

Lesson 2: The Tower of Babel

Central Point: Jesus' Overcame the World so we could too!

Genesis 9:18-19, "The sons of Noah who came out of the ark were Shem, Ham and Japheth. (Ham was the father of Canaan.) These were the three sons of Noah, and from them came the people who were scattered over the earth."

In general, Japheth settled in the north, west and east Europe and in Asia; Ham settled in Africa, parts of Arabia and the land God promised to Abraham; Shem settled in the countries surrounding Palestine to the east- present day Iraq and Iran.

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- There is evidence that Hebrew was the original language of the whole earth
- **Please Read: Genesis 10:8-12**
- Nimrod's designation as a "hunter" of men is characteristic of his authoritarian rule
 - As a dictator, he was ruthless in forcing people to follow his rule

Josephus says that Nimrod persuaded men not to ascribe their happiness to God, but to him as the cause of it. He became a great leader. He taught men to centralize; and defied God to send another flood, hence the tower of Babel was built for the purpose of astrology and a means of protection from another flood. Nimrod, a Hamite intruded into Shem's territory, violently set up an empire of conquest, beginning with Babel, built in present day Iraq.

- Babel was a symbol of world power in hostility to God
- It was Nimrod who hunted down and killed wild beasts that were killing people
 - He taught them to build walls around cities for protection against them
- Babylon was the first major city and where the first false religion was born
- The tower of Babel was dedicated to worship of various gods- demons
 - at the top was a sanctuary dedicated to Bel-Merodach and signs of the Zodiac
- **Please Read: Genesis 11:1-9**
- **Question:** "Why do you think God confused the people with different languages?"

Satan has always tried to centralize mankind under a single banner- makes it easier to control and promote his agenda of a single world order- watch out for globalism and who's behind it.

- **Please Read: Acts 17:26-28**
- God scattered the people into nations to make it more conducive for salvation
- There was a man named Peleg, son of Shem whose name means 'earthquake'

Genesis 10:25, "Two sons were born to Eber: One was named Peleg, because in his time the earth was divided; his brother was named Joktan.

In his days the earth was divided into continents and islands, after the various nations were scattered abroad at that time on one land mass after the divine judgment of **Genesis 11:1-9** and the confusion of their languages- so they might seek after God and find Him.

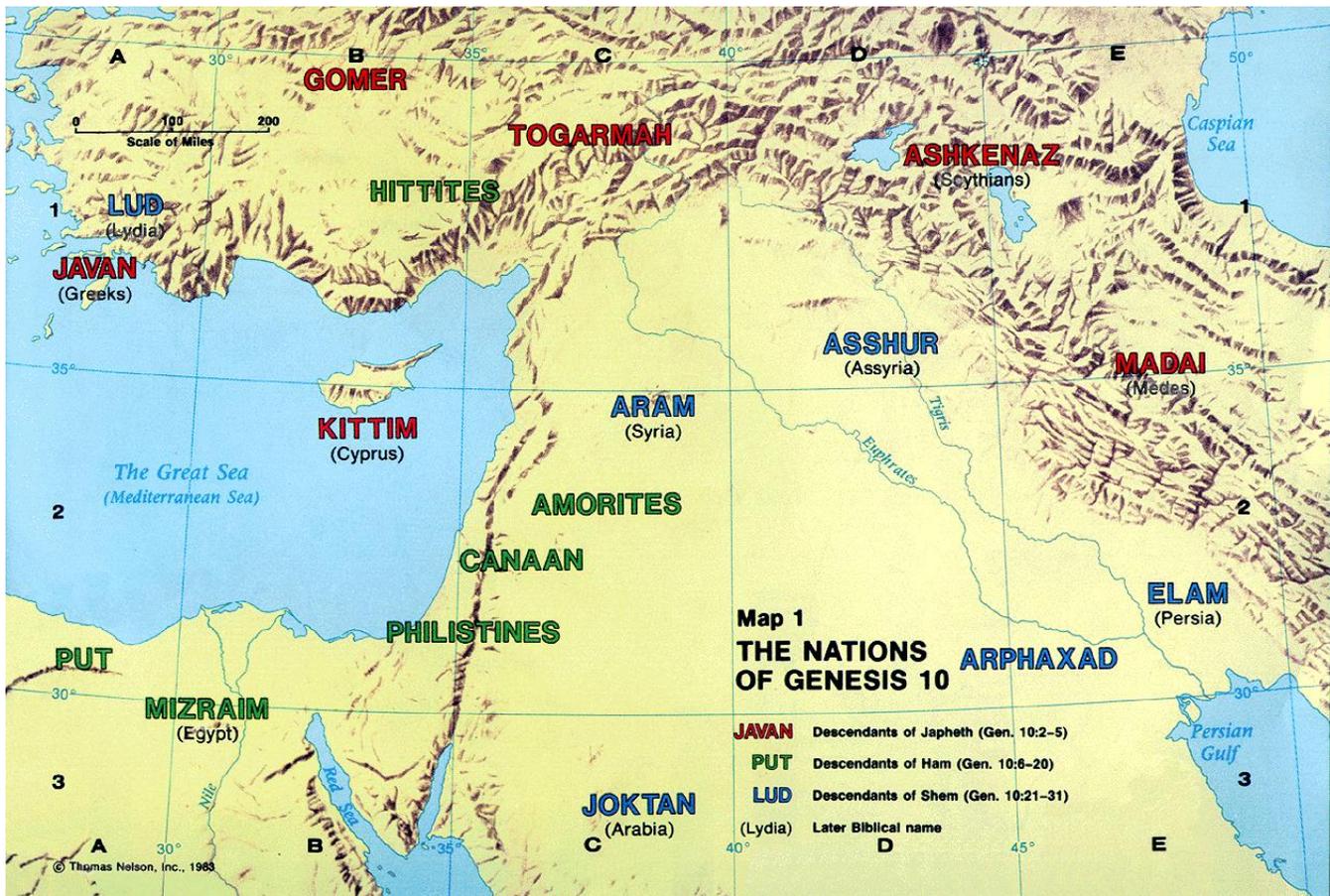
- **Please Read: 1 John 2:15-17**
- **Question:** "What is the 'World' system as described in the Bible?"

When Adam and Eve obeyed Satan and rebelled against God, Satan became the god of this world instead of Adam & Eve. When we say "world" we are referring to the culture, economic and political affairs of man, the world system is what Satan is god over. Creation belongs to God. Satan is the god of this world system now, that's why the earth is in such a mess!

- Daniel chapter 7 had foretold of the 4 great world powers
 - o Babylonian, Persian, Greek and Roman- Satan trying to solidify his power
- The book of Revelation (Chapters 17-18) refers to the allegory of Babylon as the 'world'
 - o The current rebellious system that surrounds us
- **Eph. 2:1-3**, speaks of the ruler of the kingdom of the air- manipulating people's minds
- **Daniel 10:20-21; Acts 7:39-43; Eph. 6:10-12**- wicked spirits in the earth's atmosphere
- **Please Read: 2 Corinthians 4:3-4; 1 John 5:19**
- **Question:** "As it pertains to this world system, what did Jesus come to do about it?"
- **1 John 3:8**, "*The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.*"

Jesus came as the Last Adam (**1Cor. 15:45**) to destroy Satan's kingdom and deliver us from sin. Jesus is the conquering king, and once every enemy is destroyed (**1Cor. 15:24-28**) then we will have gone full circle and God will make everything new- **Revelation 21:4-5**.

- **Please Read: Daniel 7:13-14**
- **Question:** "In Dan 7:13, '...and there before me was one like a son of man' who is this?"
- **John 16:33** Jesus stated, "*I have overcome the world.*"
- In **1 John 5:4**, we overcome the world only through our faith in Jesus
- Every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord- **Php. 2:9-11**
- **Question:** "Aren't you glad that you are on the winning side in Jesus?"



Sons of Japheth:

Japheth means enlargement or extension. This was true of him, for his posterity spread over all the earth.

Gomer- Progenitor of the ancient Galatians and Phrygians, from which came the natives of northern Europe known as the Gauls and Celts, and in later times as the Germans, French, Welsh, Irish, Britons and various Anglo-Saxon races. These all came from the three sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah.

Magog- Progenitor of the Scythians and Tartars, whose descendents predominate in modern Russia. Was also a general name of the country north of the Caucasus mountains which are between the Black and Caspian seas- (1 Chr. 1:5; Ezek. 38:2; 39:6; Rev. 20:8).

Madai- Progenitor of the ancient Medes, Persians, and perhaps the Hindoos- (1 Chr. 1:5).

Javan- Progenitor of the Greeks, Italians, Spaniards, Portuguese and other nations through Elishah, Tarshish, and Dodanim- (Isa. 66:19; Ezk. 27:13, 19).

Kittim- Progenitor of those from Cyprus and Mediterranean coasts- (Num. 24:24; Isa. 23:1, 12).

Tubal- Progenitor of the Iberians, Georgians, Cappadocians, and other Asiatic and European races.

Meshech- Progenitor of Muscovite tribes that now inhabit Russia.

Tiras- Progenitor of the Thracians and perhaps the Etruscans who migrated to Italy.

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