LifeBridge BAPTIST CHURCH

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Genesis: From Blood to Babel

Lesson Twenty • Genesis 10:1-32

Hope for the Nations

Another Genealogy, Another List of Names

Genesis 10 is a record of how humanity SPREAD throughout the earth after the Flood. It describes what happened when Noah and his family left the Ark and repopulated the earth.

The Spread of the Nations

1. God Designed ONE RACE.

One Race

It's called the HUMAN race and it began with NOAH after the Flood.

Now this is the genealogy of the sons of Noah: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And sons were born to them after the flood. Genesis 10:1

These were the families of the sons of Noah, according to their generations, in their nations; and from these the nations were divided on the earth after the flood. Gen. 10:32

2. God Designed MANY NATIONS.

Table of Nations

- The descendants of JAPHETH include 14 nations. *vs. 2-5*
- The descendants of HAM include 30 nations. *vs. 6-20*
- The descendants of SHEM include 26 nations. *vs. 21-31*

Lessons from the Table of Nations

- The human race is UNITED by ancestry and accountability to God.

  And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, "For we are also His offspring." Acts 17:26-28 NKJV

- The human race is DIVIDED by geography, language, culture, ethnicity, and most of all by sin.

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- People and nations are quick to FORGET the one true God.

  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). Genesis 10:8-12

- God is SOVEREIGN over every nation across the world.

  When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance, when He divided all mankind, He set up boundaries for the peoples according to the number of the sons of Israel. Deuteronomy 32:8 NIV

- God's desire is that PEOPLE from all the nations would know Him and worship Him.

  May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face shine on us— so that Your ways may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations. May the peoples praise You, God; may all the peoples praise You. May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth. Psalm 67:1-4 NIV

  "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...." Matthew 28:19 NKJV

Is There Hope for the Nations?

Yes, JESUS is the hope of the world, and God's plan of redemption includes people from all the nations.

And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because You were slain, and with Your blood You purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation." Revelation 5:9 NIV

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." Revelation 7:9-10 NIV