

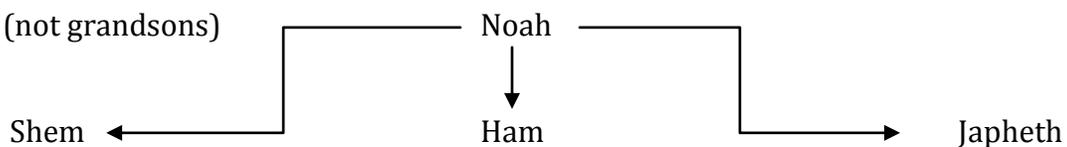
A Word from Kathy

We will be focusing our attention this week on Genesis 10-11. Some of you will thoroughly enjoy our time looking at the lists and genealogies. Some of you will need to remind yourself that these chapters are important, and God wants to speak to us through them. God's Word needs no "filler" so let's dig in and uncover some of the reasons God added these genealogies. Believe me God will speak to you through these two chapters. If you ask and seek Him, you will find Him.

Please read the two chapters at least twice before beginning to answer the questions. Pray and ask God to open your heart to all He longs to show you His.

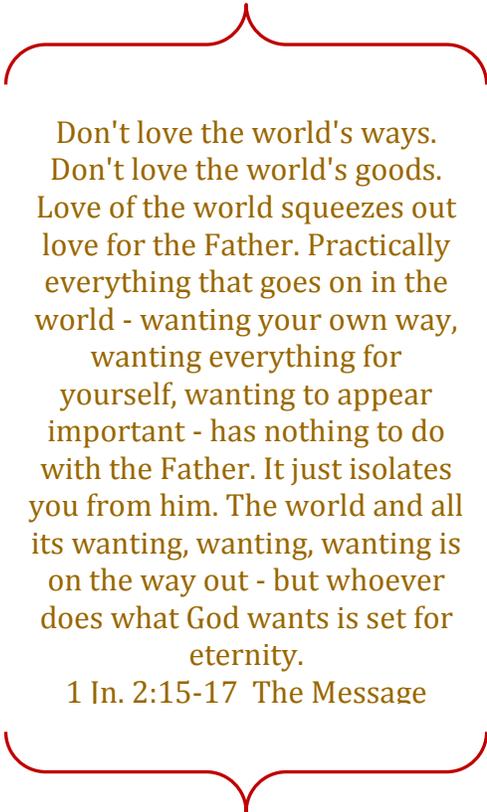
Observation

1. Notice the promise and the hope that Genesis 10:1 reveals. How many people are alive on the earth at this point? What was God's instruction to them in Gen. 9:1? God is the giver of life, so what is He promising to do for them?
2. Noah had three sons. Fill in the chart below with the names of their sons.
(not grandsons)



For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.
Jer. 29:11

3. What are the four reoccurring divisions?
Look at verses 5, 20, 31 & 32.
4. Briefly state what you learned about Nimrod from verses 8-12. This will be of great importance when you get over to Genesis 11:1-4. What is often a character flaw of the mighty?
5. In order to be have a greater understanding of these nations and people, look up Deut. 7:1-8 and compare the names with those given in Gen. 10:15-19. What do you learn about where these people began and what they are like after several generations?
6. God had given man the ability to communicate. Man was the one creature that God had given the gift of language. Man could commune with God and each other. What once was intended for a blessing has a distinct part in their tragic plan. Read Gen. 11:1-9. How had man used God's gift for his own purposes? What was the two-fold purpose behind their building project? What had man been instructed to do in Gen. 9:1?
7. Read Isaiah 42:8. What does God say He will not do? What did these men desire to do by building this tower?
8. What promise had God made to mankind that would spare their prideful and glory-seeking lives? Gen. 8:21
9. What did God do to stop this tower?
Gen.11:7
Gen. 11:8
10. There is a chart attached to the end of this lesson. Fill in the blanks as you read Gen. 11: 10-32



Don't love the world's ways.
Don't love the world's goods.
Love of the world squeezes out
love for the Father. Practically
everything that goes on in the
world - wanting your own way,
wanting everything for
yourself, wanting to appear
important - has nothing to do
with the Father. It just isolates
you from him. The world and all
its wanting, wanting, wanting is
on the way out - but whoever
does what God wants is set for
eternity.
1 In. 2:15-17 The Message

11. Look at the map and locate Babel, Ur of the Chaldeans, Haran and Canaan.
Where does Gen. 11:31 say Terah and his family were headed on this journey?
Why do you suppose he stopped in Haran?

Interpretation

12. What are your thoughts about these two chapters after your time spent studying them?
13. How significant and important is the family line we are from? What are some positives concerning your family line looking back just a few generations?
14. Is it possible to change the character of a family line? If so, how?
15. It has been said, "We cannot control the past, but we can determine the direction of our future." Next week we will see this as we study Abram's call.

Digging Deeper

1. *Look up the meaning of the name "Nimrod". If you have a good Bible dictionary, such as Unger's, look him up and get a better insight not only into this man but into his leadership.*
2. *Look closely at Genesis 10:10 "And the beginning of His kingdom was Babel..." does this give you a hint as to what Nimrod was interested in hunting? Was he out to bag an animal or the hearts of men?*
3. *Do we have men today who are interested in building their own "kingdom" with seemingly little thought to the commands of the Lord?*
4. *Highlight the pronouns in Genesis 11:3-4. Who is on their hearts and minds?*

Application

16. God does not need to wait for history to unfold; He knows the beginning to the end of all things. It is our loving heavenly Father's desire that we walk in obedience to His commands. Very soon in our study of the Old Testament we will see God directing His chosen people Israel to avoid those nations that have chosen their will over God's. We must take care in choosing our close friends. What influence are your close friends having on you?

17. Has God spoken to you about making some changes to your inner circle of influence? This is not being judgmental. Strengthening our inner circle allows us to better love God with our whole heart, soul, and mind as Jesus taught.

18. Read Proverbs 16:28; 22:24-25 who are we warned to avoid?

19. The proud men of Babel chose to erect a tower to heaven in order to make themselves a great name, but God said, No! Is this attitude still present today? Great achievements of man often result in pride, not heavenly praise. Are there any monuments in your life or heart?

20. What is your self-worth, your significance, truly centered on? Picture your life without these things. Now how do you view yourself?

21. Is it wrong to strive to achieve, to make goals, and to do our best? How do we know when we are erecting a tower in our life or striving to use all God has given us to its fullest potential?