (Shemitic) tribes

Sons of Joktan (10:26-29)

58. Almodad = Arabian tribe
59. Sheleph = Arabian tribe
60. Hazarmaveth = Arabian tribe (Hadramaut, Yemen)
61. Jerah = Arabian tribe
62. Hadoram = Arabian tribe
63. Uzal = Arabian tribe (possibly Sana'a, Yemen)
64. Diklah = Arabian tribe (palm-rich region)
65. Obal = Arabian tribe
66. Abimael = Arabian tribe
67. Sheba = Sabaeans / Yemen (Shemitic Sheba)

- 68. Ophir = Arabian tribe (biblical gold-rich region)
- 69. Havilah = Arabian tribe (Shemitic Havilah)
- 70. Jobab = Arabian tribe

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Acts 7:2-4 — And he said, “Brethren and fathers, listen: The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Haran, “and said to him, ‘Get out of your country and from your relatives, and come to a land that I will show you.’ “Then he came out of the land of the Chaldeans and dwelt in Haran. And from there, when his father was dead, He moved him to this land in which you now dwell.