

SHEM, HAM AND
JAPHETH AND THE
CURSE OF CANAAN

PART 2

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ABOUT MICHELLE AND JONAH MINISTRIES

- A little about myself...I'm a committed and mature believer of 20 years. I was born into a Jewish family and met the YHWH in the ocean when I was lost at sea for 3 days in the South China Sea off the coast of the Philippines. This encounter changed my life instantly and I have faithfully served Him ever since. Through the establishment of Jonah Ministries, YHWH has opened the doors for me to minister in many nations.
- Over the last 15 years I have written and produced 7 books with my mother Rachelle Cohen.
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ABOUT THE BOOK AND VIDEO

'SAVED AT SEA'

- The story is about a 22 year old blonde Aussie girl, holidaying on Boracay Island in the Philippines. She takes a small boat out for the day and is swept to sea.
- In only a bikini, all alone she battles the ocean for 3 days to survive. After a tropical storm on the first night, her boat capsizes and she is forced to hold onto the outrigger for two more days. Michelle has a supernatural encounter with 3 angels and hears the audible voice of God giving her instructions on what to do to stay alive. Her bleeding body attracts murdering sharks.....but the divine intervention of God and a miracle saves her from being devoured. On the 3rd day at 2.15pm she is rescued by a passing fishing boat. Still in a bikini and flippers the terrified and superstitious fisherman believe she is a mermaid.....

- THIS IS A TRUE STORY OF A GIRL WHO HAD A REAL LIFE JONAH EXPERIENCE. SHE CAME BACK WITH THE MESSAGE FROM YHWH - HAVE 100% FAITH! IN HIM
- Back in Manila the story hits the imagination of the world wide press and she is dubbed 'The Aussie Mermaid'.
- Her story of surviving 3 days lost at sea captures the fascination of people. She is then interviewed by the world media and shares her story on news channels, TV and radio stations, magazines and newspapers articles.
- The book Saved At Sea has had moderate success in Australia and Asia. It was released by readers Digest in their book section and went worldwide with great success. Just as everything was getting off the ground in the U.S previously, her son was diagnosed with Autism and she had to leave the ministry for approximately 10 years to assist him.
- YHWH HAS NOW COMPLETELY HEALED HIM. THE STORY OF HOW THAT OCCURRED AND HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD WITH AUTISM IS ON THE WEBSITE AT www.jonahministries.com.au

For those trying to cope, Michelle Hamilton
dang helpfully to her small cabin cruiser in
the South China Sea.

When it all happened, it was during a tropical storm and she was
out of luck. It was a roller coaster ride.

Michelle Hamilton said that she never could have
predicted the accident. She was on a small boat, sailing
in the South China Sea.

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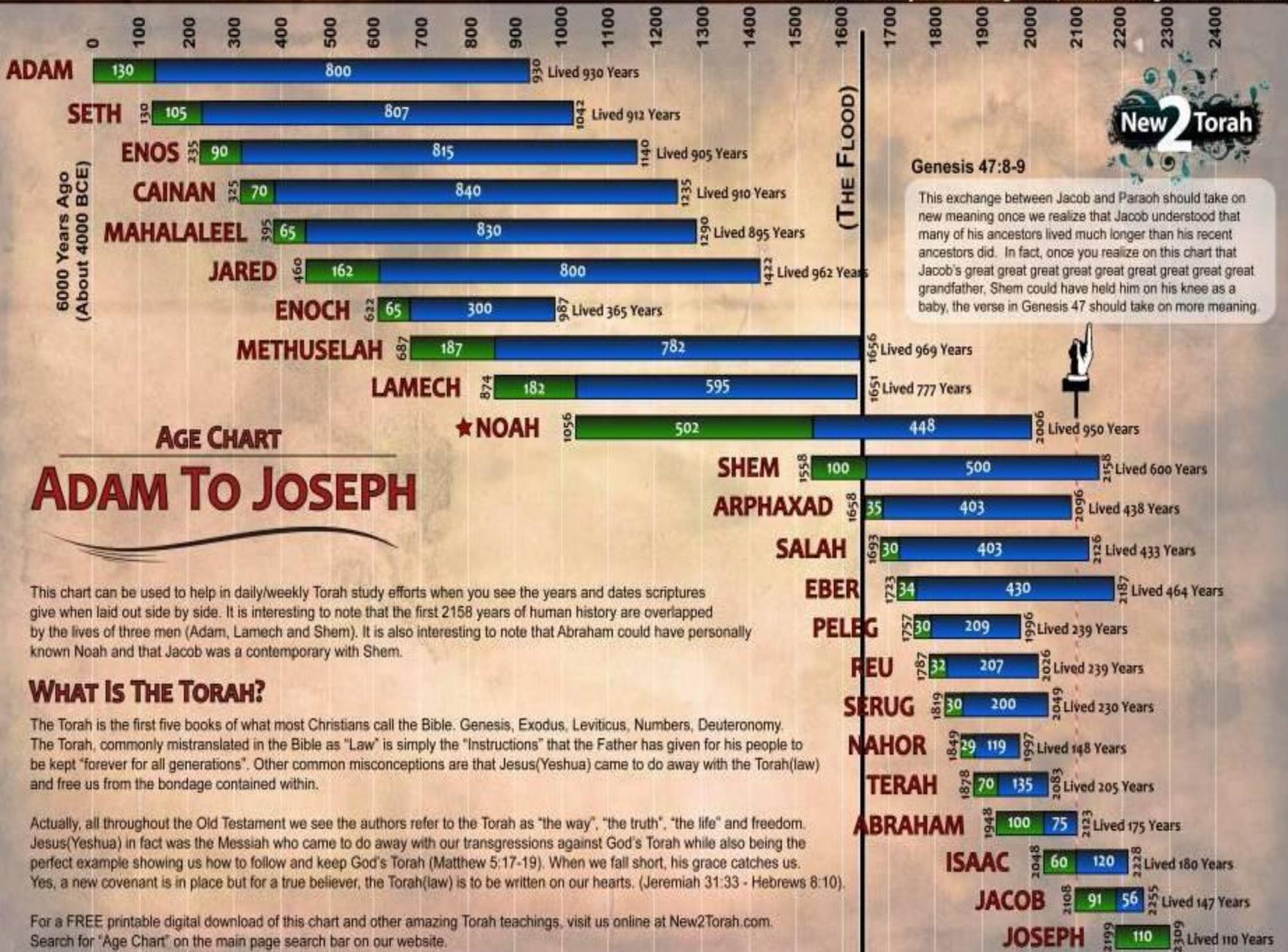
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THE STORY OF SHEM, HAM
AND JAPHETH



Genesis 47:8-9

This exchange between Jacob and Paroh should take on new meaning once we realize that Jacob understood that many of his ancestors lived much longer than his recent ancestors did. In fact, once you realize on this chart that Jacob's great great great great great great great great grandfather, Shem could have held him on his knee as a baby, the verse in Genesis 47 should take on more meaning.



AGE CHART

ADAM TO JOSEPH

This chart can be used to help in daily/weekly Torah study efforts when you see the years and dates scriptures give when laid out side by side. It is interesting to note that the first 2158 years of human history are overlapped by the lives of three men (Adam, Lamech and Shem). It is also interesting to note that Abraham could have personally known Noah and that Jacob was a contemporary with Shem.

WHAT IS THE TORAH?

The Torah is the first five books of what most Christians call the Bible. Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy. The Torah, commonly mistranslated in the Bible as "Law" is simply the "Instructions" that the Father has given for his people to be kept "forever for all generations". Other common misconceptions are that Jesus(Yeshua) came to do away with the Torah(law) and free us from the bondage contained within.

Actually, all throughout the Old Testament we see the authors refer to the Torah as "the way", "the truth", "the life" and freedom. Jesus(Yeshua) in fact was the Messiah who came to do away with our transgressions against God's Torah while also being the perfect example showing us how to follow and keep God's Torah (Matthew 5:17-19). When we fall short, his grace catches us. Yes, a new covenant is in place but for a true believer, the Torah(law) is to be written on our hearts. (Jeremiah 31:33 - Hebrews 8:10).

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NOAH'S SON'S WERE BORN AFTER HIS 500TH BIRTHDAY

- Ancient Israel tradition has it that Noah, along with the sons of Noah and their families, settled on the lower slopes of the northern side of Mount Ararat. Noah lived for 350 years after the flood, dying as the 3rd oldest man in the Bible at 950 years. All the sons of Noah had been born after Noah's 500th birthday, as the Bible makes mention of them being grown and married before his 600th birthday.



The BIBLICAL CHRONOLOGY of GENESIS 11

From Adam directly to Methuselah to Shem to Abraham and even possibly to Isaac - overlapping generations ... (as remembered and recorded by Moses), knowledge of Creation, of the former world, and of the Great Flood, may have been passed down accurately - until our time.

Abraham (formerly: Abram) was born about 2000 BC. The Bible records that he lived for 175 years.

CHILDREN TO OF ISRAEL EGYPT

Jacob 512AF-659AF

Isaac 452AF-632AF

Abraham 352AF-527AF

Terah 222AF-427AF

Nahor 193AF-341AF

Serug 163AF-393AF

Reu 131AF-370AF

Peleg 101AF-340AF

Eber 67AF-531AF

Salah 37AF-470AF

Arphaxad 2AF-440AF

Shem 98BF-502AF

Noah 600BF-350AF

Shem & Abraham could have known each other. Even Isaac ... may have learned firsthand about the world which was lost in the Great Flood.

Year of the Great Flood

Overlapping generations, Shem and his Post-Flood descendants, per the Bible's Genesis chap. 11

Overlapping generations, Noah and his Post-Flood descendants, per the Bible's Genesis chap. 11

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100 BF 0 AF (After Flood) 200 300 400 500 600 700 AF

(Before Flood) Before the Flood man lived for 900+ years. Afterwards life spans shortened dramatically.

GENESIS 9:18-27 And the sons of Noah, that went forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth: and Ham is the father of Canaan. These are the three sons of Noah: and of them was the whole earth overspread. And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard: And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent. And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the **nakedness of his father**, and told his two brothers. 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 did not see their father's nakedness. And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him. And he said, Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren. And he said, Blessed be the Adonai of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant. YHWH shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant.



WHY WAS CANAAN CURSED?

- I am going to present the 3 most popular theories by theologians and let you come to your own conclusion as to what happened in the tent of Noahs. The first theory is that Ham had sexual relations with his mother and Canaan was the offspring of that relationship.
- The story is about Canaan more than about Noah. As shown below, seeing the nakedness of a man is a common Hebrew expression for having sex with his wife (Lev. 20:11). Canaan lived a cursed life because he was conceived by incest. Noah's children, Japheth, Shem, and Ham lived for about a century in the wicked pre-flood world. The statement that "Ham was the father of Canaan" (Gen. 9:18) begins this passage, which then quickly repeats "Ham, the father of Canaan" (Gen. 9:22), as though the author wants his readers not to miss the relationship. The story ends with three mentions of Canaan including "Cursed be Canaan" (Gen. 9:25).

WHAT DOES UNCOVERING YOUR FATHER'S NAKEDNESS REALLY MEAN?

- *'The man who lies with his father's wife has uncovered his father's nakedness...'* Lev. 20:11
- *If a man lies with his uncle's wife, he has uncovered his uncle's nakedness. ... 'If a man takes his brother's wife... He has uncovered his brother's nakedness.'* Lev. 20:20-21
- *'The nakedness of your father's wife you shall not uncover; it is your father's nakedness'* Lev. 18:8
- *"In you [O Israel] men uncover their fathers' nakedness; in you they violate women..."* Ezek. 22:10
- *"Woe to him who gives drink to his neighbour, pressing him to your bottle, even to make him drunk, that you may look on his nakedness!"* Hab. 2:15;

INCEST BRINGS A GENERATIONAL CURSE

- Of Israel's nearby enemies, not all were Canaanites. For example, the Moabites and Ammonites were the product of other parent/child relations. Again involving drunkenness; Abraham's nephew Lot impregnated his daughters who gave birth to the Moabites and Ammonites (Gen. 19:36-38).
- Any child conceived in this way enters life set up to fail. Canaan had his grandmother for a mother, his grandfather for an uncle, his mother for a great aunt, his father for a cousin, and, worst of all, his brother for a father (half-brother, that is). Early humans reproduced with siblings and first cousins without harm because genetic deterioration had not become a significant factor.

2: DID HAM COMMIT HOMOSEXUAL INCEST?

- Edgar Brun suggested that Ham sodomized his father (like Osiris tried to do with Horus, in the Egyptian myth) so he could claim dominance over him and the right to rule the world. Whether Ham or Canaan, sodomized Noah would clearly dishonour the "dignity of the male" and threaten the authority of the head of the family. His action probably stemmed from a profound disrespect, rebellious nature, and perhaps perverse curiosity. Nobody knows for sure what happened in that tent, incest with his mother or sodomy incest with his father, however we can be sure that this story would serve as an etiological tale to point to the morally corrupt Canaanites; who would become known for their sexual sins, most notably the gang-raping horror at Sodom (Gen 19) and their incestuous practices, cult prostitutes and idolatrous worship (Lev 18, Deut 23:17-18). It was these personality traits that Noah saw in Ham's and Caanan's character that served to cause him to pronounce a curse on them. Later in history YHWH would forbid the Israelites from mixing with them and actually instructs them to wipe them off the face of the earth.

THEORY 3: NOTHING ELSE HAPPENED OTHER THAN HAM RIDICULED HIS FATHER'S FALL FROM GRACE.

- The Bible says Ham saw his father naked, passed out in drunkenness, and he went and told Shem and Japheth about it. So what was the problem with what he did?
- It has always been the practice of the unrepentant to mock and ridicule the people of YHWH when they fall into temptation. They rejoice and revel in the failures of those who seek to live a godly life and obey YHWH. Accusations of “hypocrisy” are hurled, even today, by those of the world whenever a servant of the Adonai stumbles in their walk. Shem and Japheth sought to cover up their father’s shame, they wanted to uphold his integrity even in his moment of weakness. They knew that they were not beyond temptation themselves and, rather than joining in with Ham’s celebration of their godly father’s missteps, they reverently covered Noah’s nakedness and refused to look upon his humiliation. Sadly, just as it was a member of Noah’s own family who was quick to delight in his disobedience, it is so often those in our own “family” of the Body of Believers who are the first to run and tell others of our indiscretions rather than helping us put our garments back on.

- Canaan and his descendants after him would be guilty of displaying this same attitude toward YHWH's people and would, therefore, earn the curse of Yah upon themselves, as well. Rather than humble themselves before the hand of Yehovah and turn to Him in repentance, the Canaanites would make it a habit to mock, scorn, and defy the children of Israel as they later would enter into the land of Canaan.
- In reality, they were guilty of mocking Yahweh Himself because it was not the ability of the people of Yah that was ridiculed, but the ability of YHWH to act on their behalf. It is really the same thing today when the sceptic mocks and ridicules the Believer: he is not attacking the person himself so much as he is disparaging YHWH's ability to move in that person's life.

- So not all of Ham's descendants are involved in the curse, only Canaan and his descendants.
- Noah fathered no children after the Flood. Ham's curse fell upon Canaan, his illegitimate first-born son. Noah could not abort his wife's birth for he knew "if slaying Cain brought a sevenfold vengeance, truly slaying Canaan might bring a seventy times sevenfold punishment" as Lamech had boasted (Genesis 4:15; 22-24). So Noah cursed Canaan because he was "cherem".

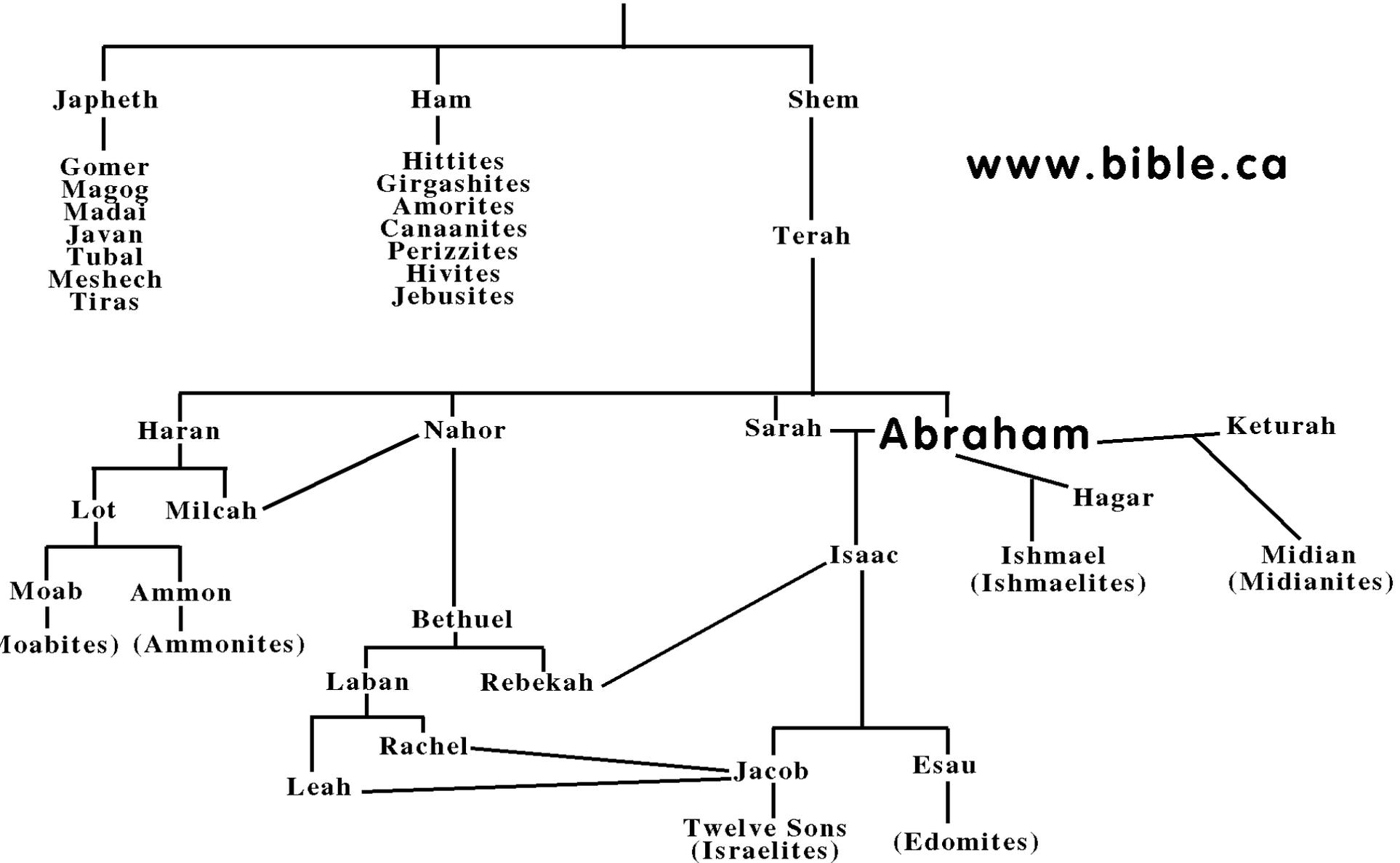
THE FATHER CAN EITHER PRONOUNCE A BLESSING OR CURSE

- As a father, Noah could not directly curse his son. Instead, he curses Canaan, his grandson, Ham's son.
- **Genesis 9:25** reads: *"And he said, Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren."*

YHWH COMMAND'S HIS PEOPLE TO UTTERLY DESTROY ALL OFFSPRING OF CANAAN

- Only in the cities of these peoples that Adonai your G-d is giving you as an inheritance, you shall not leave alive anything that breathes. But you shall utterly destroy them, the Hittite and the Amorite, the Canaanite and the Perizzite, the Hivite and the Jebusite, as YHWH has commanded you, in order that they may not teach you to do according to all their detestable things which they have done for their gods, so that you could sin against Adonai your G-d (Deuteronomy 20:16-18).

Noah



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Abraham's Family Tree from Noah

Ham as a Nationality

30 Nations came out of Ham

- The name given, in Psalms 105:23,17; 106:22 (compare 78:51), to Egypt as a descendant of Ham, son of Noah. As Shem means "dusky," or the like, and Japheth "fair," it has been supposed that Ham meant, as is not improbable, "black." This is supported by the evidence of Hebrew and Arabic, in which the word chamam means "to be hot" and "to be black," the latter signification being derived from the former.
- It is interesting to note that the Biblical record defines Egypt as the Land of Ham.
- Psalm 105: 23 *"Israel also came into Egypt...the land of Ham."*

BLACK BLOOD IN EGYPT

- Genesis 12:16 – Not only Hagar, but many of Abraham’s servants were gifts from Pharaoh and in this period it is fairly likely that many were Nubians. (approx. 1921 BC)
- Genesis 13: 6-8 – Abraham had a large number of herdsmen and 318 male servants who were born into his house.
- Genesis 25 – Isaac, Abraham’s son and then Jacob inherited everything.
- When the Israelites were subjected to slavery under the Egyptians, they and their former servants were now all defined as Israel together; this means that much intermarriage must have taken place.
- Exodus 12:38 – After 400 years, a “mixed multitude” left Egypt during the Exodus.

ONLY CANAAN AND HIS DESCENDANT'S **ARE CURSED**

- **The tenth chapter of Genesis is the oldest Table of Nations in existence, it is a completely authentic statement of how the present world population originated and spread after the Flood in three families headed by Shem, Ham and Japheth (Genesis 10:32.**

Shem (2nd)

Spiritual: great religions

*'Blessed be the LORD God of Shem,
and Canaan shall be his servant.'*

Elam
 Asshur (Assyria)
 Arphaxad
 Salah
 Eber (Hebrews)
Peleg
 Reu
 Serug
 Nahor
 Terah
Abram (2300 BC)
 Nahor
 Haran
 Lot
 Joktan
 Ishmael (Arabs)
 Esau (Edom)

Messiah

Ham (3rd)

Physical: great artisans and builders

*'Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall
he be unto his brethren.'*

Cush (Ethiopia)
 Seba (Meroe)
 Havilah (Arabia)
 Sabtah (Sabeans)
 Raamah (Arabia)
 Sheba
 Dedan
 Sabtecha
Nimrod (Babylon, Ninevah)
Mizraim (Egypt, King Menes?)
 Ludim
 Anamim
 Lehabim
 Naphtuhim
 Pathrusim (Pathros)
Casluhim (Philistines)
 Capthorum (Crete)
 Phut (Libya)
Canaan
 Sidon
 Heth (Hittites, Cathay)
 Jebusites
 Amorites
 Girgashites
 Hivites
 Arkites (Phoenicians)
 Sinites (Sino, China)
 Arvadites

Japheth (1st born)

Intellectual: scientific, philosophical

*'God shall enlarge Japheth,
and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem
and Canaan shall be his servant.'*

Gomer (Germany, Crimea, Cambria, Celts)
 Ashkenaz (Germany, Saxons, Scandinavia)
 Riphath (Carpathians)
 Togarmah (Armenians)
Magog (Georgia, Scythians)
Madai (Medes, Aryans, Indians of India)
Javan (Ionians, Greeks, the coastlands)
 Elishah (Hellas)
 Tarshish (Spain)
 Kittim (Cyprus)
 Dodanim (Rhodes)
Tubal (Tobolsk)
Meshech (Moscow)
Tiras (Thrace, Teutons)

Notes:

Noah lived 350 years after the flood and Shem 500 years. Date for the flood is ~3600 BC.

The confusion of tongues at the tower of Babel occurred not long after the flood, (~250 yrs). The world population at that time may only have been only 2000-10,000 persons (Henry Morris, *Genesis*). The nations then scattered from Babylon. Continents separated in the time of Peleg, about 530 yrs after the Flood. Ice age followed continental division.

*See A. C. Custance, *Noah's Three Sons*, Doorway

THE FOUR SON'S OF HAM

- 1. Mizraim (Egypt)
 - 2. Cush (Sudan, Ethiopia)
 - 3. Put (Libya)
 - 4. Canaan (Hivites, Jebusites, Arvadites, Girgashites, Amorites, Arkites, Sinites, Hittites, Sidonians, Perizzites, Zemarites)
- **CURSE OF CANAAN**
 - 1. Canaan was cursed, not Ham. (Gen. 9:25, "...cursed be Canaan...")
 - 2. Genesis 9:25-27 "...servitude to his brothers..."
 - 3. Exodus 20:5 --" A curse lasts three to four generations..."
 - 4. Canaan does not exist as a nation today. The other three nations exist -- Egypt, Ethiopia and Libya.



ASIA MINOR (Cimmerians)

Ararat Mts.

Ashkenaz (Scythians)

Lud (Lydia)

Hittites

Togarmah

Javan (Greeks)

MEDIA

Madai (Medes)

Kittim (Cyprus)

Aram (Syria)

Asshur (Assyria)

TIGRIS R.
EUPHRATES R.

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

Amorites

Elam
ELAM

GREAT SEA

Canaanites

Arphaxad

Put (Libya)

Philistines

ARABIA

Mizraim (Egypt)

NILE R.

Joktan (Arabia)

RED SEA

WHERE DID THE ASIAN RACE COME FROM?

- Sidon is mentioned as the first-born of Canaan. He founded the city by the same name, located near Tyre, on the coast of Phoenicia. Since there is no mention of Tyre here we can see how early this account is. Heth is the father of the Hittite nation. The Hittites were once regarded by archaeologists as a biblical blunder. Archaeologists said the Bible was absolutely wrong when it mentioned the Hittites, for there was no such people. But since that time, Hittite relics have been discovered in abundance, and scholars are now well aware of the great civilization that flourished under the Hittites. The Hebrew form of this word, Hittite, is *Khettai* and from this comes the word *Cathay*, which many of you will recognize as an ancient name for China. Certain of the Hittites migrated eastward and settled in China.

- Canaan became the father of Sidon his first-born, and Heth, and the Jebusites, the Amorites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, the Arkites, the Sinites, the Arvadites, the Zemarites, and the Hamathites. Afterward the families of the Canaanites spread abroad. And the territory of the Canaanites extended from Sidon, Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, as far as Lasha. These are the cons of Ham, by their families, their languages, their lands, and their nations. {Gen 10:15-20 RSV}
- In the previous PowerPoint Noah and the Nephilim we saw that these constituted the Canaanite tribes which occupied the land of Palestine at the time of Abraham. They were a morally degraded people, and were that as a result of demonic invasion. That does not mean that every individual was demonically possessed, but there was considerable experience of this among these people. We must note certain individuals in this listing, but not all:

- Iso, another name in this list, the Sinites, is linked with China. It derives from a presumed son of Canaan whose name was Sin. The Sinites migrated eastward until they came into Western China, where they founded the ancient Empire of China and gave their name to the land. There is a direct connection between the word *China* and the word *Sinim*, the biblical name for China. (I remember reading as a boy of the Sino-Japanese War, showing how the ancient name still persists.) They pushed eastward and toward the north over the land bridge into Alaska. The Sinites are the people who settled the Americas in prehistoric days and became the ancestors of the Eskimos and Indians who, to this very day, betray their Mongoloid ancestry.

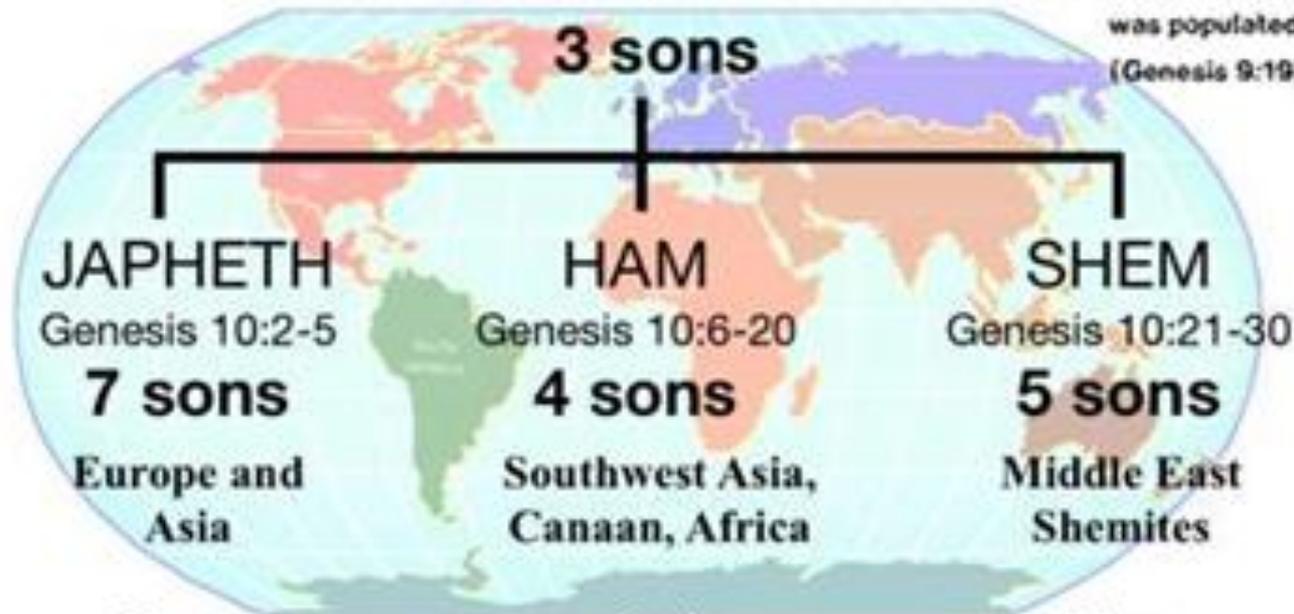
NOAH ESTABLISHES THE MESSIAH WILL COME THROUGH THE LINE OF SHEM

- The second part of Noah's oracle is a blessing on Shem or, as Noah actually puts it, on Shem's G-d. "Blessed be YHWH, the G-d of Shem! May Canaan be the slave of Shem" (v. 26).
- This is a great blessing because it is a new step in the Old Testament's unfolding messianic prophecies. The first messianic prophecy was in Genesis 3:15, in which a Deliverer was promised who should crush the serpent's head. It is evident as the story of Genesis unfolds that he will appear in the godly line of Seth rather than the ungodly line of Cain. Now, in a prophecy made following the Flood, the line of descent is narrowed to the Semitic peoples, who descended from Shem and whose story is particularly unfolded in the remainder of Genesis.
- In time the promise is narrowed still further to the house of David and to his descendants: Yoseph (in the line of David's son Solomon) and Miriam (in the line of David's son Nathan). The prophecy of blessing in Genesis is fulfilled in Yahshua Maschiach.

NOAH

Genesis 10

"These three were the sons of Noah; and from them, the whole earth was populated" (Genesis 9:19).



Gomer

(France, Spain, Germany, Wales)

Magog

(Romania, Ukraine)

Madai

(Medes/Iran)

Javan

(Greek)

Tubal

(Georgia)

Meshech

(Moscow)

Tiras

(Macedonia, Yugoslavia)

Cush

(Ethiopia)

Mizraim

(Egypt)

Put

(Libya)

Canaan

(Palestine)

(Beth (Hittites, Jebusites, Amorites))

Elam

(Iran)

Asshur

(Assyria)

Arpachshad

(Chaldean)

(Eber; Hebrew)

(Joktan; Arabia)

Lud

(Lydia)

Aram

(Syria)

Five Sons of Shem

1. Elam (Arabia)
2. Asshur (Assyria)
3. Lud (Lydians)
4. Aram (Aramaic, Armenia, Mesopotamia, Syria)
5. Arphaxad (From which Abraham descended)

Shem - son of Noah

- **Genesis 10:21** begins the list of the descendants of Shem. Of the three sons of Noah, Shem knew that "the seed of the woman" would be carried through his descendants, and it was up to him and his line to transmit and carry the knowledge of God through the generations.
- Shem lists his own descendants to the fifth generation, whereas Ham is only listed to the third generation, and Japheth only to the second.
- It would seem reasonable to believe that Shem lost touch with much of the family after the Dispersion at Babel.
- In all probability, Shem was the only one of the sons of Noah that remained nearby, choosing not to migrate to Babel with the other sons of Noah.
- Evidence suggests that he settled near the family of his great-great grandson Peleg for his last years.
- It is interesting to note that before any of Shem's sons are listed, Shem is listed as the father of the children of Eber . It is from "Eber" that the term "Hebrew" came from



Shem & His Sons - Elam, Asshur, Arphaxad, and Aram

- Elam - son of Shem - Elamites
- The first of Shem's sons listed is Elam. Elam is the forerunner of the Elamites. The Elamites are recurrent throughout Scripture, and many monuments attest to their prominence in the region. **Genesis 14** describes a confederation of Kings that waged war in Canaan during the times of Abram. One of the leaders of this alliance was Chedorlaomer, King of Elam.
- The Elamites capital city was Susa, or Shushan. This archaic city was located east of Mesopotamia. The Noahic Prophecy of Japheth dwelling in the tents of Shem is fulfilled through the Elamites. They later merged with other peoples, namely the Medes. The Medes were descended from Madai, a son of Japheth. These two peoples joined forces to form the Persian Empire.
- Thus, the descendants from two of the sons of Noah, Shem and Japheth, joined together to form one of antiquity's most powerful empires.

Asshur - son of Shem - early Assyrians

- Asshur was the original founder of the Assyrians, though Nimrod later invaded the area and established his own empire.
- Thus, the Assyrians were a combination of Semitic and Hamitic characteristics. The natives of Assyria, those living in the area before Nimrod, were racially of Shem.
- Yet, after the invasion and subsequent settlement by Nimrod and his people, the Assyrians adopted Hamitic culture, language, and religion.
- Again, two sons of Noah are seen helping to shape and form a nation which would lead to yet another powerful ancient empire, the Assyrian Empire.

Arphaxad - son of Shem - forerunner of the Israelites

- Albeit very little is known of Arphaxad, he is one of the most important sons of Shem in regards to the "seed of the woman". YHWH had promised Noah to increase his seed upon the earth, and Shem was that son of Noah through which God would bring forth the Jews and Arabs.
- Arphaxad, son of Shem, is in the direct line leading to Abraham. Thus, he is an early ancestor of the Israelite people. A region in Assyria known as Arrapachitis may have originated from Arphaxad's name, though this is not known for certain. Though Arphaxad probably had more than one son, only one son is listed, **Salah**.
- A possible, and indeed the most probable, explanation for this would be that it was from Arphaxad to Salah that the "seed of the woman" was transmitted to the next generation.
- Likewise, only one son of Salah is mentioned, **Eber**. Eber, like his father before him, was chosen to carry the "seed of the woman" through to the next generation.

Havilah?

Uzal?

Hazermaveth

Ophir? Gulf of Aden

SHEM'S DESCENDANTS

- **Genesis 10:25-30** depicts the descendants of Arphaxad through **Joktan**.
- "And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of one, Peleg, for in his day the earth was divided; and his brother's name, Joktan. And Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah, and Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah, and Obal, and Abimael, and Sheba, and Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab: all these were the sons of Joktan. And their dwelling was from Mesah, as thou goest unto Sephar, a mount of the east."
(KJV)
- Thirteen sons of Joktan are listed in these verses. It is believed that all thirteen settled in Arabia.
- **Ophir** and **Sheba** are both undeniably sited in Arabia, the former linked with a region known for its gold, the latter associated with the Sabceans.

- Genealogies serve as benchmarks of time, listing dates and years and kings. The men in these genealogies, though ignorant of the fact during their respective lifetimes, would come to be the very pillars upon which Israel would be built!
- It is interesting to note that in the generations immediately following the flood, lifespans were still upwards of 400-500 years. The flood had taken its toll on human life, as even 400 and 500 years are a far cry from the 800 and 900 plus year lifespan before the flood.
- However, after Peleg, the lifespan drops off even more significantly. It was in the days of Eber, leading up to the birth of Peleg, that the incident with the Tower of Babel took place. This is the division Scripture is talking about in relation to Peleg.
- Mankind had once again rebelled against God, and God saw it fit to significantly reduce the lifespan of man, perhaps in order to limit man's ability to accumulate knowledge and technology through hundreds of years of living and learning.
- **Genesis 10:25** states that Eber was the father of Peleg. Eber is a fascinating figure in the history of Ancient Israel. Eber is so important that Shem is listed specifically as the "***father of all the children of Eber***" (10:21).

- Eber was Noah's great-grandson through Shem. This placed him as a contemporary of Nimrod. Eber was a righteous man, as is evident in that the "promised seed" is through his line. He is a direct descendant of Abram.
- Though Eber and Nimrod lived at the same time, and came from the same family, they were very different men. Nimrod, the chief architect of the Tower of Babel, and great-grandson of Noah through Ham, was a man of exceeding wickedness, and sought to thwart God's plans at every turn.
- YHWH, however, will not let evil go unimpeded. As Nimrod sought to establish his own kingdom in and around Babel, and build his tower to the heavens, perhaps Eber sought to remind the people of righteousness and holiness, and to repent and turn to YHWH, instead of turning to Nimrod and the plans of man. Eber knew that ultimately YAHWEH would prevail. As a result of man's arrogance, YHWH confused the tongues and dispersed the people.
- Ancient Israel's line of descent from Shem to Abraham is as follows:
- Shem brought forth Arphaxad, who brought forth Salah, who brought forth Eber, who brought forth Peleg, who brought forth Reu, who brought forth Serug, who brought forth Nahor, who brought forth Terah, who was the father of Abram.

ABRAHAM LEARNED DIRECT FROM SHEM ABOUT YHWH AND THE FLOOD

- **When Abram was born only Nahor, Peleg and Noah, of those mentioned after the flood, had died. All the rest were still alive, in fact, Noah lived to within two years of Abram's birth.**
- **When Abram was a young man he spent time with his Grandfather Shem and he explained to him the religion of YHWH, our CREATOR whose name is ETERNAL (Ex. 6:3) which is the only true religion of the Scriptures. This religious faith is centered around the oneness of our CREATOR and our relation to Him as explained by the first four of the Ten Commandments. It also includes our relation to each other as explained by the last six of the Ten Commandments**

- But you might contend that, "The Ten Commandments were not written down until Moses," and you would be right, to a degree. **True they were not WRITTEN down until later, however, they WERE KNOWN and practiced from Adam to Joseph. How can such a statement be made?**
- **In Malachi 6:3 our CREATOR Himself states that He does not change. But then, how can He change? He is YHWH ELOHIM or ETERNAL Almighty CREATOR and something that is eternal cannot change; only physical temporal things can change.**
- **We have seen where our CREATOR spoke with Adam, Enoch, Noah, and Abraham and whatever He said to them is the exact same thing He told Moses when His words finally were written down.**

- Abraham's son Isaac was born in 2108 and died in 2288. Salah, Shem, and Eber were still alive. Eber died two years after Abraham so the patriarchs all lived basically at the same time. Isaac died one year before his Grandson Joseph became second only to the pharaoh in Egypt. Isaac's son Jacob was born in 2148 and he died in 2331.
- **Jacob was fifteen when Shem died.** Jacob's son Joseph was born in 2259 and died in 2369. The religion of the Hebrews was still stable until the time Joseph died which was one hundred forty-four years before Israel was delivered out of captivity in Egypt. After the death of Joseph, the last of the patriarchs, the Hebrews (Israelites) sank into complete idolatry as the Hebrew faith began to be lost.

THE SUPPORT GROUP OF THE ANCIENT MEN

- It was not just one or two scattered people in an age, it was all of the great men, of our CREATOR, all together as a group supporting one another. In addition they had direct contact with YHWH Himself and they did not need any to have thing written down. With the death of Joseph came the end of the line of the ancients of old and their support group.

YHWH'S BLESSING OVER THE SEMITIC PEOPLE

- Finally, there is a prophecy over Japheth and his family. Two things said of Japheth: first, YHWH will extend his territory (the name Japheth means "enlarge" so this is a play on words), second, he will live in the tents of Shem (v. 27).
- This latter promise is to be taken spiritually, meaning, not that the descendants of Japheth shall take Shem's territory, but that they enter into his spiritual blessing through association with the Semitic peoples. The descendants of Japheth have established the great nations of the world. America is in this line of descent. But our blessing does not come from extensive territory or wealth but our acquaintance with the G-d of Israel and our faith in Him who will yet sit upon the throne of His father David reign forever." -James Montgomery Boice, *Genesis: An Expositional Commentary*.

SHEM'S ROLE IS THE MEETING THE SPIRITUAL NEEDS OF MANKIND

- Notice that Shem is given religious primacy among mankind. The Semitic people, the descendants of Shem, were responsible under YHWH to meet the spiritual needs of mankind. That is their role in humanity. It is most striking, isn't it, that the three great religions of earth, which can properly be called religions, all come from the Semitic family: Judaism, Mohammedanism, and Christianity. There is much distortion of truth in these, granted, but the sense of mission by the Semitic families of earth is very evident. This family includes the Jews, the Arabs, certain ancient peoples, as well as other modern groups.

Seven Sons of Japheth

1. Javan (Greece, Romans, French, Italians, Spanish, Portuguese)
2. Magog (Scythians, Slavs, Russians, Bulgarians, Bohemians, Polish, Slovaks, Croatians)
3. Madai (Indians & Iranic: Medes, Persians, Afghans, Kurds)
4. Tubal (South of Black Sea)
5. Tiras (Thracians, Teutons, Germans, Scandinavian, Anglo-Saxon, Jutes)
6. Meshech (Russia)
7. Gomer (Celtic)

Japheth's Place among the Sons of Noah

In Genesis 9:27, as in other passages, Japheth occupies the 3rd place in the enumeration of the sons of Noah, but he is really regarded as the 2nd son, Ham being the youngest. In the genealogical table, however (Genesis 10:1), the descendants of Japheth are given first, and those of Shem last, in order to set forth Semitic affinities at greater length. Though this would seem to indicate that the fair races were the least known to the Jews, it implies that the latter were well disposed toward them, for Japheth was (ultimately) to dwell in the tents of Shem, and therefore to take part in Shem's spiritual privileges.

- The Greeks say that their ancestor was a man named Japetos, and you can see in that the resemblance to Japheth. They regarded him as not only the father of their race, but the father of all humanity. The Indians, on the other hand, have an account of the flood similar in many respects to the Biblical account. The name of their hero is not Noah, but Satyaurata, and he had three sons. The name of the oldest was Iyapeti (you can see Japheth in that, very easily), and the other two were Sharma, and C'harma (Shem and Ham). The interesting thing about the Indian account is that C'harma was cursed by his father because he laughed at him when he got drunk, a certain echo of the story we have in Genesis.

WHERE DID THE NATIONS DISPERSE TO AND BECOME?

Genesis 9:19 tells us that the entire earth was populated from the sons of Noah while Genesis chapter 10 is the table of nations and lists by name the descendants of Japheth, Ham and Shem. According to the work of Christian scholar, Dr. Arthur Custance, the Japhethites became the Indo-Europeans of today e.g. Gomer is the early name for the Germanic peoples and Javan is the early name for the Greek peoples; Custance includes the people of India among the Japhethites since the Indo-European languages are known to be related. The Hamites are generally the colored peoples of Africa, China and native America while the Shemites became the semitic peoples i.e. Jews and Arabs of today.

Custance also points out in great detail and numerous examples how each of these families had specific mandates for mankind. The Shemites gave us true and false religions, i.e. the Bible and the Koran; the Hamites gave us metallurgy, weaving, agriculture, building etc while the Japhethites subsequently developed these inventions.

Genesis 9:25-27 tells us that Ham's son, Canaan, will be a servant of servants to his brethren, Shem and Japheth. For example Rudolf Diesel's adoption of a Hamite invention, the South American Indian's "cigar lighter," produced the modern diesel engine.

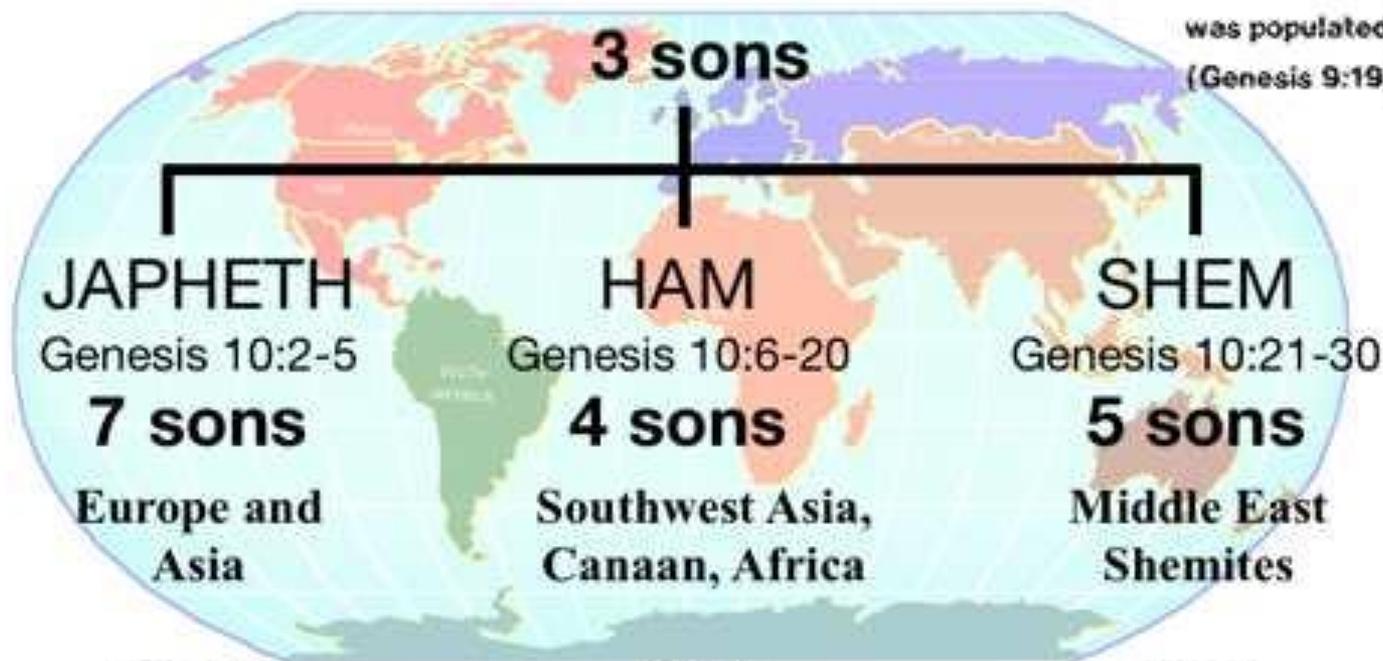
- It is also interesting that three groups are recorded in the New Testament as specifically coming to seek the Lord Jesus. They are: the shepherds, the Wise men, and the Greeks. Here you have again the order: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. The shepherds were Israelites, Semitic. Most Bible scholars feel that the Magi, the Wise men from the East, were really not from the East (that was a general term) but from Arabia, and represent the Hamitic peoples. The Greeks are clearly Japhethites. So there again, always in the same order, we have Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
- Early in the history of the world, the Japhethites, or Aryans, split into two groups. One group settled in India and the other group in Europe. Together they form what is known as the "Indo-European" family of nations. Any ethnographer is familiar with these divisions, but they are the same basic stock. The next time you visit India you should realize that you are visiting your cousins in the same basic family. The interesting thing is that both of these divisions, the Indian and the European, trace their ancestry back to Japheth. This is not from the Bible, but from history:

- The family of Japheth is essentially what we call the Aryans. Hitler made much of the Aryan race, claiming that the Germans were pure Aryans and the rest were mongrels. Of course, the Jews were of a completely different family. He was right about that, for the Jews are Semitic (from Shem) while the Aryans are from Japheth. But where Hitler made his mistake (and where many people today make a mistake) is to fail to differentiate between differences which exist between people and a supposed superiority. Because people are different is no sign that they are inferior or superior. This is one of the basic things we need to understand in studying the peoples of the earth.

NOAH

Genesis 10

"These three were the sons of Noah; and from them, the whole earth was populated" (Genesis 9:19).



Gomer

(France, Spain, Germany, Wales)

Magog

(Romania, Ukraine)

Madai

(Medes-Iran)

Javan

(Greek)

Tubal

(Georgia)

Meshech

(Moscow)

Tiras

(Macedonia, Yugoslavia)

Cush

(Ethiopia)

Mizraim

(Egypt)

Put

(Libya)

Canaan

(Palestine)

:Heth (Hittites, Jebusites, Amorites)

Elam

(Iran)

Asshur

(Assyria)

Arpachshad

(Chaldea)

:Eber: Hebrew

:Joktan: Arabia

Lud

(Lydia)

Aram

(Syria)

Below are comments from *The Genesis Record* by Henry Morris. He writes regarding Gen. 9:24:

- Descendants of Ham included the Egyptians and Sumerians, who founded the first two great empires of antiquity, as well as other great nations such as the Phoenicians, Hittites, and Canaanites. The modern African tribes and the Mongol tribes (including today the Chinese and Japanese), as well as the American Indians and the South Sea Islanders, are probably dominantly Hamitic in origin.
- Among the many ways in which the Hamites have been the great “servants” of mankind are the following:
- (1) They were the original explorers and settlers of practically all parts of the world, following the dispersion at Babel.
- (2) They were the first cultivators of most of the basic food staples of the world, such as potatoes, corn, beans, cereals, and others, as well as the first ones to domesticate most animals.
- (3) They developed most of the basic types of structural forms and building tools and materials.
- (4) They were the first to develop most of the usual fabrics for clothing and the various sewing and weaving devices.

- (5) They discovered and invented a wide variety of medicines and surgical practices and instruments.
- (6) They invented most of the concepts of basic practical mathematics, as well as surveying and navigation.
- (7) The machinery of commerce and trade—money, banks, postal systems, and so forth—was developed by them.
- (8) They developed paper, ink, block printing, movable type, and other accouterments of writing and communication.
- If one traces back far enough, he will find that practically every other basic device or system needed for man's physical sustenance or convenience originated with one of the Hamitic peoples. Truly they have been the "servants" of mankind in a most amazing way.

Regarding Gen. 10:16-18 Morris writes:

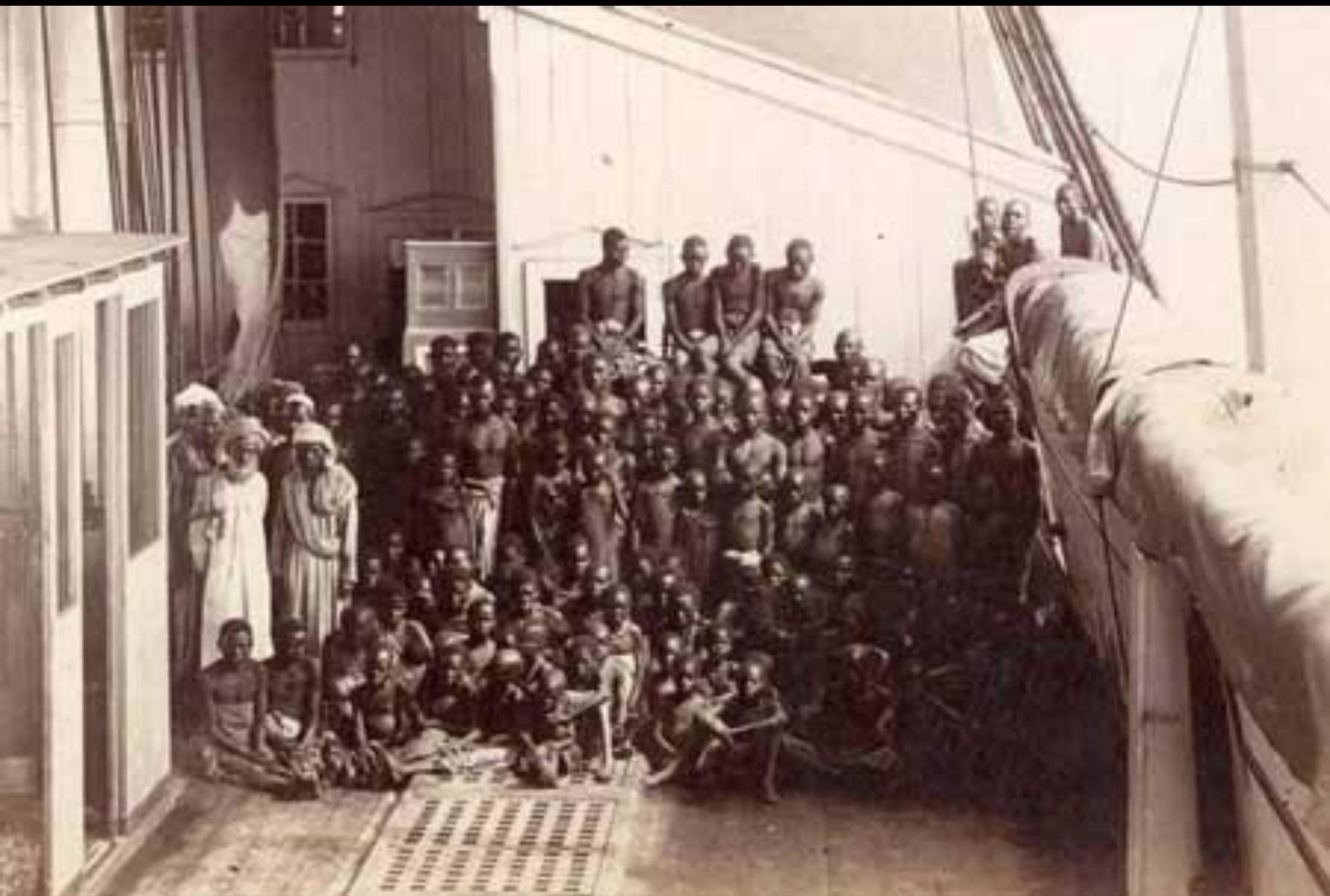
- The Biblical mention of a people in the Far East named “Sinim” (Isaiah 49:12), together with references in ancient secular histories to people in the Far East called “Sinae,” at least suggests the possibility that some of Sin’s descendants migrated eastward, while others went south into the land of Canaan. It is significant that the Chinese people have always been identified by the prefix “Sino-” (e.g., Sino-Japanese War; Sinology, the study of Chinese history). The name “Sin” is frequently encountered in Chinese names in the form “Siang” or its equivalent.
- The evidence is tenuous but, of all the names in the Table of Nations, it does seem that two sons of Canaan, Heth (Hittites = Khittae = Cathay) and Sin (Sinites = Sinim = China), are the most likely to have become ancestors of the Oriental peoples. Since it seems reasonable that divine inspiration would include in such a table information concerning the ancestry of all the major streams of human development, it is reasonable to conclude that the Mongoloid peoples (and therefore also the American Indians) have come mostly from the Hamitic line.

BLACK SLAVERY NOT SUPPORTED BY SCRIPTURE

- It's worth quoting more of the *NIV Study Bible's* notes on Genesis 9:25 in their entirety: "*Cursed be Canaan!* ...This account of Noah's cursing and blessing of his sons is addressed to Israel. Most likely it is for this reason that Canaan is here singled out from Ham's descendants as the object of Noah's curse. Israel would experience firsthand the depth of Canaanite sin (see Lev 18:2-3, 6-30) and the harshness of God's judgment on it. In that judgment Noah's curse came to be fulfilled in the experience of this segment of Ham's descendants.

NOAH'S CURSE CANNOT JUSTIFY THE ENSLAVEMENT OF BLACK PEOPLE

- But Ham's offspring, as listed in 10:6-13, included many of Israel's other long-term enemies (Egypt, Philistia, Assyria, Babylonia) who also experienced severe divine judgment because of their hostility to Israel and Israel's G-d. *Lowest of slaves.*
- Joshua's subjection of the Gibeonites (Jos. 9:21, 27) is one of the fulfilments (see also Jos 16:10; Jug 1:28, 30, 33, 35; 1 Kings 9:20-21).



SLAVERY IN THE BIBLE WAS NOT RACIAL

- The Bible does not specifically condemn the practice of slavery. It gives instructions on how slaves should be treated (Deuteronomy 15:12-15; Ephesians 6:9; Colossians 4:1), but does not outlaw slavery altogether. Many see this as the Bible condoning all forms of slavery. What many fail to understand is that slavery in biblical times was very different from the slavery that was practiced in the past few centuries in many parts of the world. The slavery in the Bible was not based exclusively on race. People were not enslaved because of their nationality or the colour of their skin. In Bible times, slavery was more a matter of social status. People sold themselves as slaves when they could not pay their debts or provide for their families. In New Testament times, sometimes doctors, lawyers, and even politicians were slaves of someone else. Some people actually chose to be slaves so as to have all their needs provided for by their masters.

THE HEBREWS BECAME SLAVES IN EGYPT

- The slavery of the past few centuries was often based exclusively on skin colour. In the United States, many black people were considered slaves because of their nationality; many slave owners truly believed black people to be inferior human beings. The Bible most definitely does condemn race-based slavery. Consider the slavery the Hebrews experienced when they were in Egypt. The Hebrews were slaves, not by choice, but because they were Hebrews (Exodus 13:14). The plagues YHWH poured out on Egypt demonstrate how HE feels about racial slavery (Exodus 7-11). So, yes, the Bible does condemn some forms of slavery. At the same time, the Bible does seem to allow for other forms. The key issue is that the slavery the Bible allowed for in no way resembled the racial slavery that plagued our world in the past few centuries.



PENALTY FOR MAN STEALING IN THE OT WAS DEATH

- In addition, both the Old and New Testaments condemn the practice of “man-stealing” which is what happened in Africa in the 19th century. Africans were rounded up by slave-hunters, who sold them to slave-traders, who brought them to the New World to work on plantations and farms. This practice is abhorrent to God. In fact, the penalty for such a crime in the Mosaic Law was death: “Anyone who kidnaps another and either sells him or still has him when he is caught must be put to death” (Exodus 21:16).
- Similarly, in the New Testament, slave-traders are listed among those who are “ungodly and sinful” and are in the same category as those who kill their fathers or mothers, murderers, adulterers and perverts, and liars and perjurers (1 Timothy 1:8-10).



FREEDOM FROM THE SLAVERY OF SIN

- Another crucial point is that the purpose of the Bible is to point the way to salvation, not to reform society. The Bible often approaches issues from the inside out. If a person experiences the love, mercy, and grace of God by receiving His salvation, YHWH will reform his soul, changing the way he thinks and acts. A person who has experienced HIS gift of salvation and freedom from the slavery of sin, as Yah reforms his soul, will realize that enslaving another human being is wrong. A person who has truly experienced Yahweh's grace will in turn be gracious towards others. That would be the Bible's prescription for ending slavery.



Israel's Messiah Yahshua HaMaschiach is to rule over all the nations of the world from Jerusalem during the coming Millennial kingdom

- Psalm 2, and Isaiah 60 for instance, show this: **Why do the nations conspire, and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and his anointed, saying, "Let us burst their bonds asunder, and cast their cords from us." He who sits in the heavens laughs; the LORD has them in derision. Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, "I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill." I will tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to me, "You are my son, today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron, and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, with trembling kiss his feet, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way; for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.**

- **Arise, shine; for your light [Israel] has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes round about, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far, and your daughters shall be carried in the arms. Then you shall see and be radiant, your heart shall thrill and rejoice; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD. All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you, the rams of Nebai'oth shall minister to you; they shall come up with acceptance on my altar, and I will glorify my glorious house.**

- **Who are these that fly like a cloud, and like doves to their windows? For the coastlands [far distant lands] shall wait for me, the ships of Tarshish first, to bring your sons from far, their silver and gold with them, for the name of the LORD your God, and for the Holy One of Israel, because he has glorified you. Foreigners shall build up your walls, and their kings shall minister to you; for in my wrath I smote you, but in my favor I have had mercy on you. Your gates shall be open continually; day and night they shall not be shut; that men may bring to you the wealth of the nations, with their kings led in procession. For the nation and kingdom that will not serve you shall perish... (Isaiah 60:1-12)**

PANGAEA – THE DISPERSION

OF THE PEOPLE

AND THE CONTINENTS

- The confusion of tongues at the tower of [Babel](#) occurred not long after the flood, (~100 yrs). The world population at that time may only have been only 2000-10,000 persons (Henry Morris, *Genesis*). The nations then scattered from Babylon. Continents separated in the time of Peleg, about 150-530 yrs after the Flood.
- Nimrod was two generations removed from Ham and built the City of Babylon where the Tower of Babel was located and from whence the people were scattered. (**Genesis 10:8**)
- Peleg was three generations from Ham's brother Shem. It was during Peleg's time that the land was divided. In other words, that's when the continents were separated. Prior to then there was a single land mass, called Pangea by scientists. There could have been several hundred years between Nimrod and Peleg. (**Genesis 10:25**)

- When YHWH scattered the people, he did it by making it impossible for any of the families of the three brothers to understand any of the others' language. This created mistrust and caused them to separate. YHWH put it into their hearts to continue roaming until there were great distances between them. No oceans impeded their wandering so they kept going until they were scattered all over the single land mass. Then God further isolated them by breaking the land mass up into the continents we see today.
- This forced people of like language to marry only among themselves. Their dominant traits became more so. For instance Ham's name means dark, as if sunburned. He named one of his sons Cush, the Hebrew word for black. Cush is the father of the black African races. Another son, Mizraim, founded both Upper and Lower Egypt.

- Shem is the father of the Arabs and Jews. Japeth is the father of the Europeans and Russians. The Chinese are descended from the Sinites, a branch of the Canaanites whose father was Ham.
- Recently conducted DNA studies show that the American Indians are descended from the people of Eastern Asia. Genetic science has shown that all the races we know today could have been formed within just a few generations.
- As people continued separating, they developed dialects and in some cases complete new languages.



Pangaea, according to modern science took place 240 million years ago. But according to scripture, it happened after the flood in the days of Noah:

(Genesis) 10:25-32 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.....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.