

The Genealogy of the Sons of Noah

Gen 10¹ Now **this is the genealogy of the sons of Noah**: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And sons were born to them after the flood.

² **THE SONS OF JAPHETH** were **GOMER, MAGOG, MADAI, JAVAN, TUBAL, MESHECH, and TIRAS**. ³ **THE SONS OF GOMER** were Ashkenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah. ⁴ **THE SONS OF JAVAN** were Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim. ⁵ **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.

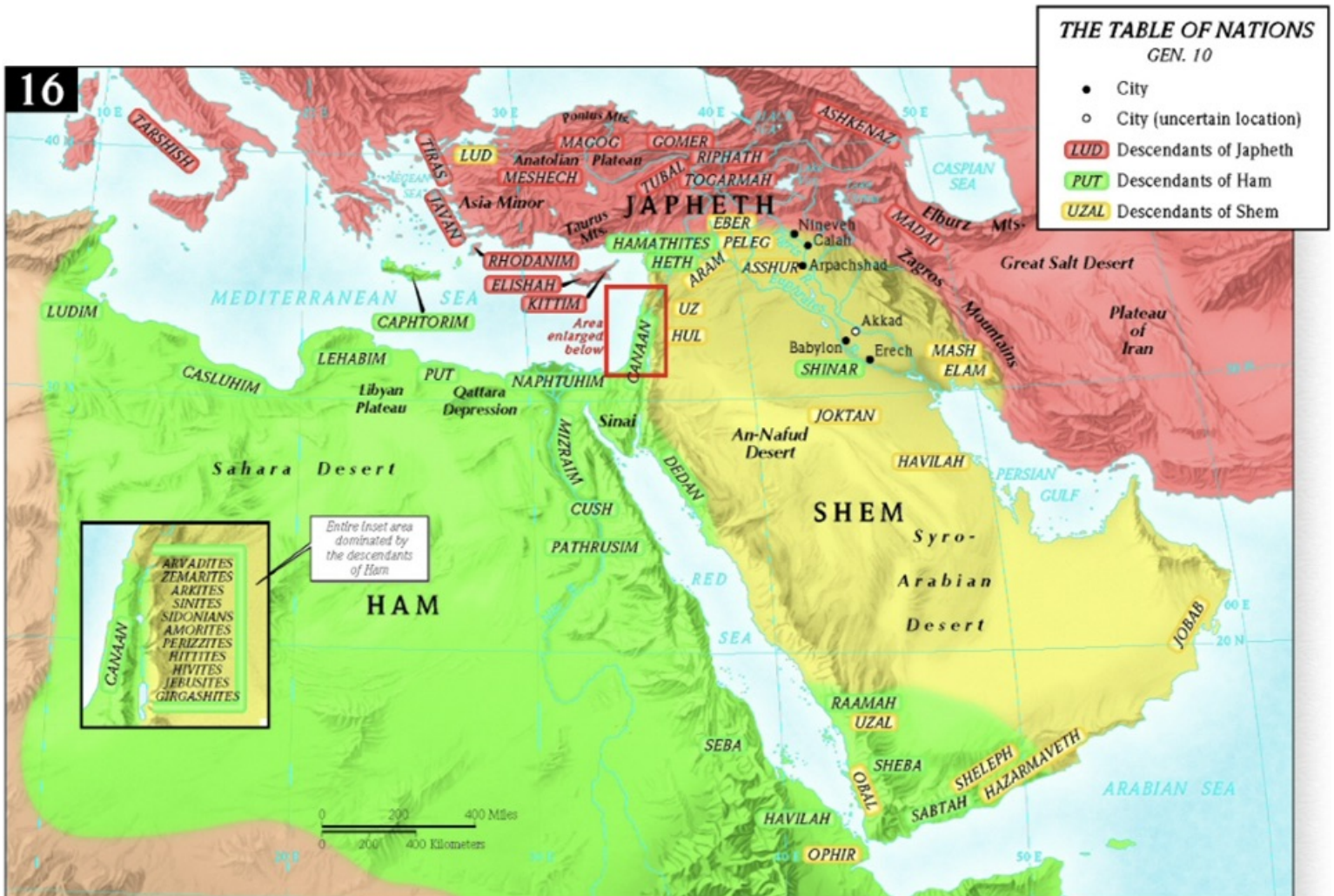
⁶ **THE SONS OF HAM** were **CUSH, MIZRAIM, PUT, and CANAAN**. ⁷ **THE SONS OF CUSH** were Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah, and Sabtechah; and the sons of Raamah were Sheba and Dedan. ⁸ **CUSH** begot **Nimrod**; he **became to be a mighty one on the earth**. ⁹ He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD." ¹⁰ **And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar**. ¹¹ **From that land he went to Assyria and built Nineveh, Rehoboth Ir, Calah,** ¹² and Resen between Nineveh and Calah (that is the principal city). ¹³ **MIZRAIM** begot Ludim, Anamim, Lehabim, Naphtuhim, ¹⁴ Pathrusim, and Casluhim (from whom came the Philistines and Caphtorim). ¹⁵ **CANAAN** begot Sidon his firstborn, and Heth; ¹⁶ the Jebusite, the Amorite, and the Girgashite; ¹⁷ the Hivite, the Arkite, and the Sinite; ¹⁸ the Arvadite, the Zemarite, and the Hamathite. Afterward **the families of the Canaanites** were dispersed. ¹⁹ **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. ²⁰ These were **THE SONS OF HAM**, according to their families, according to their languages, in their lands and in their nations.

²¹ **AND CHILDREN WERE BORN ALSO TO SHEM, the father of all the children of Eber, the brother of Japheth the elder**.

²² **THE SONS OF SHEM** were **ELAM, ASSHUR, ARPHAXAD, LUD, and ARAM**. ²³ **THE SONS OF ARAM** were Uz, Hul, Gether, and Mash.

²⁴ **ARPHAXAD** begot Salah, and Salah begot **Eber**. ²⁵ **To Eber** were born two sons: the name of one was **Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided** [see Gn 11.1-9]; and his brother's name was Joktan. ²⁶ Joktan begot Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah, ²⁷ Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah, ²⁸ Obal, Abimael, Sheba, ²⁹ Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab. All these were the sons of Joktan. ³⁰ **And their dwelling place was from Mesha** as you go toward Sephar, the mountain of the east. ³¹ These were **THE SONS OF SHEM**, according to their families, according to their languages, in their lands, according to their nations [see also Gn 11.10-26].

³² **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.**



* **Ch 10 appears** to show us the sons of Noah filling the earth in keeping with God's command (9.1), but there is a problem. What is it, and how do ch 9-11 show us the nature of the problem?

Gn 9¹ So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth ...⁶ Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man.⁷ And as for you, be fruitful and multiply" (cf. Gn 1.27-28)

* **How are** Noah's oracles concerning his sons often misread?

Gn 9²⁴ So Noah ... knew what his younger son had done to him.²⁵ Then he said: "Cursed be Canaan; A servant of servants He shall be to his brethren."²⁶ And he said: "Blessed be the LORD, The God of Shem, And may Canaan be his servant.²⁷ May God enlarge Japheth, And may he dwell in the tents of Shem; And may Canaan be his servant."

* **How should** they be read, and whom do each of the sons represent?

– Ham

– Shem

– Japheth

* **What are** some biblical evidences supporting this reading?

1) Ham is not cursed, but _____ (9.25).

2) Shem is not blessed, but the _____ of Shem (9.26).

3) God did not allow the conquest of Canaan until the inhabitants'

_____ was complete (Gn 15.16).

Gn 15¹⁶ "But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete."

4) Inhabitants of Canaan who showed the heart of _____ came under the blessing, and Israelites who showed the heart of _____ came under the curse.

Gn 15¹⁸ [T]he LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates—¹⁹ the Kenites, **the Kenezites**, the Kadmonites,²⁰ the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim,²¹ the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites."

Josh 14¹⁰ "[B]ehold, the LORD has kept me alive, just as he said, these forty-five years since the time that the LORD spoke this word to Moses, while Israel walked in the wilderness ...¹² So now give me this hill country of which the LORD spoke on that day ...¹⁴ Therefore Hebron became the inheritance of **Caleb** the son of Jephunneh **the Kenizzite** to this day, because he wholly followed the LORD, the God of Israel. ...¹⁵ ¹³ According to the commandment of the LORD to Joshua, he gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh a portion among the people of Judah ...¹⁴ And Caleb drove out from there the three sons of Anak

Lev 18³ "[A]ccording to the doings of the land of Canaan, ... you shall not do ...⁶ None of you shall ... [commit incest, adultery, sodomy, bestiality, nor shall you]²¹ ... let any of your descendants pass through the fire to Molech ...²⁴ Do not defile yourselves with any of these things; for by all these the nations are defiled, which I am casting out before you.²⁵ [T]herefore I visit the punishment of its iniquity upon it, and the land vomits out its inhabitants.²⁶ You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, and shall not commit any of these abominations ...²⁸ lest the land vomit you out also

* **Ultimately**, who does Shem picture in Gn 9, and who dwells in the tents of Shem?

Heb 12² [L]ook ... unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith

Gal 3²⁹ [I]f you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Eph 2¹¹ [Y]ou, once Gentiles in the flesh ...¹³ ... have been brought near by the blood of Christ ...¹⁹ [Y]ou are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens and members of the household of God

Mt 28¹⁹ "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations"

