

“When the World is Not Your Home”

(part 1)

Text – Genesis 10-11

Series – Lessons on Faith From the Life of Abraham

**Genesis chapters 10 and 11 are pivotal chapters
in the Word of God and the history of man.**

1. Showing the *common kinship* of all nations and races through the sons of Noah
2. Genesis 11 is pivotal because it reveals where God began to deal with the *Hebrews* in the unfolding of His *redemptive* plan of *salvation* for sinners.

I. The sons of Noah and the three branches of humanity following the Flood (Genesis 10)

A. Sons of Japheth (Genesis 10:2-5)

1. He may or may not have been Noah’s eldest son (Gen. 10:21)
 - Genesis 10:21 can be read either: “the brother of Japheth the elder”
 - The elder brother of Japheth
2. Noah's prophecy concerning Japheth’s lineage (9:27)
3. Japheth was the father of the European\Asiatic *Gentile* nations. (10:5)

B. Sons of Ham – Noah’s *youngest* son (Genesis 10:6-20)

1. Noah's prophecy concerning Ham’s lineage (Genesis 9:25-27)
2. Ham's descendants founded some of the first great *world empires*.
3. Ham's descendants were very *industrious*. (Gen. 9:25)

C. Sons of Shem (Genesis 10:21-31)

1. Shem may or may not have been Noah’s eldest son (Gen. 10:21)
 - Genesis 10:21 can be read either: “the brother of Japheth the elder”
 - The elder brother of Japheth
2. Shem was the “father of all the children of *Eber*” (Gen. 10:21).
3. Bible scholars suggest the word "Hebrew" was derived from “*Eber’s*” name.
4. Shem's lineage was the line through which God would fulfill His promise of a Redeemer and Savior.

II. Nimrod, the grandson of Ham, the son of Cush, was the first ruler following the flood (Genesis 10:8-10)

- A. "Nimrod" is described as “a mighty one in the earth” (Genesis 10:8).
- B. Nimrod was a “mighty hunter” (Genesis 10:9)
- C. Nimrod’s lineage settled “in the land of Shinar” [area of Babylon] (Gen. 10:10)

III. The Dispersion of Humanity (Genesis 11)

A. God’s Intervention was necessitated by Man’s Rebellion at the Tower of Babel

- 1. The Unity of Humanity following the Flood (Genesis 11:1)
- 2. The Unity of Heart (Genesis 11:2, 4)

B. God's Goal and Purpose for Intervention (Gen. 11:5-9)

- 1. Divine Consideration (Gen. 11:5-6)
- 2. Divine Confrontation (Gen. 11:7,9)

Conclusion - Three Spiritual Lessons

- 1. All nations are of one blood - traced back to Noah's three sons.
- 2. All nations have one need - All men are sinners.
- 3. All nations have only one way of salvation - Jesus Christ, and Him Only!

John 14:6 - Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.