

Genesis: God and Man

Genesis 10 & 11: Come, Let Us...

- The flood is over. The earth is being repopulated by Noah's family
- Genesis segues again with some genealogies to go from the days of Noah to the days of Abraham
- God is focused on getting to the story of the Israelites and one day the Messiah
- Mixed in these two chapters are some interesting footnotes and set pieces.
- A few verses that say a lot and have some profound implications

Genealogies, DNA, ancestry

What part does it play

Sickness, abilities, land rights

Blacksmith, artists, craftsmen

Law enforcement, military, salesmen

Israel, when becoming a citizen, needing to prove Jewish ancestry

Today we'll see what becomes of Ham, Shem and Japheth (if you'll remember ham was cursed for his shaming of his father)

But remember, even if a "curse" or there's an issue in our bloodline, that's been wiped out by the blood of Jesus at the cross.

Even Rahab would show up later in the genealogy of Jesus.

Genesis 10:1-5

Magog - in Ezekiel - people aligned with satan in end times

1st century identified as the Scythians whom by legend Alexander walled behind iron gates in the Caucasus

Isles, dry land, coastland, island

People separated by land, language, and people group

Again, Bible telling the genealogy, but zoomed out a bit, showing divisions that occur as we'll see a little later

Europeans, Russians, Medes (Iran/Iraq), India, Fertile Crescent, Armenians

Gomer = Germany, Mesech & Tubal = Russia (moscow and tubolsk)

Go on blueletterbible.org and click on these verses and click commentaries and then David Guzik's text commentary on Genesis 10

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Descendents of Ham - Africa, Far east

Cush - divided into two early, Babylon and Ethiopia - two major powers in the ancient world

Mizraim - Egypt - another major power throughout a large part of history

Nimrod = "rebellion" or "the valiant"

the son of Cush, grandson of Ham, and great grandson of Noah; a mighty hunter, he established an empire in the area of Babylon and Assyria

In a way, the first antichrist

A powerful ruler of the world's most powerful civilization at the time

"A mighty hunter before the Lord"

This is not saying he was really good at hunting game and did it for God. It is saying he was a powerful warrior and he was against God.

How many powerful people are against God today? I'd say the majority of the world's leaders today. Even in our own country.

Prayer back in white house, bible studies, Mike pence, Trump open to the gospel and wants to defend babies and christians

While a large portion of christians supported trump, the opposition called us deplorables. Does any of this sound like it's against God?

In fact, Antichrist - doesn't mean against Christ, it means INSTEAD of

Nimrod, a mighty hunter *before* God. Trying to come in the place of him before he comes. Sounds a lot like the work of the enemy already.

He founded all of these cities of the empire

We know what happens to Babylon (we'll find out soon) and later with Ninevah (Jonah)

People were supposed to spread out, not form central empires. We tend to stay focused on God when spread out but focus on man's power when we come together - just look at the red and blue states in America. The highly populated urban areas tend to be godless and the spread out areas of the country tend to be god fearing.

Lebanon, Sidon, Asian nations

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Uz (Abram left Uz..., we'll see later)

Peleg here's an interesting fellow "division"

In this genealogy, this guy, with the name division, gets something interesting called out "In his days the earth was divided"

Divided - palag - split, divided, cleaved

Does this speak of the nations, sure. Could this speak of a larger upheaval?

I believe that during the flood is when we get any continental divide - if in fact there was ever any one continent. The stuff doesn't fit, it's a bit ridiculous. "Under the water is dirt..."

But as the flood waters receded and people spread out, it does stand to say that at some point people got cut off from one another by geographic features.

If at any time, it was during Peleg's days that this would happen

From these - the nations were divided among the earth - again, a general spreading out of people across the earth, as God had intended. To multiply and fill the Earth.

We're not overpopulated! That is a lie from the enemy. Trying to kill off people and have a few remaining come together against God

11:1-9

The whole earth had one language and speech

Language - shaphah - language, border, speech, lip of mouth

Mat 15:17-20 NKJV - "Do you not yet understand that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and is eliminated? "But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. "These are [the things] which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man."

The mouth as a border
Language as a border

All the languages we have today. "Babelfish" translating. Ninevah from the ashes of babel the land and their god was dagon, a fish God - Jonah

Shinar - land of two rivers - babylonia, chaldaea - iran, iraq, northern saudi arabia, up to turkey
Tigris and Euphrates

Come, let us make bricks

Plenty of dirt and sand in this region for bricks and mortar

Their technology

Build a city, top is IN the heavens

Interesting that even today people are always wanting taller and taller cities. Showing their power, their prestige, their wealth

Burj Khalifa, Dubai UAE - tallest building 2717' = .514 MILES over half mile tall

Freedom tower NYC - 1776' tall before the antenna

Heaven - sky, stars, but also Heaven abode of God

Ziggurats, pyramids

Let us make us a name

Name - shem - reputation, fame glory, Name as designation of God, memorial, monument

Interesting that the "cursed" family tree wanted a name for themselves, when Shem had the name all along

Wanted reputation, wanted to be like god, become God's on the earth

Humanism, AI building a God - former google exec starting a church of AI to help bring people up to speed with the coming singularity

Beast in revelation

Build themselves a memorial, monument

Dictatorships Saddam, Kim, China - plastering their faces everywhere, building monuments to themselves

Lest we be scattered

They feared being separated. They feared being alone, not having a ruler over them - because they didn't fear God, they feared the world that was supposed to be theirs
Instead they wanted to become God

Removing the big G of God will always lead to Him being replaced by the little g of government

They keep saying "Come, let us..."

The Lord came down to see...

Again, God getting intimate. Wanting to come down and see for himself.

Note, he had to come down. They hadn't quite reached heaven.

Indeed the sons of men are all one and one language

They had achieved their utopia, one language, all for one goal

"And this is what they begin to do..."

I give you the keys to my car and this is what you do with it?

They immediately try to usurp God's authority and make themselves out to be the almighty

Absolute power corrupts absolutely

Nothing they do will be held from them

They'll be able to do whatever they want...and it will destroy them

Make no mistake, god is bringing judgment on them

But I see it as a form of mercy - before the infection spreads too far

God wasn't threatened by their actions and had to squash them

He was making a point that it was destroying them spiritually and would destroy them physically again (didn't we just have a flood guys?) if he didn't put an end to it

God says, "Come, let Us..."

So God confuses their language. If they can't talk to one another - if there's a physical border, barrier there in communication, they won't come back together

But look at the world today - we're pretty much under one main language - English

We have the internet - can communicate with anyone, anywhere, anytime
 Video conferencing, chat, cellphones, media, photos, computers
 All great technology

But this is what we begin to do

Globalism, remove God, exalt ourselves, build an AI to rule us, remove borders, redistribute (steal) wealth, invasion and removal of privacy and free speech - we're getting set up for the modern day, end days Nimrod

I don't want a nimrod, I want the one who will rule with an Iron Rod. Jesus.

Babel - blah blah blah (romans called certain peoples barbarians, bar bar bar)

:10-28

We see Peleg again, coming back through the history from another angle

The family of Ur in the Chaldeans - a major peoples in history.

All to get to Abram

Abram, Nahor, Haran and by offspring Lot

We'll see this family dynamic throughout the next chunk of Genesis.

The Book of Genesis covers more than 2,000 years and more than 20 generations. Yet, it spends almost a third of its text on the life of one man – Abram.

I think God LOVED Abram because through Abram he'd bring his beloved people and the Messiah

Abraham called the friend of God in scripture

:29-32

Tells how Abram got married alongside his brother
Ash and I having kids the same time Matt and Kim

Abram was special because he sought God, even in the kingdom he lived in, the people he was from - there was no "God's chosen people" yet. He'd become them. I bet, because he was the friend of God.

He was in a place to hear God. perhaps his brother and his family weren't.

We see that quite often in scripture. Joseph, David, Samuel, Jesus

We see the effects of the call of God on his life here, moving out. The story getting set up for Sarai being barren and what would come of that - Isaac - but we're not told the intimate details of the call until the next chapter.

Haran, the place he stopped prematurely with his family on the way out.

**The contrast of Nimrod and man trying to make a name and a nation for themselves
With God choosing Abram to make a name and a nation for himself with the Messiah**

Impatient peter story

Where are you in your family?

Where are you in history?

Don't you think God has a plan for you, just like Abram? Or don't you?

If not, do you really believe God wouldn't have a plan for you? Why wouldn't he?

He did for Peleg. He did for Abram. He even did for Nimrod.

People and talents in the world, used for the world - such great potential wasted

You are in God's family line now.

He has seated you in the heavenly places.

You are a king and a priest. A child of God.

If God loved Abram, I'm positive God loves you exactly the same.

He has a plan for you. You don't have to be anyone else.

You just get to be who He made you to be.

Find it out. Live it out.