#### Calvary Chapel Portsmouth

# The Book of Genesis

In the beginning...

## The Post Flood World Chapter 10-11

#### The Story So Far...

- God has created all things 'Very good'
- Lucifer (Anointed Cherub) given the highest position
  - To whom would the king delight to do honour more than to myself? (Esther 6:6)
- Then Adam is made in the image of God and given the charge over all creation!
- Satan furious seeks to destroy man
- God (in His mercy) promises a Saviour
   Kinsman Redeemer

#### The Story So Far...

- Satan launches a full scale attack against the Seed (who will it be?)
  - Abel?
    - The 1<sup>st</sup> murder
- Satan launches 2<sup>nd</sup> assault
  - Satanic intrusion into the human race
  - Wickedness goes off the scale
  - God interviews to save humanity
     Only Noah & his family remain genetically pure
- God sends the flood (to preserve humanity)

#### The Threefold Stratagem

- After the flood, Satan launched a more subtle threefold stratagem:
- World Government
  - To manipulate mankind (against the Seed)
- False Religion
  - To deceive mankind (into following a false seed)
- 'Seek & Destroy' Plan
  - To annihilate the 'threat' of the real Seed

#### The Threefold Stratagem

- 1) World Government
  - Abruptly halted at the Tower of Babel
  - But being re-established NOW
  - And will take up arms against the Seed
- 2) False Religion
  - Satanic stroke of genius
- 3) Seek & Destroy
  - We addressed this in Genesis 6
  - It will keep reoccurring until David's time
  - It became the basis of legend & folklore across many cultures

#### The Book of Genesis Part 1 Creation Fall of Man Genesis 1, 2 Genesis 3 Cain & Abel Genesis 4 Genealogy of Noah Genesis 5 Genesis 6-9 Flood of Noah Table of Nations & Tower of Babel Genesis 10-11 Part 2 Genesis 12-20 Abraham Genesis 21-26 Isaac Genesis 27-36 Jacob

Genesis 37-50 Joseph

Mt. Ararat?

Babel

#### From the east...? Genesis 11:2

# בראשית ברא אלהים The Table of Nations Chapter 10

## **Unsurpassed Accuracy**

- It is commonly thought in this present age that nothing is worthy of our belief unless first it can be scientifically demonstrated and observed to be true.
- ...it was assumed without further enquiry that nothing in especially the earlier portions of the biblical record could be demonstrated to be true and factual. This applied particularly to the book of Genesis.

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 In other words, we were solemnly assured in the light of modern wisdom that, historically speaking, the book of Genesis was simply not worth the paper it was written on.

On the one hand I had the Bible itself claiming to be the very Word of God, and on the other I was presented with numerous commentaries that spoke with one voice in telling me that the Bible was nothing of the kind. It was merely a hotch-potch collection of middle-eastern myths and fables that sought to explain the world in primitive terms.

Now, it simply was not possible for both these claims to be valid. Only one of them could be right...



So it was then that I decided to select a certain portion of Genesis and submit it to a test which, if applied to any ordinary historical document, would be considered a test of the most unreasonable severity. And I would continue that test until either the book of Genesis revealed itself to be a false account, or it would be shown to be utterly reliable in its historical statements.

What I had not expected at the time was the fact that the task was to engage my attention and energies for more than twenty-five years...



The test that I devised was a simple one. If the names of the individuals, families, peoples and tribes listed in the Table of Nations were genuine, then those same names should appear also in the records of other nations of the Middle East.

It simply was not realistic to expect that every name would have been recorded in the annals of the ancient Middle East and would also have survived to the present day.

I therefore would have been content to have found say 40% of the list vindicated.



In fact that would have been a very high achievement given the sheer antiquity of the Table of Nations itself and the reported scarcity of the surviving extra-biblical records from those ancient times.

But when, over my twenty-five years of research, that confirmatory evidence grew past 40% to 50%, and then 60% and beyond, it soon became apparent that modern wisdom in this matter was wide of the mark. Very wide of the mark indeed.



#### Today I can say that the names so far vindicated in the Table of Nations make up over 99% of the list,

...and I shall make no further comment on that other than to say that no other ancient historical document of purely human authorship could be expected to yield such a level of corroboration as that!



<sup>1</sup>Now these are the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth: and unto them were sons born after the flood.



<sup>2</sup> The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras.
<sup>3</sup> And the sons of Gomer; Ashkenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah.

<sup>4</sup> And the sons of Javan; Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim.

<sup>5</sup> By these were the isles of the Gentiles  $di \lor ided$  in their lands;  $e \lor ery$  one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.

Gen 10:2-5



- **Gomer:** (Herodotus, Plutarch, et al): Cimmerians settled along the Danube and Rhine.
  - Ashkenaz: Germany.
  - Riphath: (Josephus: Paphlagonians; "Europe" from Riphath.)
  - -Togarmah: Armenians, Turkey, Turkestan
- Magog: "Scythians" (Critical to understanding Ez. 38 & 39)
  - Hesiod, Greek didactic poet, 8<sup>th</sup> cent. B.C.
  - Herodotus, "The Father of History", 5<sup>th</sup> cent. B.C.
  - The Scythians were the forbears of Russia

- Madai: Medes (Kurds)
  - Emerged about 10<sup>th</sup> cent. BC; coalition with Persia (Elam), 7<sup>th</sup> cent BC.
- **Tubal:** Eastern Anatolia (Turkey)
- Meshech: Eastern Anatolia (Turkey)
- Javan: Ionia; Greece
- Tiras: Pelasgians of the Aegean; the Etruscans of Italy







#### Ezekiel 38





<sup>6</sup> And the sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, and Phut, and Canaan.

<sup>7</sup> And the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabtah, and Raamah, and Sabtecha: and the sons of Raamah; Sheba, and Dedan.

Gen 10:6-7

<sup>13</sup> And Mizraim begat Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim, <sup>14</sup> And Pathrusim, and Casluhim, (out of whom came Philistim,) and Caphtorim. <sup>15</sup> And Canaan begat Sidon his firstborn, and Heth, <sup>16</sup> And the Jebusite, and the Amorite, and the Girgasite, <sup>17</sup> And the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite, <sup>18</sup> And the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite: and afterward were the families of the Canaanites spread abroad.

<sup>19</sup> And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon, as thou comest to Gerar, unto Gaza; as thou goest, unto Sodom, and Gomorrah, and Admah, and Zeboim, even unto Lasha.

<sup>20</sup> These are the sons of Ham, after their families, after their tongues, in their countries, and in their nations.

Gen 10:19-20



#### Ham

- Mizraim: Upper & Lower Egypt

   Philistines ("Palestinians" = not sons of Ishmael)
- Cush: Ethiopia, Kassites, E of Assyria (Settled S of the 2<sup>nd</sup> cataract of the Nile)
   – Nimrod: Bab-El, Erech, Accad, Calneh
- Phut: (Settled W of Egypt) Ethiopia, N Africa
- Canaan: Sidon to Gaza, Sodom, & Gomorrah
  - Khittae ("Cathay")
  - Sinites (Sino = China)

#### Ham



#### Ham



<sup>8</sup> And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth. <sup>9</sup> He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD.

Gen 10:8-9

a mighty hunter (of men) in defiance of the LORD



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Gen 10:10-11

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 <sup>12</sup> And Resen between Nineveh and Calah: the same is a great city.

Gen 10:10-11

Asshur was a son of Shem who 'set-up camp' in Assyria Asshur means 'to be made strong'

<sup>10</sup> And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.
 <sup>11</sup> Out of that land be went forth, when be had been made strong, and builded Nineveh, and the city Rehoboth, and Calah, <sup>12</sup> And Resen between Nineveh and Calah: the same is a great city.

Gen 10:10-11

# The Rise of Nimrod

I am persuaded that the whole perplexity that commentators have hitherto felt in considering this passage, has arisen from that there is a proper name in passage, where in reality no proper name exists. Asshur is the passive participle of a verb, which, in its Chaldee sense, signifies "being strengthened," or "made strong," and consequently, signifies "being strengthened," or "made strong."

Read thus, the whole passage is natural and easy (verse 10), "And the beginning of his (Nimrod's) kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh". A beginning naturally implies something to succeed, and here we find it (ver. 11); "Out of that land he went forth, being made strong, or when he had been made strong (Ashur), builded Nineveh."

Now, this exactly agrees with the statement in the ancient history of Justin...

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# Nimrod

- "Rebel"
- First "World Dictator"
- Founder of Babylon & Nineveh
- Continued in his fathers footsteps trying to unite the world (under his control)
- Model of the Antichrist
- Died (was killed?) while out hunting
- He left his pregnant wife Semiramis

#### The Threefold Stratagem

- False Religion
  - Established at Babel (Babylon)
  - Cush (Grandson of Noah) built Tower
  - Nimrod 1<sup>st</sup> World Dictator
  - Nimrod killed (by Shem?)
  - Wife (Semiramis) concocts plan...

"If there was one who was more deeply concerned in the tragic death of Nimrod than another, it was his wife Semiramis, who from an originally humble position, had been raised to share with him the throne of Babylon. What, in this emergency shall she do? Shall she quietly forego the pomp and pride to which she has been raised?

*Rev Alexander Hislop* – The Two Babylons (*p58*)

"No. Though the death of her husband has given a rude shock to her power, yet her resolution and unbounded ambition were in flight. In life her husband had been honoured as a hero; in death she will have him worshipped as a god, yea as the woman's promised seed 'Zoro-ashta'."

Rev Alexander Hislop – The Two Babylons (p58)

- Rather than give up her throne, Semiramis told the story that her husband Nimrod, though dead, had been brought back to life as her baby son!
- And so began the worship of Mother and Child.

- Both Nimrod (supposedly now reincarnated as his own son) and Semiramis became worshipped as gods
- She being known as the 'Queen of Heaven'
- Her son (who she named Tammuz) was hailed as 'the promised Seed'
- Almost all false religion came from this origin.

- Thousands of years before the birth of the real Seed – Jesus Christ – false religions worshipping the 'Mother and Child' were spreading out all around the world.
  - In Egypt the Mother and Child were worshipped under the names of Isis and Osiris.
  - In India, even to this day as Isi and Iswara;
  - In Asia as Cybele and Deoius;
  - In pagan Rome as Fortuna and Jupiter
  - In Greece as Irene and Plutus;

"Even in Thibet, in China and Japan, the Jesuit missionaries were astonished to find the counterpart of [the Roman Catholic] Madonna and her child as devoutly worshipped as in Papel Rome itself; Shing Moo, the Holy Mother in China, being represented with a child in her arms, and a glory around her, exactly as if a Roman Catholic artist had been employed to set her up"

*Rev Alexander Hislop* – The Two Babylons

- The Hebrew Mazzaroth, that told God's plan of redemption in the stars, became corrupted into the Zodiac
  - NB: the same in all the cultures around the world
  - demonstrating its single point of origin.

 Christmas, Easter, Lent, Lady Day, the Rosary, the sign of the cross (from the 'T' in Tammuz), worship of relics, the doctrine of purgatory, an elite priesthood, the sacrifice of the mass and so many other things all had their origin in Babylon.

#### The Fertile Crescent

Assyria

Egypt

Babyionia

#### The Land of Nimrod

- Babel
- Accad (Akkad, Agade)
- Erech (Uruk, Sumeria)
- Nineveh (Assyria)
- Sumer (Shinar)
- Calah (20 mi from Nineveh)



<sup>21</sup> Unto Shem also, the father of all the children of Eber, the brother of Japheth the elder, even to him were children born. <sup>22</sup> The children of Shem; Elam, and Asshur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram. <sup>23</sup> And the children of Aram; Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Mash. <sup>24</sup> And Arphaxad begat Salah; and Salah begat Eber.

Gen 10:21-24



# Shem

- Elam: Persia (Iran)
- Asshur
- Arphaxad
   Salah
   Eber

<sup>25</sup> 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.<sup>26</sup> And Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazar-maveth, and Jerah, <sup>27</sup> And Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah, <sup>28</sup> And Obal, and Abimael, and Sheba, <sup>29</sup> And Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab: all these were the sons of Joktan. <sup>30</sup> And their dwelling was from Mesha, as thou goest unto Sephar a mount of the east.

# Shem

- Elam: Persia (Iran)
- Asshur
- Arphaxad
  - Salah
    - Eber
      - Peleg ("earth divided")
      - Joktan
- Lud
- Aram

<sup>31</sup> These are the sons of Shem, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, after their nations.
<sup>32</sup> 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.

Gen 10:31-32

# Shem

- Elam: Persia (Iran)
- Asshur
- Arphaxad
   Salah

Eber

Peleg ("earth divided") Joktan

- Lud
- Aram



# Shem





	Noah	
26	30	14 = 70
Shem	Ham	Japheth
Elam	Cush	Gomer
Asshur	Mizraim	Magog
Arphaxad	Put	Madai
Lud	Canaan	Javan
Aram		Tubal
		Meshech
		Tiras

# **Dividing of the Nations**

<sup>8</sup>When the most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel.

**Deut 32:8** 

Deut 10:22 70 children of Jacob go to Egypt

Gen 10 70 nations comprising the world's families

### **Next Session**

• The Tower of Babel

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