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Way Point 5

The Divided Earth

Story of Noah's Nakedness and Sin that Divided the Earth

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The Bible says in *Genesis 9:1* "And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, **Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.**" We know that there were only eight souls that were saved from the flood. *Genesis 9:18-19* "And the sons of Noah, that went forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth: and Ham is the father of Canaan. **19 These are the three sons of Noah: and of them was the whole earth overspread.**" It is from these men and their unnamed wives that all of mankind descended.

I- Renewal of Command: *Genesis 9:7*

The command had been given Adam to multiply and spread over the earth. We see this again in the verse we read a moment ago. (*Gen 9:1*) *Genesis 9:7* "And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein."

One of the stark difference between now and the time of Adam is found in *Genesis 9:2*, "And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered."

Henry Morris says, "The word "dread" in the King James could better be rendered "terror"." (p 222)

Here also is the first place also that we see become anything but a vegetarian. *Genesis 9:3* "Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things."

Now Noah and his descendants move from the Ark to the world around them. In just a few years, they will spread across the various parts of the world.

II- The Fathers of all Nations: *Genesis 9:18-19; 10:1-32*

We saw in the introduction above that the sons of Noah were to overspread the whole earth according to *Genesis 9:18-19*. *Genesis 9:19* NASB says, "These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was populated."

We are going to look in a moment at what some have misunderstood as where the dark races of men came from. Let me give us a great quote from Morris again:

"all the physical characteristics of the different nations and tribes must, therefore, have been present in the genetic constitutions of these six people who came through the Flood in the Ark. Somehow, by the regular mechanisms of genetics—variation, recombination—all the

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various groups of nations and tribes have developed from this beginning.” (p 232)

It is within this section of the text for this study that is found the verse from which I derived the title for this story. After the flood as these family grew and spread we are told in *Genesis 10:32* “***These are the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations: and by these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood.***” NASB says, “***and out of these the nations were separated on the earth after the flood.***” We have this same thought found also in *Genesis 10:25* “***And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of one was Peleg; for in his days was the earth divided; and his brother's name was Joktan.***”

This tenth chapter of Genesis is a remarkable record. Again, returning to Henry Morris and *The Genesis Record* we read:

“Even higher critics have often admitted that the tenth chapter of Genesis is a remarkable accurate historical document. There is no comparable catalog of ancient nations available from any other source.

It is unparalleled in its antiquity and comprehensiveness. (p 245)

So the Bible gives us the only record of the nations on earth. Let us not spend much time tarrying on who was the father of which nation now. Notice with me the obvious reason this is found in the Bible.

We know that the purpose of the Bible is the revelation of God of Himself to mankind. Interwoven into this is the fact that Jesus is the Messiah planned from the foundation of the world. Please notice generations of the three sons of Noah and the record given them here.

A- Japheth- *Genesis 10:2-5* “The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras. 3 And the sons of Gomer; Ashkenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah. 4 And the sons of Javan; Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim. 5 From these the coastlands of the nations were separated into their lands, every one according to his language, according to their families, into their nations.” We find this genealogy also recorded for us in *1 Chronicles 1:5-7*.

Japheth had seven sons. The next generation given us is the line of Gomer and Javen, we are given the other brothers descendants. The line ends here. Of special note, is the fact that we are only given these two generations. Remember, God is interesting in the Messiah.

B- Ham- *Genesis 10:6-20* “And the sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, and Phut, and Canaan. 7 And the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabtah, and Raamah, and Sabtecha: and the sons of Raamah; Sheba, and Dedan. 8 And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth. 9 He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said,



Coordinates:
Genesis 9:1-10:32

Sights to See:

- 1- Mankind has been given dominion over the earth but the fall makes this a contentious attempt.
- 2- The children of Noah as they came off the ark were the only human's alive.
- 3- It is from these three sons of Noah that all races, nations and human have descended.
- 4- The Table of the Nations given to us in *Genesis 10* is a remarkable testimony that the Bible is God's inspired Word.
- 5- The purpose of the Word is to bring forth the salvation plan of God through the lineage of the Messiah. A lot of historical events that we would have deemed important to mankind but not recorded because of the Messianic focus of the narrative.
- 6- It is obvious that the fall continued after the flood by the events that transpired with Noah's drunkenness and the events that took place during it.



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Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD. 10 And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. 11 Out of that land went forth Asshur, and builded Nineveh, and the city Rehoboth, and Calah, 12 And Resen between Nineveh and Calah: the same is a great city. 13 And Mizraim begat Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim, 14 And Pathrusim, and Casluhim, (out of whom came Philistim,) and Caphtorim. 15 And Canaan begat Sidon his firstborn, and Heth, 16 And the Jebusite, and the Amorite, and the Girgashite, 17 And the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite, 18 And the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite: and afterward were the families of the Canaanites spread abroad. 19 And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon, as thou comest to Gerar, unto Gaza; as thou goest, unto Sodom, and Gomorrah, and Admah, and Zeboim, even unto Lasha. 20 These are the sons of Ham, after their families, after their tongues, in their countries, and in their nations.”

The generations of Ham is given here. He had 4 sons. We are given the next generation for three of the four. But only for Cush, Ham's son does the generation go past one and then only two. So the generations of Ham are only three deep. Again it note worthy that Japheth and Ham are non-messianic lines.

C- Shem- Genesis 10:22-31 “ *The children of Shem; Elam, and Asshur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram. 23 And the children of Aram; Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Mash. 24 And Arphaxad begat Salah; and Salah begat Eber. 25 And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of one was Peleg; for in his days was the earth divided; and his brother's name was Joktan. 26 And Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah, 27 And Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah, 28 And Obal, and Abimael, and Sheba, 29 And Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab: all these were the sons of Joktan. 30 And their dwelling was from Mesha, as thou goest unto Sephar a mount of the east. 31 These are the sons of Shem, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, after their nations.”*

This line will be followed until the Messiah if born. Shem was the 54th from the Messiah. We are given the names of Arphaxad, Shelah, Eber and Peleg in the line of Shem. The lineage is picked up again in the genealogy found in **Genesis 11:20ff**. The purpose of this record being here is to show the lineage of Messiah and to verify that He was the son of Adam through Noah.

III- Flood Didn't Eradicate Sin: Genesis 9:20-27

So the earth is divided by family groups and nations begin to form. Let us now regress a bit to see that even though the flood was judgment upon sin on the earth, sin was not eradicated from the planet by the flood. The waters of the flood did not, nor could have, washed sin away.

We return to the story in a timeframe when Noah's sons had children but it seems that they had not dispersed widely. Notice the story in **Genesis 9:20-27** *And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard: 21 And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent. 22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without. 23 And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness. 24 And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him. 25 And he said, Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren. 26 And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant. 27 God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant..*

