



GENESIS 10-11

THE NATIONS & THEIR DISPERSION

After the flood Noah's sons (Shem, Ham, and Japheth) started repopulating the earth. But instead of spreading out as God had commanded, they built a great tower in defiance of God. They thought they could establish a world-wide empire, or "United Nations" that would be independent of God. But they were really in rebellion against God. Up to that time all the people spoke one language. In judgment God sent a confusion of tongues and scattered them abroad.



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Main facts of Chapters 10 and 11

1. The unity of race and speech: The Sons of Noah, or Table of nations, is an extensive list of descendants of Noah appearing in Genesis 10 of the Hebrew Bible, representing a traditional ethnology. The significance of Noah, according to Genesis, is that the population of the Earth was completely destroyed during the Flood because of the wickedness of the inhabitants, and Noah and his family were the sole eight survivors to continue and repopulate the human race. Thus the view of history in the Bible is that all humans on Earth are descended from Noah's family



2. The place of settlement and rebellion, the land of Shinar. Nimrod: A hunter of men.

Modern Nimrod king of Shinar, was, according to the Book of Genesis and Books of Chronicles, the son of Cush and great-grandson of Noah. He is depicted in the Tanakh as a man of power in the earth, and a mighty hunter. Extra-biblical traditions associating him with the Tower of Babel led to his reputation as a king who was

rebellious against God. Several Mesopotamian ruins were given Nimrod's name by 8th-century Arabs, including the ruins of the Assyrian city of Kalhu (the biblical Calah), built by Shalmaneser I (1274-1244 BC). A number of attempts to connect him with historical figures have been made.

3. The Judgment of God – Confusion of tongues
4. The Result of Judgment – Dispersion
5. Division of the Continents Genesis 10:25 – Arrangement of the World explained (Genesis 11:8-9)
6. Genesis 11:26-31 The scene is in the ancient city of Ur, the place of Abram's birth and beginnings. The time is about 2100 B.C. Despite man's wickedness, God wanted to keep His promise that He made in the Garden of Eden to provide a way to save mankind from the penalty of sin. Abram was to leave Ur and go to Canaan (present day Israel), a trip of about 900 miles. It was God's plan to set Abraham and his descendants apart from the rest of the pagan world. God had a plan. God's plan for mankind with Abraham and his family in the next 39 chapters of Genesis.

Genealogy

- Noah – Comfort or Rest
- Shem – Famous; prosperity
- Arphaxad – A healer; a releaser
- Shelah – Sent Out, Branch or Javelin
- Eber – To pass over, through, take away
- Peleg – Division
- Reu – Friend
- Nahor – Breathing Hard
- Terah – Delayed
- Abram – a high father - later to be called Abraham - father of multitude

