

Genesis 10 - The Table of Nations

Japheth - father of the *Greeks*, ancestor of the Aryans in *India*. In general, the descendants of Japheth would migrate north and west from Ararat.

***Gomer** - *Crimea, Germany* and *Cambria (Wales)*. Eze.38:6.

****Ashkenaz** - *Germany*. Jer.51:27

****Riphath** - north of the *Caspian Sea*. He is listed in 1Ch.1:6 as "Diphath".

****Togarmah** - the *Armenians, Germany, Turkey* and *Turkestan* possibly also. Eze.27:14; 38:6

***Magog** - means "*place of Gog*", possibly modern *Georgia* (former USSR) Eze.38:2; 39:6; Rev.20:8; possibly also *Bulgaria, Poland, Croatia*

***Madai** - the *Medes*, also *India, Persia, Afghanistan, Kirds*

***Javan** - *Greece* Is.66:19; Eze.27:13,19, also *Romans, Romance Europe*

****Elishah** - "*Hellas*", the *Greeks*. Eze.27:7

****Tarshish** - *Spain* and *Carthage* in *North Africa*. 1Ki.10:22; 22:48; 2Ch.9:21; 20:36,37; Ps.48:7; 72:10; Is.2:16; 23:1,6,10,14; 60:9; 66:19; Jer.10:9; Eze.10:9; 27:12,25; 38:13; Jonah 1:3; 4:2.

****Kittim** - The island of *Cyprus*. Num.24:24; Jer.2:10; Dan.11:30.

****Dodanim** - also known as *Rodanim* (1Ch.1:7), the *Dardanelles*, or *Trojans (NW Turkey)* and *Rhodes* (island of Greece in SE Aegean).

***Tubal** - Known in Assyrian monuments as *Tibareni*; possibly in Russian city *Tobolsk*. In Ez.38:2, also associated with "Rosh", from which Russia is derived. See also Is.66:19; Eze.27:13; 32:26; 38:2,3; 39:1.

***Meshech** - *Muskovi* (former name of Russia) and *Moscow*. Ps.120:5; Is.66:19; Eze.27:13; 32:26; 38:2,3; 39:1.

***Tiras** - The ancestor of the *Thracians* (between modern Greece and Turkey). possibly also some *Germany, Scandanavia, England*

William F. Albright : *"It stands absolutely 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."*

Note: The names are arranged by descendants, not by the order found in Genesis 10. All sons are listed under their fathers.

Ham - in general, Ham's descendants migrated south from Ararat, into Palestine and *Africa*. Ham himself is often identified in Scripture with the land of *Egypt*. See Ps.78:51; 105:23,27; 106:22.

***Cush** - this is *Ethiopia*, in *Africa*; often referred to in this way in the Bible. It also covers parts of Arabia across the Red Sea. See 2Ki.19:9; Is.11:1; 18:1; 20:3,4,5; 37:9; 43:3; 45:14.

****Seba** - migrated from southwestern Arabia into the Sudan, the *Sabeans* (Is.45:14). See also Ps.72:10; Is.43:3.

****Havilah** - means "sand land". Located in *Arabia*, on north-east coast of Persian gulf. Gen.25:18; 1Sam.15:7.

****Sabtah** - ancient city of Sabatah (or, Hadhramaut) in *Arabia* on western shore of Persian gulf.

****Raamah** - in southern *Arabia*. Eze.27:22.

*****Sheba** - Some see this as southwest Arabia, as in Queen of Sheba (1Ki.10:1).

*****Dedan** - see Sheba above. Dedan is found 10 places.

****Sabteca** - located in southern *Arabia*.

****Nimrod** - he settled in the Tigris-Euphrates valley. His name is also found in Mic.5:6.

*****Babel** - *Babylon*.

*****Erech** - Uruk, home of Gilgamesh (Babylonian flood story equivalent to Noah) 80 miles south of Babylon. See also Ezra 4:9.

*****Accad** - Akkad, Agade, the Akkadian empire, the northern part of the Babylonian empire.

*****Calneh** - unidentified. Possibly a reference in Amos 6:2.

*****Nineveh** - two hundred miles north of Babylon, became capital of Assyrian empire. See also 2Ki.19:36; Is.37:37; Jonah (8x); Nah.1:1; 2:8; 3:7; Zeph.2:13; Matt.12:41; Luk.11:32.

*****Rehoboth-Ir** - unidentified.

*****Calah** - excavated on the Tigris, 20 miles south of Nineveh: still called "Nimrud" after founder.

*****Resen** - unidentified.

****Mizraim** - the ancestor to the Egyptians, often Mizraim is simply translated straight across as *Egypt* in the Bible.

****Ludim** - unidentified.

****Ananim** - unidentified.

****Lehabim** - unidentified.

****Naphthim** - unidentified.

****Pathrusim** - Pathros, upper Egypt.

****Casluhim** - father of the *Philistines*, thought to have originated in *Crete*.

*****Capthorim** - along with Casluhim. See also Deut.2:23.

***Put** - the region of North Africa west of Egypt, modern *Libya*. Is.66:19; Jer.46:9; Eze.30:5; 38:5.

***Canaan** - ancestor to the Canaanites, who lived in *Palestine*, listed below. Canaan and it's different forms (ie Canaanite) are found 158 times in the Bible.

****Sidon** - father of *Phoenicians*.

****Heth** - ancestor of *Hittites*, a great empire in Asia Minor. They were around in Abraham's time (Gen.15:19-21) and Solomon's too (2Ch.1:17).

****Jebusite** - along with the rest, were the early settlers of Canaan. These lived in *Jerusalem*. (Josh.15:63).

****Amorite** - a very strong empire, sometimes all the Canaanites were grouped as "Amorites", Moses fought against the "Amorite kings".

****Girgashite** - unknown

****Hivite** - unknown

****Arkite** - in Syria

****Sinite** - possibly the origin of the place names in Canaan of Sin, Mount *Sinai*, *Sinim*. Possibly even *China*.

****Arvadite** - lived in Arvad, port city of Phoenicians. Eze.27:8,11.

****Zemarite** - lived 6 miles south of Arvad in Sumur, today as Sumra. Possibly related to Mount Zemaraim in northern Israel, see 2Ch.13:4.

****Hamathite** - the large Syrian city of Hamath (just north of Lebanon), found frequently in the Bible (32 times).

Shem - Shem's descendants migrated south and east from Ararat. We get the term "*Semitic*" from Shem.

***Elam** - the father of the *Elamites*. One of their kings, Chedorlaomer, invaded Canaan during Abraham's time. Their capital was Susa and apparently later merged with the Medes (from Madai, of Japheth) to form the *Persian* empire. See also Gen.14:1,9; Ezr.4:9; Is.11:11; 21:2; 22:6; Jer.25:25; 49:34-39; Eze.32:24; Dan.8:2; Acts 2:9.

***Asshur** - the founder of the *Assyrians*. Also a city in Iraq, 50 miles south of Nineveh on the Tigris river. The Assyrians also had Hamitic blood in them, because it was Nimrod who founded their capital city of Nineveh, hence the Assyrians were a mixture of Semitic and Hamitic. See also Num.24:22,24; Eze.27:23.

***Arphachshad** - not much is known

****Salah** - not much is known of him

*****Eber** - it's from this man's name that we get the term "*Hebrew*". See also Num.24:24.

******Peleg** - the "Pelagians"

******Joktan** - in or around *Arabia*

******Almodad** - unknown.

******Sheleph** - unknown.

******Hazarmaveth** - unknown.

******Jerah** - unknown.

******Hadoram** - unknown

******Uzal** - unknown.

******Diklah** - unknown.

******Obal** - unknown.

******Abimael** - unknown.

******Sheba** - unknown.

******Ophir** - The name Ophir is mentioned 12 times in the Bible, usually as a place that was known for its gold. See also 1Ki.9:28; 10:11; 22:48; 1Ch.29:4; 2Ch.8:18; 9:10; Job 22:24; 28:16; Ps.45:9; Is.13:12.

******Havilah** - unknown

******Jobab** - unknown

***Lud** - the father of the *Lydians* in Asia Minor (Acts 16:14). See also Is.66:19; Eze.27:10; 30:5.

***Aram** - the father of the *Aramaeans*, modern day Syria. (not Assyrians)

****Uz** - an area of *Arabia* Job 1:1; Jer.25:20; Lam.4:21.

****Hul** - unidentified.

****Gether** - unidentified.

****Mash** - unidentified.