

Genesis Ten And Eleven

The Roots Of The Nations

Outline Of The Table Of Nations

Genesis 9:24-27	Genesis 10	Genesis 11:1-9
Noah's prophecy of the Nations through his sons	List of the Nations- Result of the Division in Genesis 11	The Division of the Nations- Tells How it happened.
Curse on Canaan	Career of Nimrod	Cause and Judgment of the Rebellion

The Amazing Tenth Chapter

"Even higher critics have often admitted that the tenth chapter of Genesis is a remarkable accurate historical document"



The Table Of Nations Is Accurate

- Dr. William F. Albright, universally acknowledged as the world's leading authority on the archaeology of the Near East, says: "...it stands 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".



The Challenge

- The challenge is that there is a gradual change of names over time with spelling and from language to language. Our goal will not be to try and isolate and speculate about every people group but we will attempt to define names for the purpose of overall Biblical interpretation.

Genesis 10:1

Now this is the genealogy of the sons of Noah: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
And sons were born to them after the flood.

The Division Of The Chapter

- **The descendants of Japheth** (10:1-5)
- **The descendants of Ham** (10:6-20)
- **The descendants of Shem** (10:21-32)
- There is debate to which order the son's of Noah were born, but the most important line will be that of Shem since Shem's line will occupy the direction of God's redemptive purposes throughout Scripture.

Genesis 10:8-12

Cush begot Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one on the earth. He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD." And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. From that land he went to Assyria and built Nineveh, Rehoboth Ir, Calah, and Resen between Nineveh and Calah (that is the principal city).

Nimrod Was A Mighty Hunter

- The word "before" literally means "in the face of", "in front of", which implies a defiance of the Lord.
- Nimrod's name literally means: "to be rebellious"
- Gen 6:11: "The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence."
- The Hebrew word for "mighty" is **gibbor** and means "chief" and "chieftain" which implies that **Nimrod was king in the face of the Lord**

Nimrod Was A "Hunter"

- The Jerusalem Targum says: "He was powerful in hunting and in wickedness before the Lord, for he was a hunter of the sons of men, and he said to them, 'Depart from the judgment of the Lord, and adhere to the judgment of Nimrod!' Therefore is it said: 'As Nimrod [is] the strong one, strong in hunting, and in wickedness before the Lord.' "

- Josephus (*Ant. Jud.* i. c. 4. 2) says: "Nimrod persuaded mankind not to ascribe their happiness to God, but to think that his own Excellency was the source of it. And he soon changed things into a tyranny, thinking there was no other way to wean men from the fear of God, than by making them rely upon his own power."
- "Nimrod organized not only an imperial government over which he presided as king, but that he instituted a new and idolatrous worship"--Pink, Gleanings in Genesis

The Ancient Kings Were Believed To Be Descended From Heaven

- Nimrod is portrayed in Scripture as a powerful warrior.
- The first kings in history are portrayed as being mighty warriors descended from heaven-God/King.



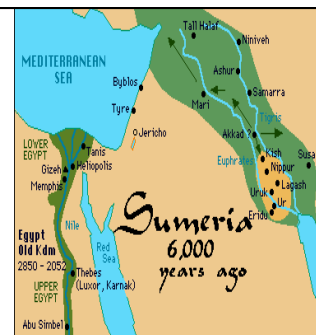
King Gilgamesh



Genesis 10:10-12

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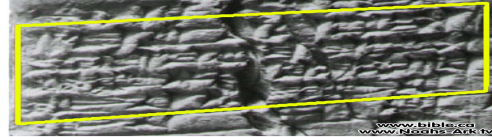
- The text in Genesis 10:10-12, tells us that Nimrod's kingdom began in the land of Shinar and from that land went to Assyria and conquered those people and expanded his kingdom



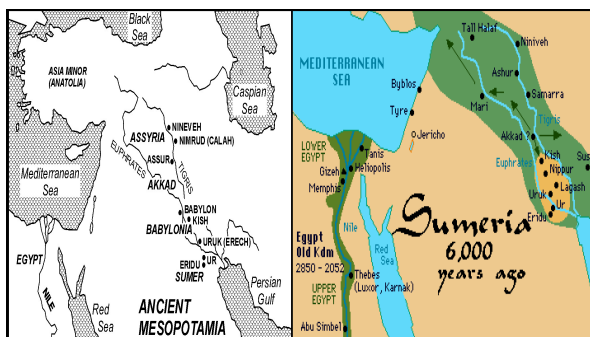
Nimrod's Kingdom

- **Babel:** Babel initially meant, "gate of god" but once the Lord came down and confused their language Babel came to mean "confusion"
- Gen 11:7: "Come, let Us go down and there **confuse** their language, that they may not understand one another's speech."
- Babel with its center in the "land of shinar" is later known as the kingdom of Babylon
- **Land of Shinar:** Septuagint (LXX.) and Vulgate "Senaar;" in the inscriptions, "Shumir".
- The Sumerian Kingdom

Sumerian Kings List (2119 BC)



"The Flood swept over [the land].
After the Flood had swept over
[the land] and kingship
had descended from heaven
[for a second time],
Kish [Cush] became the
seat of Kingship..."



- **Erech:** Known also as the Sumerian city of Uruk was major center for Nimrod

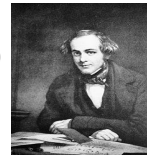


- **Accad:** Sometimes spelled "Akkad"



• Naram-Sin King of Akkad Over the Lullubi, Akkadian Period, 2230 B.C.

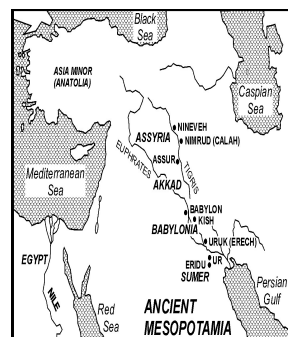
- **Calneh**: The last of the cities in the land of Shinar. Name means "fortified dwellings"
- Sir Henry Rawlinson in interpreting the Talmud identifies **Calneh** with the modern **Nippur**, a lofty mound of earth and rubbish situated in the marshes on the east bank of the Euphrates about 60 miles south-east from Babylon



- **Assyria**: Ashur was a major city founded by Asshur second son of Shem who founded the kingdom of Assyria



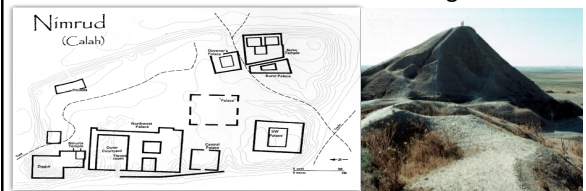
The first Assyrian religion was Ashurism derived from Ashur, the Assyrian supreme god.



- **Nineveh**: Nineveh is an ancient city that became a major city during the days of the Old Testament prophets. The book of Jonah is dedicated to the repentance of the people of Nineveh

- **Rehoboth Ir:** Nimrod built this city. Rehoboth translates as "wide spaces". Isaac dug a well and named it Rehoboth.
- And he moved from there and dug another well, and they did not quarrel over it. So he called its name **Rehoboth**, because he said, "For now the LORD has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land."-- Gen 26:22
- **Resen:** Another city founded by Nimrod and the text tells us that it is between Calah and Nineveh

- **Calah:** Nimrud was the capital of ancient Assyria. It was a famous city in the ancient world that sat on the banks of the Tigris River.



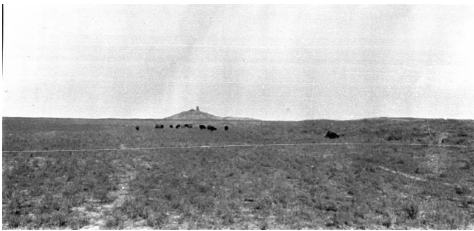
People Are Quick To Forget The One True God.

It doesn't take long for the human race to forget the great flood. God had destroyed the known world because of man's bent towards evil, and yet by the second generation removed from the flood the people were already in rebellion against God. It is a sad description of the heart of man.

Genesis 11:2-4

Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."

One Of The First Ziggurats at Nimrud



Picture taken in 1911, author unknown

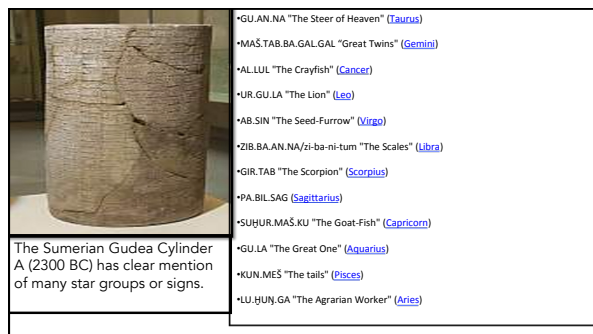
- This building of the Tower was in direct defiance of the Lord's command to Noah and his family to be fruitful and multiply on the face of the earth. (Gen 9:1)
- They built the Tower for the purpose of forming a religion that was based on astrology.
- Not only did these people under refuse to obey God and populate the earth, but they built a false religion of worship of the stars and how they influence our daily lives.
- Infant sacrifice was used in these high places, i.e., cannibalism, etc.

God Rebuked The Worship Of The Heavens

- Deuteronomy 4:19
"And take heed, lest you lift your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun, the moon, and the stars, all the host of heaven, you feel driven to worship them and serve them, which the LORD your God has given to all the peoples under the whole heaven as a heritage."

Kings Eventually Were Worshiped As Gods





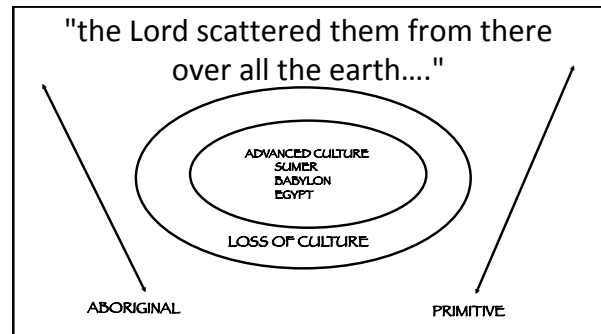
- When they were eventually scattered they took with them these false religions to various places throughout the world.
- If they really wanted to build a Tower to “reach to heaven” then it is most likely that they would have started on a nearby mountain top.
- The ancient Greek historian Herodotus said the Tower still stood in his day.
- God condemns the practice of astrology in many places of the Scripture (Deut. 18:10; Jer 7:31; Lev 18:21, Deut 2:31; 2 Kings 16:3; 17:17;21:6; 2 ch 28:3; 33:6, Ez 20:31)

Genesis 11:5-9

But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. And the LORD said, "Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do;

now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city.

Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.



Results According To Henry Morris

- Eventually if not immediately each family unit became a tribe.
- Each tribe moved away from Babel as God had intended for them.
- It was advantageous for each family to multiply.
- The stronger and more favorable tribes took and held more favorable regions.
- The greater the resources the greater the nation could become.

- The process of migration did not require long periods of time (United States for example).
- As the tribe migrated to different regions survival was a must, thus stone age presented.
- Veins of metal had to be discovered suitable clay for making bricks and pottery, crops had to be planted.
- Evidence supports this temporary dwelling of man in the stone age setting.

- They would develop biological characteristics because each family would be marrying within itself.
- Distinct tribes and physical characteristics were a direct result of language differences.



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As Man Spread False Religion Spread As Well



Egypt



Mexico



The Dollar



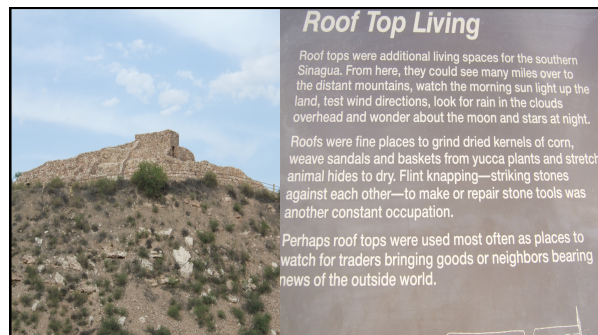
England



South America



Iran



Roof Top Living

Roof tops were additional living spaces for the southern Sinaqua. From here, they could see many miles over to the distant mountains, watch the morning sun light up the land, test wind directions, look for rain in the clouds overhead and wonder about the moon and stars at night.

Roofs were fine places to grind dried kernels of corn, weave sandals and baskets from yucca plants and stretch animal hides to dry. Flint knapping—striking stones against each other—to make or repair stone tools was another constant occupation.

Perhaps roof tops were used most often as places to watch for traders bringing goods or neighbors bearing news of the outside world.

The Transfer Of False God's

<u>The Sumerians</u>	<u>The Akkadians</u>
Anu: chief god	El
Inanna: Goddess of love and war	Ishtar
Enki: Lord of water and wisdom	Ea
Utu: Sun	Shamash
Moon: Nanna	Sin: "wilderness of sin"; "Sinai"

<u>The Sumerians</u>	<u>The Babylonians</u>
Anu: chief god	Elil/Marduk
Inanna: Goddess of love and war	Ashur
Enki: Lord of water and wisdom	Ea
Sun: Utu	Shamash
Moon: Nanna	Sin

<u>The Sumerians</u>	<u>The Canannites</u>
Anu: chief god	El
Inanna: Goddess of love and war	Asherah, Ashtoreth
Enki: Lord of water and wisdom	Baal
Sun: Utu	Shapsu
Moon: Nanna	Yarikh

Similar To The Original Biblical Story

All of these false religions that have transferred throughout ancient history have the same thing in common with the original true story found in the Bible. Yet, none of these religions compare to the truth of a supreme God who created the heavens and the earth. The false god of ancient religions is a distorted view from a vague memory, enhanced by the confusion of the languages, to the original Biblical account. In the distorted account the male and the female figures are deified along with their children who are less in the rung of deities.




The Combination Of False Elements In Ancient Religions

- Deification of early people, ancestors, heroes
- Man-made ceremonies
- Child sacrifice
- Ritual prostitution
- The Sky-god impregnating mother-earth for a blessing upon the agricultural community

<u>Kingdom</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Son</u>
Sumerian	Nimrod	Semiramus	Tammuz
Babylonian	Marduk	Ishtar	Tammuz
Assyria	Ashur	Astarte	Tammuz
Canaan	Baal	Astarte	Tammuz
Egypt	Osiris	Isis	Horus
Phrygian	Attis	Cybele	Attis
Greece	Aries	Aphrodite	Eros
Roman	Jupiter	Juno	Vulcan

Common Religious Thread

<u>Empire</u>	<u>Moon Worship</u>
Egypt-Khonsu	
Assyria-Sin	
Babylonia-Sin	
Persian-Anahita	

<u>Empire</u>	<u>Moon Worship</u>
Greek-Selene	
Roman-Diana	
Ottoman-Allah	

Acts 14:15-17

"Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them, who in bygone generations allowed all nations to walk in their own ways. Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness."

Genesis 10:2-5

The sons of Japheth were Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras. The sons of Gomer were Ashkenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah. The sons of Javan were Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim. From these the coastland peoples of the Gentiles were separated into their lands, everyone according to his language, according to their families, into their nations.

Japheth

- Japheth, literally means "opened" or "expanded"
- The sons of Japheth and his people are the most expanded group and occupy the majority of the world
- The Japhethic people expanded originally into the area of Europe and Asia
- Leaving Europe expanded into the entire Western Hemisphere

Gomer

- Gomer settled into the area of Turkey and possibly Germany and Austria
- Identified by Herodotus, Plutarch and other ancient writers as the founder of the Cimmerian District, north of the Black Sea, survives today as Crimea
- Crimea is an area in Southern Ukraine
- Gomer is important for knowing Ezekiel 38
- As Gomer's people migrated and settled much of Eastern Europe

Magog

- Magog, means "land of Gog" or "covering" as in a "roof".
- Magog's name is significant due to his location to the north over Israel.
- **Magog is the leader of the invading armies in Ezekiel 38**
- The republics in southern Russia and north of Israel, comprised of **Azerbaijan, Afghanistan, Turkestan, Chechnya, and Iran**
- Josephus, claims that Magog was the ancestor of the Scythians, who inhabited the Black Sea area.

- The Scythians were excellent in archery and equestrian warfare. They terrorized the southern steppe people of the Ukraine to China from the 10th century through the 6th century B.C.. The Great Wall of China is referred to as the "Ramparts of Magog" to keep out the Scythians.



Madai

- Madai, means "middle land".
- Madai settled north of Persia, near the Caspian Sea in Iraq and the northern part of Iran.
- Madai's people became the ancient kingdom of Media.
- Cyrus was half Mede and Persian.
- Madai is the father of the Medes and East Indians.
- **The Medes along with the Persians Conquered Babylon.**

Javan

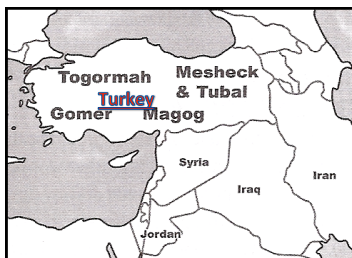
- Javan fathered the Ionians and Greeks. His sons occupy Cyprus, Rhodes, and other islands and coasts of the Mediterranean and the coast of Spain, Italy and Portugal.
- The Hebrews called the Greeks Jevanim, or the people of Javan

Tubal

- Tubal, means, "thou shalt be led".
- **Tubal's name is significant because he will be one the people group who are led by Gog into Israel. (Ezekiel 38)**
- Ezekiel 27:13 describes Meshech and Tubal trading with ancient Tyre. It is highly unlikely that ancient Tyre was trading with Moscow and Tobolsk. They are located in modern **Turkey**.
- The city of Tobolsk may have been named after him.
- Tobolsk is a city in Russia that sits at the confluence of the Tobol River.
- Tubal settled in Turkey and eventually migrated into Russia.

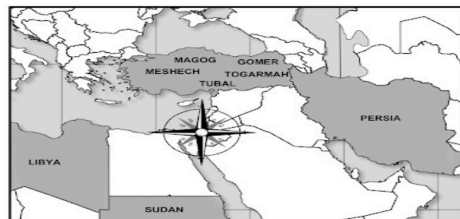
Meshech

- Meshech means "led along".
- **Meshech is another people group who is led along by Gog in Ezekiel 38**
- The city of Moscow (Muskovi) is named after him.
- Initially settling in northern Turkey south east of the Caspian Sea
- Eventually Migrated North to Russia



Map 1: Magog, Meshech, Tubal, Gomer and Togormah all within the boundaries of modern Turkey.

Ezekiel Chapter 38-39 Nations



Tiras

- The youngest son of Japheth.
- Tiras himself was worshipped by his descendants as Thuras (Thor), the god of war.
- The ancient city of Troas (Troj, Troy - the Trajans or Trojans) seems to be named for him
- The Taurus mountain range seems to bear his name which borders both sides of Turkey.
- They were a maritime group



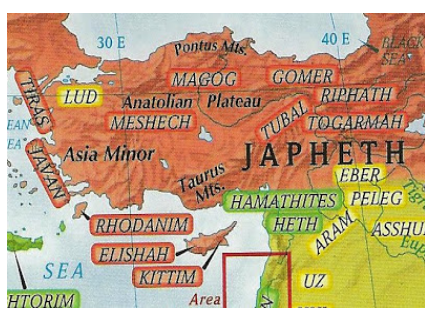
Ashkenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah

- Jews identified Ashkenaz with Germany and to this day Jewish people from Germany are called Ashkenazi Jews.
- Ashkenaz also perserved in the names Scandia and Saxon as they made there way Into Denmark and the northern islands.
- Riphath, Josephus identifies as the ancestor of the Paphlagonians, an area in modern Turkey migrating to Czechoslovakia and Romania

- Togarmah, Armenians to this day call themselves "the house of Togarmah".
- Turkey and Turkestan have heavy roots with Togarmah.
- Ryrie says, "the southeastern part of Turkey near the Syria border. This Identification is consistent with all Interpreters. [Turkey and Armenia](#)

Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim

- Elishah, the Greek translation is "Hellas". His descendants settled in Greece.
- Tarshish settled Spain.
- Kittim settled Cyprus, other Mediterranean islands, and Macedonia.
- Dodanium settled Rhodes and the Dardanelles and was subsequently deified and worshipped as Jupiter Dodonaeus.



Genesis 10:6-20

The sons of Ham were Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan. The sons of Cush were Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah, and Sabtechah; and the sons of Raamah were Sheba and Dedan. Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD."

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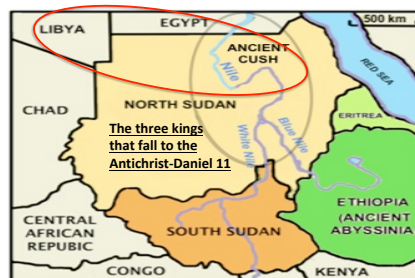
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Canaan begot Sidon his firstborn, and Heth; the Jebusite, the Amorite, and the Girgashite; the Hivite, the Arkite, and the Sinite; the Arvadite, the Zemarite, and the Hamathite. Afterward the families of the Canaanites were dispersed.

And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon as you go toward Gerar, as far as Gaza; then as you go toward Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, as far as Lasha. These were the sons of Ham, according to their families, according to their languages, in their lands and in their nations.

Cush, Mizraim, Put, And Canaan

- **Cush:** Name literally means "dark" meaning a black countenance. It is not speaking of skin color as much as a spiritual condition of the people of Cush.
- Cush settled first in Shinar, and then migrated to southern Arabia, southern Egypt, and the Sudan.
- **Ezekiel 29:9-10**, associates Cush with the border of Egypt. **Sudan** borders Egypt's southern border
- **Mizraim's:** Name means "Two distresses".
- Mizraim is a collective group of people that settled in Northern Africa



- Mizraim, is called Egypt in the Bible, and also the “land of Ham” in **Psalms 105:23**
- Some believe that the founder of the first dynasty of Egypt “Menes” was actually Mizraim. Since Mizraim is plural.
- **Put:** They settled in Libya.
- They are known as Cyrenes [sic] by the Greeks
- A Cyrenian named Simon carried the cross of Jesus (**Mark 15:21**)
- **Libya also comes against Israel (Ez. 38:5).**

- **Canaan:** Name means "merchant" or "negotiator" or "trafficker"
- It is the Canaanites that Israel overcame during the time of Joshua.
- It is the land of Canaan that God gave to Abraham and his descendants. (**Genesis 13**)

- Seba, identified with area known as Sudan, People known as the Sabeans are known in both Arabia and Africa. Havilah, Sabtah, and Sabtechah have all been identified in Arabia. Raamah, who fathered, Sheba and Dedan settled in the area of Arabia.
- Sabeans and Sabtechah settled in modern day Yemen

- **Sheba,** settled north of Yemen in a fertile land known as the "Spice Kingdom" whence the queen brought oil of spikenard as a gift to king Solomon.

Dedan, means "low country". He settled in the United Arab Emirates in the Persian Gulf.

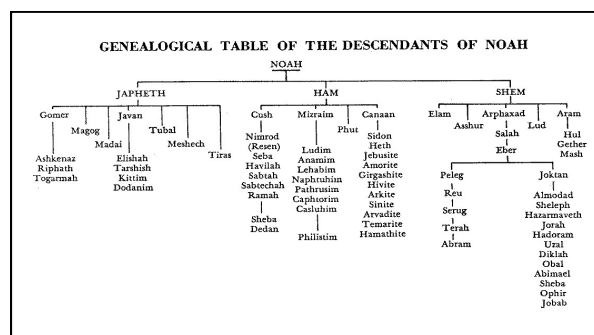


Sons of Canaan

- **Sidon:** Sidon is in Palestine on the Mediterranean coast north of Tyre.
- **Heth:** Heth is the father of the Hittite people in who settled in Turkey
- **Jebusite:** Jebusites settled in the regions of Judea. The chief city of the Jebusites was Jerusalem
- **Amorite:** The Amorites dwelt east of Canaan by the Dead Sea and the Jordan They were to conquer Babylonia, subsequently producing one of the most famous kings in the ancient world, Hammui, whose own name contains the designation Amarru.

- They conquered Babylonia, subsequently producing one of the most famous kings in the ancient world, Hammurabi.
- **Girgasite:** They lived east of the river Jordan and the Sea of Galilee.
- **Hivite:** They dwelt at the base of Mount Hermon in the Valleys of Lebanon
- **Arkite:** They dwelt near Mount Lebanon.
- **Sinite:** Lebanon
- **Arvadite, Zemarites, Hamathites:** Lebanon





Genesis 10:21-31

And children were born also to Shem, the father of all the children of Eber, the brother of Japheth the elder. The sons of Shem were Elam, Asshur, Arphaxad, Lud, and Aram. The sons of Aram were Uz, Hul, Gether, and Mash. Arphaxad begot Salah, and Salah begot Eber.

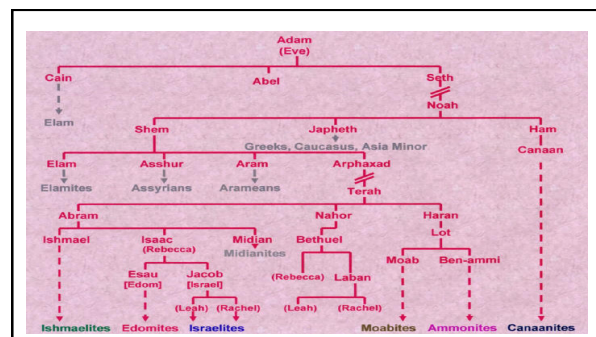
To Eber were born two sons: the name of one was Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided; and his brother's name was Joktan. Joktan begot Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah, Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah, Obal, Abimael, Sheba, Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab. All these were the sons of Joktan.

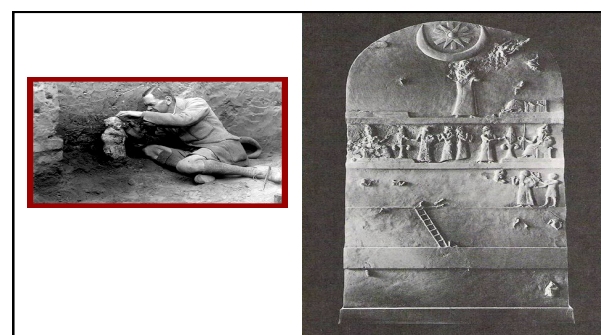
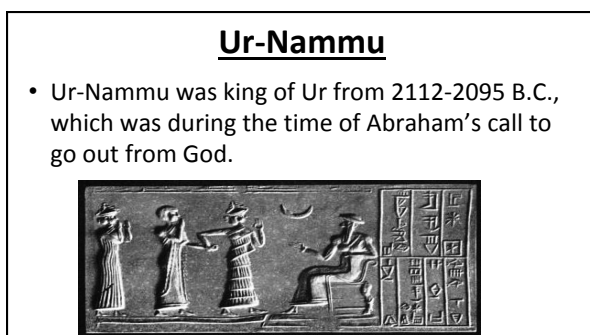
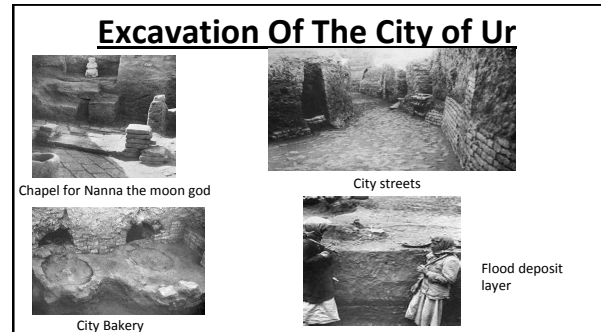
And their dwelling place was from Mesha as you go toward Sephar, the mountain of the east. These were the sons of Shem, according to their families, according to their languages, in their lands, according to their nations.

The Sons Of Shem

- **Elam**, founded the Elamites well known in history, and along with the Medes founded the Persian people, and today modern Iran.
- **Asshur**, founded the Assyrian peoples, and was invaded by Nimrod, and thus the Assyrian people were Semitic and Hamitic in origin.
- **Aprhaxad**, He was the ancestor of the Chaldeans of Southern Iraq, Hebrews, Arabians, Amorites, and the Moabites/Jordanians.

- **Lud**, He is the ancestor of the Lydians who settled in Asia Minor and spoke an Indo-European language.
- **Aram**, He became the Arameans or Syrians and Lebanese.
- **Uz**, Northern Arabia, the land of Job (**Job 1:1**) between Babylonia and Edom
- **Eber**, He is the father of the Hebrews.
- **Peleg**, comes from the root word "palag", which means (literally or figuratively) "division" or to split. He was the fifth generation after the Flood when the earth was divided by tongues.





Idols Have No Voice Or Power

- A Jewish legend teaches that Abraham's father owned an idol shop. One day, while his father was away and Abraham was in charge of the store, he smashed all the idols but the biggest with an ax, and then put the ax in the remaining idol's hand. To his outraged father's question as to what had happened, Abraham explained that the large idol became upset at the other idols and destroyed them. "You know these idols can't move," Terah shouted. "If they can't save themselves." Abraham Answered, "then we are superior to them. So why do we worship them?" -Rabbi Telushkin, Jewish Literacy