

The Genealogy of the Nations

Genesis 10:1-32

1. According to their lines of descent
2. Within their nations
- B. From these the nations spread over the earth - Acts 17:24-27

Introduction

I The Japhethites

- A. The sons of Japheth
- B. The sons of Gomer
- C. The sons of Javan
 1. Their territories
 2. Their clans
 3. Their nations
 4. Their languages

II The Hamites

- A. The sons of Ham
- B. The sons of Cush
- C. The sons of Raamah
- D. Nimrod
 1. A mighty warrior on the earth
 2. A mighty hunter before the Lord - 1 Pet 5:8-9
 3. An architect and builder of great cities - Heb 11:10
 - a. In Shinar: Babylon, Erech, Akkad, Calneh
 - b. In Assyria: Nineveh, Rehoboth Ir, Calah, Resen
- E. The sons of Mizraim
- F. The sons of Canaan

III The Semites

- A. The sons of Shem - Matt 1:1
- B. The sons of Aram
- C. The son of Arphaxad
- D. The sons of Eber
 1. Peleg: In his time the earth was divided
 2. Joktan

IV The Summary of Noah's Genealogy

- A. These are the clans of Noah's sons

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Take some time this week to consider the following:

1. What is the most interesting or notable aspect of your family tree? Of the people in your family genealogy, who are you most proud of and why?
2. Why do you think God went to the trouble of including the names of so many seemingly "unimportant" people? What does this list reveal about the character and nature of God?
3. Imagine that a thousand years from now people will be reading a record of your life. How would God describe your life right now? How would you like to be described? What changes, if any, would you need to make for this to be a reality?
4. One thing that we learn from Genesis 10 is the tremendous influence the actions of Ham, Shem and Japheth had on their descendants. Read Proverbs 20:7. What kind of heritage are you leaving for your descendants who will follow you?
5. Read Acts 17:24-27. What do you learn from this text about the preciseness of God's plan for your life? According to verse 27, what is His purpose for His precision? Are you doing this?
6. Take a few moments to thank God for His eternal plan for the world. Thank Him for His plan for your life as well. Ask Him for wisdom, power and an obedient heart so that you might fully participate in His eternal plans in these last days.

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