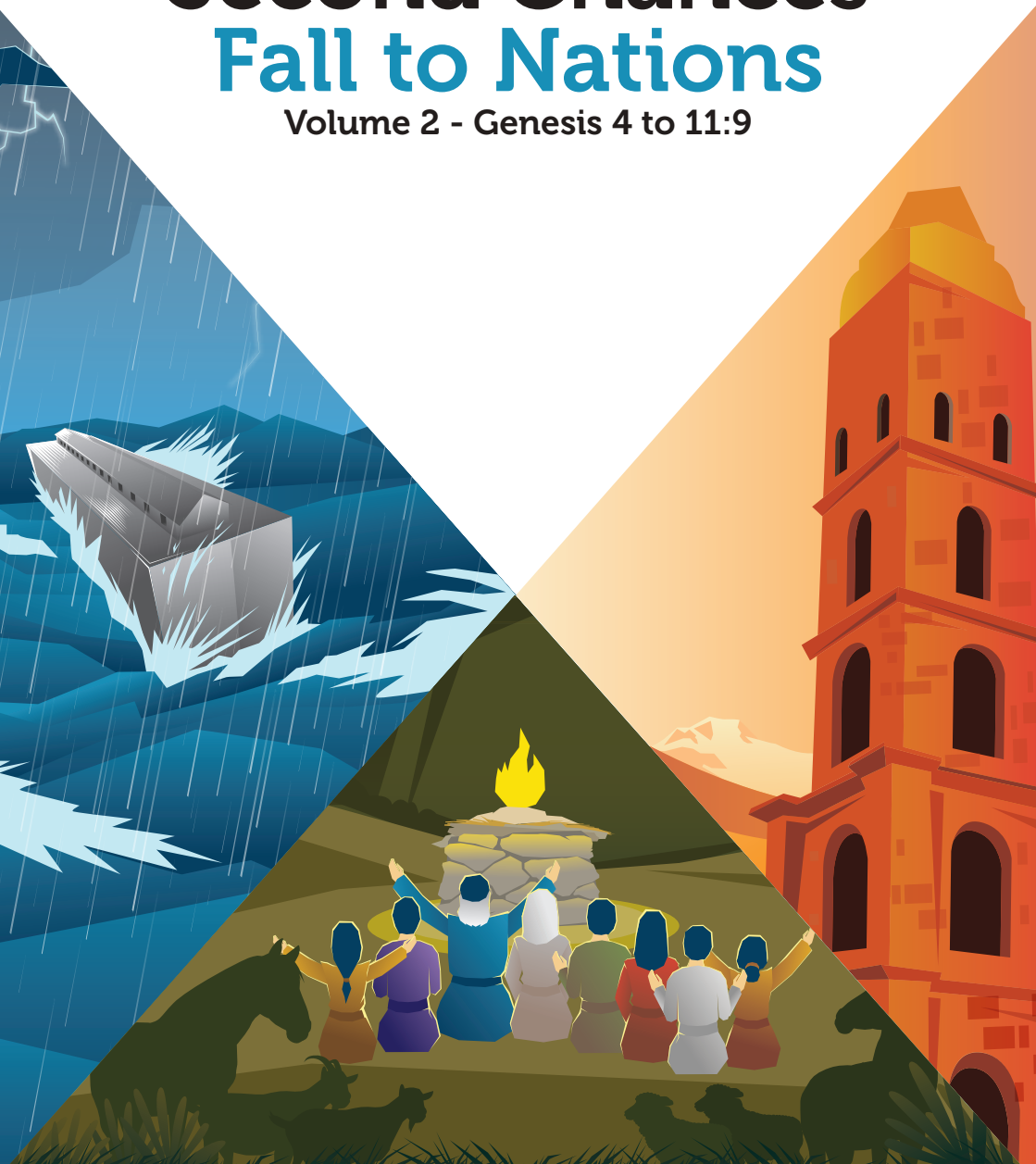




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Fruit of Sin

Dear Heavenly Father,

Like young Samuel, we say: "Speak, Lord, for Your servant hears" (1 Samuel 3:9). Teach us to listen and obey your word. Help us to grow in faith and trust You more. We are here because we long to know You. Speak, Lord. We are listening. We are Yours.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



Faith vs Work



Genesis 4:1-6

"Bring that little blood sacrifice which will **point to the Redeemer who is coming into the world.** Come on that basis, and don't come by bringing the works of your own hands."

-Dr. J. Vernon McGee



Key Insights

In Genesis 3, we have **the root of sin**; in Genesis 4, **the fruit of sin**.

Cain and Abel came from the same home **but approached God differently**: Cain offered **his own works**, Abel offered **what God required**.

Abel brought **a blood sacrifice in faith**. This pointed forward to Jesus Christ, **the Lamb of God who will redeem us from our sins**.

True worship is not **what we want to give God**, but **what He has asked**.



Spiritual Truths



Cain's offering = man's effort to reach God on man's terms.



Abel's offering = faith in God's word, coming to God on God's terms. (Hebrews 11:4)



Faith vs Works: Cain represents **humanity's perspective**, believing that human nature is **not inherently evil**, and thinking **his relationship with God is right**. Cain **decides** what to bring for the sacrifice. **Abel**, on the other hand, **represents God's way**.



Sinless Substitutionary Atonement: Penalty of sin can be paid by a **sinless substitute**.

Abel's Sacrifice Prefigures Christ

Abel's offering, a blood sacrifice. It was accepted because it was made by faith and in obedience to divine instruction.

“By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice...”
(Hebrews 11:4)

Connection to Christ: This points forward to the necessity of a substitutionary, blood offering - fulfilled ultimately in Christ's atoning death.

Salvation must come through a sacrifice, not man-made religion or works (as represented by Cain's offering).





Reflection

Question 1

When I come to God, do I give what I want to give, or what He asks from me?

Question 2

Am I worshipping God by faith, or relying on my good works and religious activity?

Question 3

In what ways do I see a “Cain-like” approach in my life, trying to earn God’s favour without obedience?



Application

Question 4

What does true surrender in worship look like for me today? Think of a specific way to practice it through confession, praise, or obedience.

Draw your Application



God's Second Chance & Cain's Heart



Genesis 4:6-16



God's Commands - What God Asks Cain to Do

"If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it."
(Genesis 4:7)

God gives a clear opportunity to repent and **do what is right**.

Cain's Action

Cain murders Abel. (1 John 3:12, Genesis 4:8)

Cain **showed no respect** for his brother or his God. **He tries to hide** what he did. "Am I my brother's keeper?" - what a rude reply!



God's Judgement - Every Sinner is held accountable

Cain's punishment was **greater than he could bear**. God said, "A **fugitive and a vagabond** you shall be on the earth."
(Genesis 4:12)

God will hold everyone accountable, no one is exempt - "So then each of us shall **give account of himself to God**."
(Romans 14:12)

God's Mercy - Chance for Repentance

And the Lord **set a mark on Cain**, lest **anyone finding him should kill him**. (Genesis 4:15)

Cain **didn't turn to God** and **confess his sin**, nor did he cast himself upon God's mercy.





Reflection

Question 1

Are there any sins “lying at the door” of my heart that I need to bring into the light, by confessing it to God and walking in repentance?

Question 2

How can I overcome those sins with the help of God's Spirit and His Word?



Application

Question 3

God is watching us and He will hold us accountable. How does this motivate you to follow His Word and live according to what He says?

Draw your Application



Legacies



Genesis 4:17-26

Cain's Line

Lamech:

Introduced polygamy (married two wives - Adah & Zillah) - leading to moral corruption.

Boasted of murder and claimed greater vengeance than Cain
(Genesis 4:23-24)

Shows increasing arrogance and pride, no fear of God, no repentance

Jabal, Son of Adah:

Father of those who live in tents and raising livestock - early nomadic industry.

Jubal, Brother of Jabal:

Father of music and instruments handling the harp and flute - birth of entertainment and arts culture.



Seth's Line

Seth and Enosh:

"Then men began to call on the name of the Lord".
(Genesis 4:26)

God's Promises - What God Will Do:

After Abel's death, God provides a new line of promise through Seth, a godly line to fulfill His promise in (Genesis 3:15) - Christ, the seed of the woman.



Tubal-Cain, Son of Zillah:

Forger of bronze and iron - first metalworker and craftsman of tools, weapons and infrastructure

Naamah, Sister of Tubal Cain:

Her name means "pleasant". Briefly mentioned in the bible, it symbolised a continuation of Cain's legacy and the prominence of women in early civilization.

Key Takeaways

Civilization progressed materially, but declined morally.

Polygamy is recorded in scripture, but its never approved by God.

Cain's legacy founded industries, but left out God.

Key Takeaways

Calling on God = Restoration of worship and faith in a fallen world

God's redemptive line continues despite man's sin.



Lamech feels that he will be avenged seventy and sevenfold, but our Lord told Simon Peter that he ought to forgive his enemy that many times.

Godly Seed vs Ungodly Seed



Cain and Abel represent Two Spiritual Lines

Cain and Abel **represent two spiritual seeds or two lines** that would continue through history:

Cain's line: Man's way, pride, violence, false religion.

Abel (and later Seth's) line: God's way, faith, obedience - The line through which the Lord Jesus Christ will come.



We are already seeing that there are two lines, two seeds, and they are against each other. The line we are following is the line through Seth, and it is through this line that Christ will ultimately come.

This saying mirrors when God spoke of in Genesis 3:15, **"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; he shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."**

It is fulfilled in Christ's victory over sin and Satan. loss of salvation. Noah faced shame, but God's covenant still remained.

Seth as the Appointed Seed Points to Christ

When Abel is murdered, Eve says:

"God has appointed another seed for me instead of Abel, whom Cain killed." (Genesis 4:25)

This is divinely orchestrated to preserve the Messianic line:

Seth's birth continues the godly line that would eventually lead to the **Godly seed**, which is our **Lord Jesus Christ**.

Through Seth, **"men began to call on the name of the Lord"**, restoring worship and aligning **with Christ's mission to reconcile man to God**.



Reflection

Question 1

How can I use my creative skills, practical skills and interpersonal communication skills in a way that honours God rather than glorifies self?

Question 2

How does the culture around me subtly approve things that God does not?

Question 3

What does it mean for me to “call upon the name of the Lord” in my daily life?



Application

Question 4

What is one specific step I can take this week to strengthen my identity as a child of God, through worship, prayer, obedience, or pointing someone to Christ?

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Draw your Application



Your Takeaway

Integrating **'God's Intelligence'** in my life.

McGee's Quote



“ You will never find anywhere in the Scriptures that God approves of polygamy. If you read the accounts accurately, you will find that He condemns it.

He gives the record of it because
He is giving a historical record,
and that is the basis on which it
is given to us here.





Walk with God

Dear Heavenly Father,

You have shown us what is good, to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with You (Micah 6:8). Like Enoch, teach us to walk with You, not just in moments, but through every day You give us. Keep our hearts, minds, and our feet close to You.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



The Generations of Adam through Seth



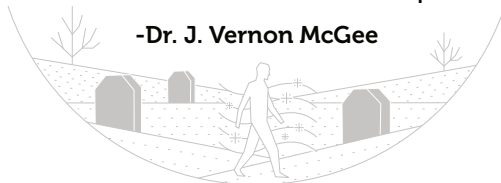
Genesis 5:1-20



"You walk through Genesis 5 like walking through a cemetery... but suddenly a man shows up who doesn't die - **he walks with God, and God takes him. That's Enoch.**

That's faith. That's hope."

-Dr. J. Vernon McGee



Key Insights

In Genesis 3, we saw **the curse of sin**. In Genesis 5, we see **the consequence of sin which leads to death**.

Adam was **made in God's image**, but his descendants were **born in his fallen likeness**. (Genesis 5:3)

The haunting repetition of the phrase "**and he died**" affirms Romans 6:23, "**The wages of sin is death**" and 1 Corinthians 15:22, "**For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.**"

The chapter **reads like a graveyard record**, until we meet one man who breaks the pattern. **Enoch, who walked with God and did not see death**.

This points to the hope that **though death reigns, walking with God leads to life**.



God's Attributes



Creator - God made man in His image. (Genesis 5:1)



Faithful Judge - He fulfilled His word: "In the day you eat... You will die." This death was a physical and spiritual death which leads to a separation from God.



Patient - He allowed long lives but doesn't withdraw His judgment.



Spiritual Truths

Sinful Nature - Passed from Adam to all his descendants.

Wages of Sin is Death - Even the godly line (like Seth's) **experienced death**.
"Death reigned from Adam to Moses." (*Romans 5:14*)

Two Genealogies - Genesis 5 opens with "**the book of the genealogy of Adam,**" while the New Testament opens with "**the book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ**" (*Matthew 1:1*).

One line ends in death, the other in eternal life.





Reflection

Question 1

How does knowing that your days are numbered stir a deeper desire to walk with God by faith?

Question 2

Imagine walking through a cemetery of believers. What comfort and hope does that give you to face life after death?



Application

Question 3

You are no longer just part of Adam's story. You belong to the lineage of Christ. How are you living out your new identity in Jesus, reflecting His righteousness, holiness, and eternal hope?

Draw your Application



Character Study

Enoch - A Long Walk to Heaven



Genesis 5:21-24

Enoch - what do we know about him?

He walked with God for 300 years after his son Methuselah was born.

He is one of only two men in the Bible who didn't die.

God took him directly to heaven.

In a world where death was the norm, Enoch's life was an exception, because of his relationship with God.



What did he do?

Enoch's walk was an intentional and consistent lifestyle of fellowship with God.

Enoch's spiritual renewal began after the birth of his son.

A reminder that family moments can often bring people back to God.

He lived in a corrupt world, but his intimacy with God set him apart.

His walk was counter-cultural and eternal.



We read that Enoch lived sixty-five years, and begat Methuselah, and after that he walked with God. I do not know what the first sixty-five years of his life were. I assume that he was like the rest of the crowd. This was a very careless period, moving now into the orbit of the days of Noah. But when that little boy Methuselah was born, Enoch's walk was changed.

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What do we learn from him?

Enoch's Fellowship - "Enoch walked with God" is mentioned twice (Genesis 5:22, 24), emphasizing its significance.

Rewarded by God - Hebrews 11:5 says, "he pleased God". Faith always moves God's heart.

Foreshadowing the Rapture - A man taken up without dying, a picture of what God will one day do for His Church. (1 Thessalonians 4:17)

His walk shows that true faith is not about ritual, but relationship with God.



Reflection

Question 1

How do you imagine Enoch lived his daily life?

Question 2

What does intentional fellowship with God look like for you?

Question 3

How would my life change if I walked with God every day, not just on Sundays?



Application

Question 4

Write your personal story: When did your “walk with God” begin? What changes have marked your journey so far and how can you walk more closely with Him this week?

Draw your Application



Methuselah - Corruption Before the Flood



Genesis 5:25 - 6:7



Spiritual Truths

Methuselah's life

The name "Methuselah" means, **"When he dies, it shall be sent."**
The flood came after he died.

Methuselah lived longer (969 years) than any other person recorded in the Bible. Why? God kept him alive so that **mankind** would know that **He is merciful and patient.**

God waited patiently for over 900 years before sending judgment.

Even in a list of deaths, **God's long-suffering** is evident.

"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is long-suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:9)

Methuselah's identity reminded the people that **judgment was coming**, and that mercy wouldn't last forever.



Why did Methuselah live longer than any other person? God kept him here just to let mankind know that He is patient and merciful. God will also wait for you, my friend, all of your life.



Genesis is a **book of genealogies** focusing on families.

The **"sons of God"** are people born in the **godly line from Adam through Seth**, while the **"daughters of men"** are the people born **from Cain's line**. Their intermarriage led to **great wickedness** on the earth.

The **godly and ungodly lines intermingled**, leading to widespread corruption.

"Every imagination... was only evil continually." These devastating words reveal **the condition of the human heart.** (Genesis 6:5)



Key Insights

Man's thoughts, desires, and imagination **became irreversibly wicked.**

"He was grieved in His heart." (v.6) God is **not distant** from human pain.

God gives **120 years of grace** for people **to repent before the Flood comes.**



Reflection

Question 1

How do I reflect God's patience with others or do I demand instant change or give up on people too quickly? Think of someone in your life who seems far from God and how you can reach out to them.

Question 2

Am I blending in with the world or standing apart like Enoch in a corrupt generation?



Application

Question 3

Identify one area of compromise in your life, entertainment, relationships, thoughts and take a concrete step this week to align it with God's holiness.

Question 4

In an age of moral confusion and compromised truth, how am I guarding my mind and heart from being corrupted?

Draw your Application



Salvation is Divine, not Human



Genesis 5:31-32; 6:3,7



Spiritual Truths

The Illusion of Human Goodness

The world promotes the idea that humans are **inherently good** and **capable of self-improvement or salvation**.

However, the Bible presents a different perspective:
"There is none righteous, no, not one." (Romans 3:10)

Human nature is **not naturally good**; it is **entirely evil**.



Communism and socialism seek to improve man. Arminianism means that man can assist in his salvation. Modernism says that man can save himself. In other words, salvation is sort of a do-it-yourself kit that God gives to you. Some of the cults tell us that human nature is totally good and that there is no such thing as sin.

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God's Spirit Strives with Man

God **gave humanity 120 years** to repent while Noah preached. This was a period of **long-suffering grace**, in which the **Spirit of God** was **actively pleading** with a corrupt world.

But the people **refused to turn**. As Peter writes, this same Spirit **preached through Noah to the now-imprisoned spirits**. (1 Peter 3:18-20).

Although **God regretted creating man**, He waited a long time for mankind **to repent before carrying out complete judgment**. God said, "I will destroy man... from the face of the earth." (Genesis 6:7)

Still, God's mercy was shown to Noah's family.





Reflection

Question 1

What is the difference between self-effort and surrender to God?

Question 2

What false ideas have I unconsciously absorbed about human nature or self-improvement?

Question 3

Do I believe deep down that I can fix myself or have I truly surrendered to God's Spirit?



Application

Question 4

Write down areas in your life where you've been relying on self-effort instead of surrender. Replace that effort with prayerful dependence, and invite the Spirit of God to convict, guide, and renew you in that area.

Draw your Application





“ God says that man is totally evil, totally bad. That is the condition of all of us. “There is none righteous, no, not one” (Romans 3:10). That is the estimate of the Word of God. If you will accept God’s Word for it, it will give you a truer conception of life today than is given to us by others.



Noah's Ark

Dear Heavenly Father,

Just as Noah found grace in Your eyes, we come longing for that same grace today. Help us trust and obey You like Noah did, even when others don't. Thank You for the salvation we have in Jesus Christ. Draw us close, keep us anchored in Your promise, and safe in Your grace.

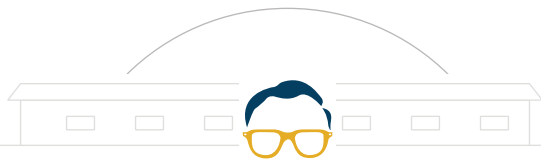
In Jesus' name, Amen.



Grace before Judgment



Genesis 6:8-13



"It took faith to build an ark on dry land when it hadn't even drizzled. **Noah believed God, and that saved his family.**"

-Dr. J. Vernon McGee

Why did God Save Noah?

He walked with God - a lifestyle of relational dependence and daily obedience (*Genesis 6:9*).

He was upright - Unlike the corrupt generation around him, **Noah lived uprightly** before God.

He believed - "By faith Noah... prepared an ark" (*Heb. 11:7*). **Noah responded in faith to God's warning about things not yet seen.**

He obeyed - Noah did **"all that God commanded him"** showing active, complete obedience. (*Genesis 6:22*)

He remained faithful - in a generation that had **completely rejected God**.

God's grace found him - Noah's salvation was a result of God's mercy, not by his own merit.

His righteousness was by faith - Like Abraham (*Romans 4:3*), **God made Noah righteous** because he believed in God and **not due to Noah's moral perfection.**



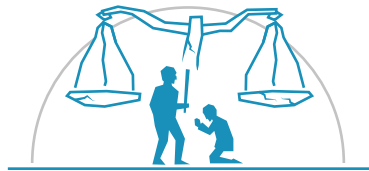
Why God sent the Flood (v.11-13)

"The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence." (Genesis 6:11)



Corruption of God's design

"All flesh had corrupted their way on earth." (Genesis 6:12)



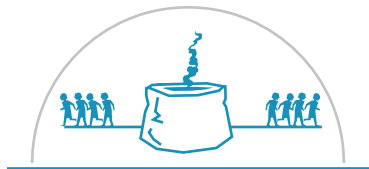
Violence had filled the earth

Human life and dignity were **devalued**.



Rejection of revealed truth

God's Spirit had **strived with man**, but man resisted.



Neglect of the promise

Instead of **awaiting the Redeemer**, they turned to wickedness.



Warning signs ignored

The prophetic message of Enoch, the meaning of Methuselah's name, and Noah's preaching were all rejected.

The entire human family has turned from God. "There is none righteous, no, not one." (Romans 3:10)



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Man had a promise of a Redeemer, and he was told that there was coming a Saviour on the earth. That is the thing man should have been looking for; instead of that, he turned from God.

"

Comparison Between Noah's Day & Ours

Days of Noah

Population explosion

Widespread corruption

Violence filled the earth

Preaching ignored

Faithful remnant

Judgment delayed

Our Day

Global expansion, urban density

Moral collapse, systemic injustice

War, crime, abortion, abuse

Gospel mocked, conviction resisted

True church amidst apostasy

God's mercy extended



Like Noah, the **remnant will be saved through God's provision**.

Judgment comes **after** grace is offered and resisted.



Reflection

Question 1

What stands out to you about Noah's faith and obedience, and how does it contrast with the world's response to God today?

Question 2

In what ways does God's delayed judgment reveal both His mercy and our need to respond with faith?



Application

Question 3

What is one specific step I can take this week to walk with God in faith and obedience, even if others around me are not?

Draw your Application



The Ark - One Door, One Way

 Genesis 6:14-16

Key Insights

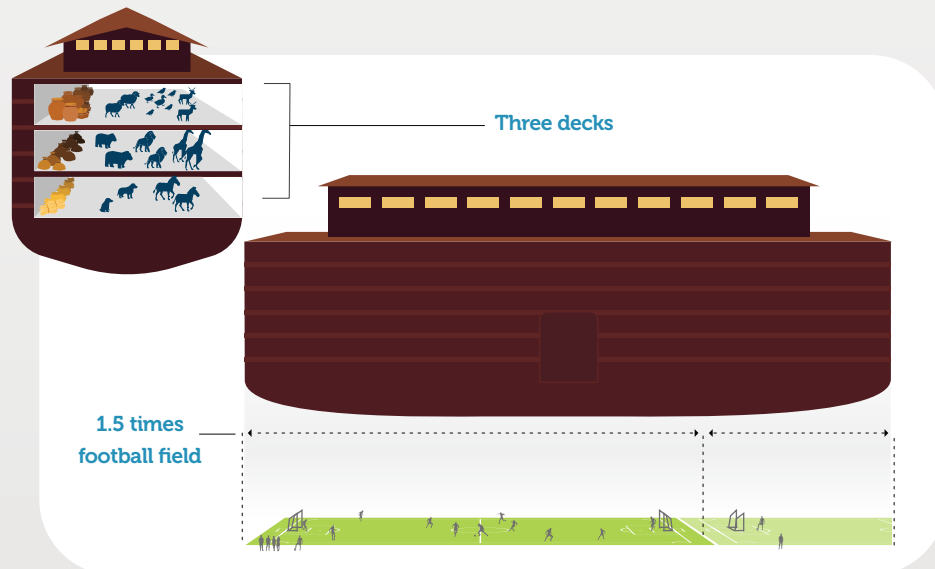
The ark was massive: 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high (based on 18-inch cubits). That's **more than 1.5 times longer** than **the length of a football field**.

It had 3 decks: strategically designed for space, ventilation, and order.

One door, one window: The window ran around the top; the single door was on the side.

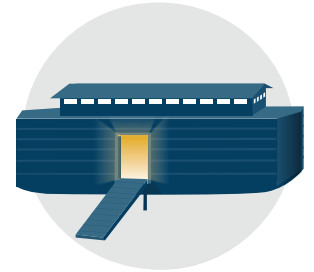
Waterproofed with pitch: symbolising protection and sealing from judgment.

Noah's ark wasn't a cartoon houseboat - it was a **carefully engineered sanctuary of salvation**.



Spiritual Truths

One Door - There was only one way in. Jesus said, "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved." (John 10:9) Just like the ark, **salvation is not by many doors, it's by One.**



The Window Above - Noah didn't look out at the storm, **he looked up**. **Our focus during life's storms should be heavenward**, not outward.

Three Decks - The structure reflects **God's order, provision, and capacity** to **save every kind of life**.



I noted that the New Mexico, one of our battleships of the World War II era, was built 624 feet long, 106 1/4 feet wide, and with a mean draught of 29 1/2 feet. By comparison the ark had practically the same ratio; so that you did not have a ridiculous looking boat at all, but one which would compare favourably with the way they build ships today.



Reflection

Question 1

Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the only way to eternal life? Share what you believe.

Question 2

What does the structure and care of the ark reveal about God's plan for my safety in storms?



Application

Question 3

Draw or journal what your “ark” looks like. What has God provided for your rescue and rest in Christ? This week, spend time thanking Him for being the Door that never closes to those who believe.

Draw your Application



Covenant and the Coming Storm



Genesis 6:17-22



Key Insights

God's judgment is imminent - The Flood will **wipe out all flesh with the breath of life**.

God's covenant is personal - "I will establish My covenant with you." (v.18)

The ark is a vessel of mercy for both human and animal life.

Noah's obedience was complete - "Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did." (v.22)



Spiritual Truths

God's Judgment Is Universal

God is not indifferent to sin. He declares, "Everything that is on the earth shall die" (v.17). His **warning** comes **before His wrath**.

God's Covenant Is Gracious

This is the **first mention** of the word "**covenant**" in the Bible. (Covenant means God's unbreakable promise that He makes with man).

It is **not earned** by Noah but **granted** by God.

The ark becomes the **symbol of salvation under that covenant**.

God's Sovereignty Over Creation

Noah didn't round up animals, **they came to him** (v.20)





Reflection

Question 1

Why is it important that God established a covenant with Noah before the flood began? What does this reveal about God's grace and foreknowledge?

Question 2

How does Noah's quiet obedience challenge our response to God's instructions especially when they seem unreasonable to others?



Application

Question 3

Take time this week to reflect on your covenant with Christ. Write down one area where God is calling you to act in faith. Then like Noah, do it completely and without delay.

Draw your Application



Come into the Ark



Genesis 7:1-20

"Then the Lord said to Noah, 'Come into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen that you are righteous before Me in this generation.'"

Genesis 7:1



Key Insights

Noah's righteousness was by faith, not works (*Hebrews 11:7*).

God invites with grace: "**Come...**" echoes Jesus' call in *Matthew 11:28*.

Clean animals entered in sevens, not just pairs so Noah could offer sacrifices.

God gave the world **7 more days to respond before the flood began**, but no one else came.

The animals came voluntarily - led by God, not by Noah's effort.



Spiritual Truths

God's Invitation to Salvation

God says "**Come...**" not "Go in" but "**Come in**", implying His presence is inside.

Just like Noah, we are invited to **enter into God's protection** before judgment falls.

Jesus extends the same invitation today to rest, to safety, to eternal life.

God's Precision in His Commands

The distinction between **clean and unclean animals** is already present.

God provides the means for sacrifice **before** deliverance.

His instructions are **detailed and purposeful**, nothing random in His plan.

God's Patience Before the Storm

A final **7-day timeline** for repentance shows **His mercy**.

Yet no one outside Noah's family responded. **The ark door remained open** until it closed.



"For seven days the world could have knocked at the door of the ark, and frankly, they could have come in - God would have saved them. All they had to do was to believe in God."

"

Christ Connection

Just as Noah and his family were **saved** through the ark, **Jesus is our Ark, our safe refuge in a coming judgment.**

God still invites us into covenant relationships, one sealed by the blood of Christ.

"And the Lord shut him in." (*Genesis 7:16*)

Christ is the Door. When He closes it, no man can open (*Revelation 3:7*).



Noah entered the ark by faith, and God **shut him in**. Christ is the ark today, the refuge for those who believe.

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (*Matthew 11:28*)

The door of salvation remains open today. But one day, like the ark, it will be shut.



"And the waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth, and all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered."
(*Genesis 7:19*)



Reflection

Question 1

What does it mean to “come into the ark” spiritually today?

Question 2

If I knew I had 7 days before judgment, how would I live differently?

Question 3

Am I listening to God's voice even when His commands are detailed or unusual?



Application

Question 4

Take a moment to pray and respond to God's personal invitation to “Come.” Write down what you sense He's calling you to step into whether it's obedience, trust, surrender, or faith.

Draw your Application



Your Takeaway

Integrating **'God's Intelligence'** in my life.

McGee's Quote

“ God remembered Noah. God never forgets. He remembers you. The only thing that He does not remember is your sin if you have come to Him for salvation. Your sins He remembers no more. What a beautiful thing this is! ”



The Flood

Dear Heavenly Father,

Just as You remembered Noah in the flood, we trust that You remember us in every storm. Help us walk in faith, obeying Your Word even when we don't see the full picture. Thank You for being our refuge and for the new life we have in Christ.

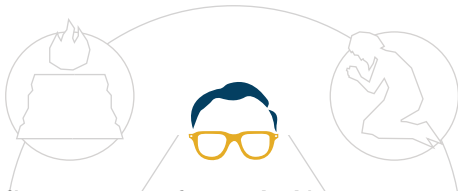
In Jesus' name, Amen.



The Flood and the Only Refuge



Genesis 7:20-24



"The first act after deliverance wasn't rebuilding but worship. Noah built an altar, not a house."

-Dr. J. Vernon McGee



Spiritual Truths

The Flood Was Universal

The biblical account is unmistakable: **the floodwaters covered the entire earth**, not just a local region.

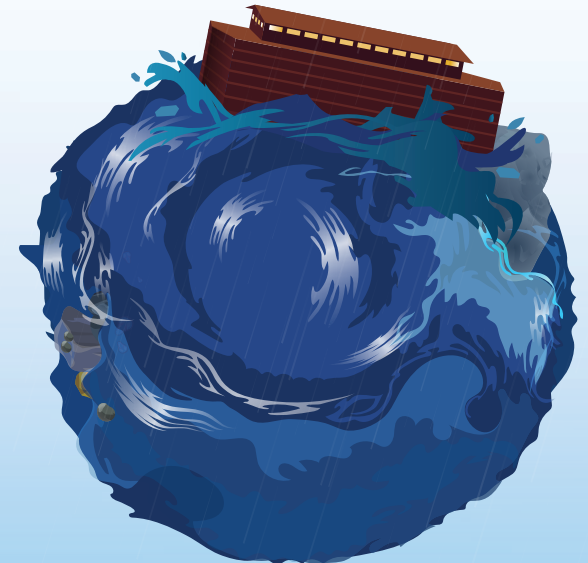
"And God said to Noah, 'The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.'" (Genesis 6:13)

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And all flesh died that moved on the earth: birds and cattle and beasts and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every man. All in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, all that was on the dry land, died.

Genesis 7:21-22

Genesis 6:13 and Genesis 7:21-23 declare that, "**all living things**" (v.23) perished, except those inside the ark.



Only Those in the Ark Were Saved

Noah and his family were **the only survivors of this global judgment**. “So He destroyed all living things... Only Noah and those who were with him in the ark remained alive.” (Genesis 7:23)

This is a vivid picture of **salvation**, which is found **only in God’s appointed way**, just as Christ is **the only way of salvation today**. “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’” (John 14:6)

Scoffers in the Last Days

Just as Noah faced ridicule, we too live in an age of skepticism.

2 Peter 3:3-4 predicted skeptics would mock believers saying, **“Where is the promise of His coming?”**

This is the mindset called uniformitarianism, which denies judgement and intervention.

But the global Flood is a historical event, and it's evidence that God will again judge the world. (2 Peter 3:5-7)



The scoffer has always been a uniformitarian, but you could not very well hold that position and accept the integrity of the Word of God at this particular point.

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God’s Salvation Plan Foreshadowed

The ark was God’s only provision for salvation. Those who ignored God’s warning perished, but those who entered the ark were saved. “Then the Lord said to Noah, ‘Come into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen that you are righteous before Me in this generation.’” (Genesis 7:1)

Likewise, **Jesus Christ is God’s only provision for sinners today**. “Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12)

All outside of Him will face judgment. All who are in Christ will be saved.





Reflection

Question 1

Why is it important to believe in a literal and global flood? What does the flood say about God's justice?

Question 2

How do you see others challenging or dismissing what the Bible says about God's truth and judgment?

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Application

Question 3

How can we lovingly share the truth of judgment and salvation with those who are skeptical? Think of someone you can share the good news with today.

Draw your Application



God Remembers and Brings Peace

 Genesis 8:1-5

 Key Insights

God Remembers

The phrase, “**God remembered Noah**” is deeply comforting. God **never forgets** His people.

“**Remembered**” doesn’t mean God had forgotten Noah. It means He **acted with steadfast love**, fulfilling His promise to deliver Noah and his family.

God Restores

The wind that began to dry the earth reminds us that God **uses natural means to accomplish His supernatural purposes**.

The flood **didn’t end suddenly**, it took time. God works in **His timing**, with **precision and care**.



God Gives Rest

“Then the ark rested in the seventh month, the seventeenth day of the month, on the mountains of Ararat.” (*Genesis 8:4*)

After 150 days of prevailing waters, the ark rested on the mountains of Ararat.



The word “**rested**” echoes the Sabbath. After judgment comes **rest and peace**. It’s God’s restoration and a new beginning for those who trust Him.



Reflection

Question 1

How does it deepen your understanding of God to think that Jesus remembered you when he bore the judgment for your sins on the cross?

Question 2

Reflect on the freedom you have in Christ to live at peace with God, knowing His promises never fail.



Application

Question 3

Do you find peace when you surrender control, trust His promises, and remember that He is with you?

Draw your Application



Lessons from the Raven and the Dove



Genesis 8:6-12



Spiritual Truths

Noah's release of the raven and dove reveals a rich spiritual lesson about the believer's two natures.

The Raven

The Old Nature - Sinful Nature

The raven never returned to the ark. Considered unclean (*Leviticus 11:15*), it likely fed on the decaying remains floating in the water.

"For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find."
(*Romans 7:18*)

This bird is a picture of **our old sinful nature**. It's drawn to what is corrupt, restless, and is unable to find satisfaction in the presence of God.



The Dove

The New Nature - Christ's Nature

In contrast, the dove, a clean bird, returned with an **olive leaf**, symbolizing **life, peace, and restoration**.



"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."
(*2 Corinthians 5:17*)

The dove's repeated flights, and its final departure when the earth was ready, can be likened to the **Spirit-led nature** of the believer. Unlike the raven, the dove found rest only when the waters of judgment had receded, just as our souls find true rest only in Christ.

The Coexistence of Both in the Ark

Inside the ark were both **clean and unclean animals**, a reminder that in every believer, the old nature and the new nature still exist.

"That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." (John 3:6)

The Spirit empowers us to live, fight the old nature within us, and live in the new nature.

Paul's Explanation: Two Natures in One Life

“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.” 1 John 2:15

Paul taught that the believer lives with a **constant struggle** between the **old nature (flesh)** and the **new nature (Spirit)**.

"For the **flesh lusts against the Spirit**, and the **Spirit against the flesh**; and **these are contrary to one another**, so that you do not do the things that you wish." (Galatians 5:17)

The raven represents **that restless old nature**, drawn to the things of this world, while the dove **reflects the believer's new heart** that longs for purity, peace, and God's presence.

Many justify living like the world, but **God's standard doesn't change** with culture or human opinion.

The world today is already **under judgment**, just as in Noah's day.

The believer must live a life that is **set apart in distinction and mission**.

“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.” Mark 16:15





Reflection

Question 1

When your heart feels restless, like the dove searching for a place to land, where do you return to rest? Do you find rest in Christ or look for rest in the world?

Question 2

Are you enjoying the “old nature”, like worldly recognition or success, or are you longing for God’s presence and peace found only in Christ?



Application

Question 3

What does the “raven nature” in you feed on? Identify if there are any habits, appetites, or attitudes that pull you away from walking with God?

Question 4

What does returning to the “ark” mean to you? Sketch or journal what your personal “ark” of refuge in God looks like. It will be a visual reminder of where true safety and peace are found in Christ.

Draw your Application



New Beginnings: Sacrifice, Covenant, Commission



Genesis 8:13-22

Timeframe of the Flood

The total time Noah and his family were in the ark:

371 days

150
Days

of rising
waters

221
Days

of waters receding
and the earth drying



“...the waters were dried up from the earth...” (v.13)

This confirms again: the Flood was **universal**, not local.

Noah's First Act: Worship Before Work

“Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.” (v.20)

Noah's **first priority** was to worship God through **sacrifice**.

He offered **clean animals**, this is why God instructed taking seven of the clean.

Dr. McGee makes a note, that this **burnt offering foreshadows Jesus Christ**. The offering of praise and full surrender that pleases God.

“And the Lord smelled a soothing aroma...” (v.21)



Christ Connection

Noah's altar of thanksgiving points forward to the **greater sacrifice of Jesus Christ**.

"And the Lord smelled a soothing aroma. Then the Lord said in His heart, 'I will never again curse the ground for man's sake...'" (*Genesis 8:21*)

Just as Noah's sacrifice pleased God, **Christ's sacrifice on the cross fully satisfies God's justice** and leads the way for mercy and reconciliation between God and man.

"For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified." (*Hebrews 10:14*)

God's Promise & Covenant with Humanity



Man's Rebellion

Even after the flood, God acknowledges the unchanged condition of human hearts.

"... although **the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth**; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done." (*Genesis 8:21*)

3R's	What Happened	Reference
Rebellion	Man openly rebelled against God	Genesis 6:5
Revelation Rejected	Noah preached for 120 years, but people ignored his warnings	2 Peter 2:5
Repentance Refused	No one turned back to God	Genesis 7:1

This is a sobering reminder of the **spiritual hardness** of mankind, even when warned.

Though the world had been **cleansed by water**, the **root of sin** remained in man's heart and the nature of man remains the same.

Salvation could **never come through judgment alone**, but only through **the Redeemer** God had promised.



Reflection

Question 1

When God gives you a fresh start, how will you respond? Will you, like Noah, begin with worship to honor Him before moving on to the next task?



Application

Question 2

How can your daily life become a spiritual altar before God, by offering Him your time, thoughts, and choices? Identify one area where you can surrender fully to Him as an act of worship.

Draw your Application



Your Takeaway

Integrating **'God's Intelligence'** in my life.

McGee's Quote



“The raven never returned because it fed on death. The dove came back, because it sought peace and purity. What we send out from our hearts reveals which nature rules in us.”



The New Beginning

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for being a covenant keeping God.
Teach us to honor You with our lives, to value every
life as made in Your image, and to walk in the
blessing and responsibility You've given us. May we
live under Your promises with reverence, gratitude,
and trust.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



Life after Judgment



Genesis 9:1-5



"When God made the covenant with
Noah, He made it with you and me, for
He made it with all mankind."

-Dr. J. Vernon McGee



Spiritual Truths

God Repeats His Creation Blessing

"Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth." (v.1)

God begins with **renewal**, not rules. He has a heart for life to thrive after judgment.

Just as He said to Adam and Eve in Genesis 1:28, He tells Noah's family to start again.

Man's Relationship with Animals Changes

"And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be on every beast..." (v.2)

Prior to the fall, animals did not fear man. After the flood a **protective boundary** is placed between mankind and animals, instilling respect and order in a fallen world.

God Permits the Eating of Meat

"Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you." (v.3)

God adds meat to man's initial diet (Genesis 1:29). This marks a transition in how humans relate to creation.



The Life is in the Blood

"But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood." (v.4)

God introduces a **sacred view of blood**.

Blood represents life and belongs to God (Leviticus 17:11). Even with new freedoms, **reverence for life remains essential**.



Reflection

Question 1

How does “*be fruitful and multiply*” reveal God’s desire for life to thrive even after judgment? What does it mean to you?

Question 2

Are there areas in your life where you're still carrying the weight of past judgment, instead of embracing the fresh start God has given you?



Application

Question 3

Write one way that you can reflect God in your words or actions, showing others what it means to live under His rule.

Draw your Application



God's Universal Covenant



Genesis 9:6-10



Spiritual Truths

God Institutes Moral Government

The passage shows **a shift from the previous dispensation** of conscience to the dispensation of human government.

Humanity is now accountable to **uphold justice and preserve life**. Civil authority becomes necessary in a fallen world.

Justice for Human Life

“Whoever sheds man’s blood, by man his blood shall be shed; for in the image of God He made man.” (v.6) This is the foundation of human government.

God grants man the responsibility to uphold justice, especially in protecting life. **Human life is sacred because every person bears God’s image**. To attack human life is to attack the divine image within it.

A Covenant with All Generations

“I establish My covenant with you and with your descendants after you...” (v.9)

This promise isn’t limited to Noah, it’s for the **entire human race**. Every human being, from every background, is included in this **divine agreement**.

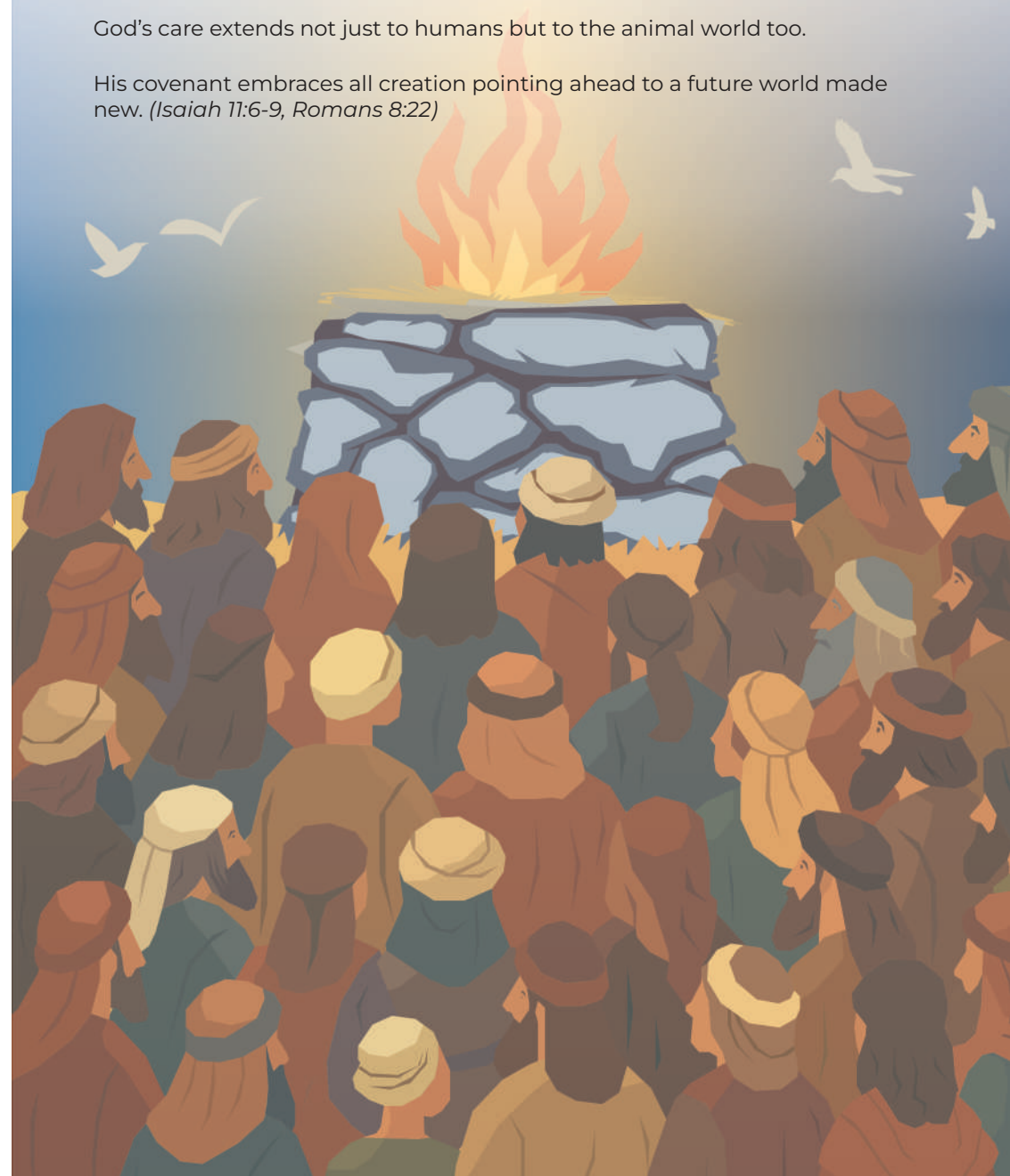
It is a binding declaration of **God’s commitment** to human life on earth.

A Covenant with All Living Creatures

And with every living creature that is with you...” (v.10)

God’s care extends not just to humans but to the animal world too.

His covenant embraces all creation pointing ahead to a future world made new. (*Isaiah 11:6-9, Romans 8:22*)





Reflection

Question 1

Are you actively honoring life by standing for justice, defending the vulnerable, and treating every person with dignity?

Question 2

“Every person bears God’s image.” Does this mean we all have equal value in this world?



Application

Question 3

How does knowing that every person is made in God's image change the way you view and treat others?

Is there someone who you find hard to love? How can you show them love, knowing that they are made in God's image.

Draw your Application



The Rainbow



Genesis 9:11-17



Spiritual Truths

No more Destruction by Water

“Thus I establish My covenant with you: Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood...” (v.11). God declares that **universal judgment by a flood** will never happen again.

Though **the earth was destroyed due to human wickedness** (Genesis 6), this covenant assures us of God’s mercy and restraint.

Future judgment, as 2 Peter 3:7 affirms, **will come by fire** - not water.

The Rainbow is a Covenant Sign

The rainbow is not just a natural phenomenon, it is God’s chosen symbol, sign of His promise to all generations and all creatures.

Like a **sacrament**, it is a visible sign with spiritual meaning attached to God’s Word. points to **grace in the midst of judgment**.



The rainbow is God's reminder to Himself and reassurance to us that mercy triumphs over judgment.

God Looks Upon the Sign

“The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it...” (v.16)

God did not say you will see it, but He will. The covenant is not based on human memory but **God’s faithfulness**.

Each time the rainbow appears, it is a reminder to God and an encouragement to us that **He keeps His promises**.

A Sign Answering Noah’s Altar

The rainbow is **God’s answer to Noah’s altar** (Genesis 8:20).

Just as Noah worshipped with sacrifice, God responded with **a sign of peace**. It’s a reminder that **grace follows obedience and worship**.



Key Insights

Sign + Word = Assurance

The rainbow, like sacraments (passover, baptism, communion), is meaningful **only when joined with God’s Word**.

It teaches us that **faith doesn’t rest in the sign itself**, but in **God who made the promise** behind it.



God’s eye of grace and our eye of faith meet in the sacraments.

~ Johann Peter Lange





Reflection

Question 1

When you see a rainbow, do you remember God's mercy or do you take His promises for granted?

Question 2

In the same way that Noah worshiped, how are you offering your life back to God today?



Application

Question 3

Are you living with gratitude when each day? Do you see God's covenant of faithfulness in the everyday ordinary, like the sunrise every morning?

Draw your Application



The Sin of Noah, and His Sons



Genesis 9:18-29



Spiritual Truths

Even the Righteous Fall

“And Noah began to be a farmer, and he planted a vineyard. Then he drank of the wine and was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent.” (v.20-21)



Noah, a man of faith who walked with God and survived the Flood, falls into sin. **The judgement of sin did not perish with the flood**, it survived in the human heart.

This shows that **human nature was not cleansed by judgment**.

Salvation would have to **come through grace, not punishment**.



Why does the Bible record Noah's sin?

Because God's Word tells the **truth about human weakness**, even in heroes of the faith. *Romans 15:4* says, "For whatever things were written before, were written for our learning..."

Just as Noah fell after great spiritual victory, we too can fall if we walk in the flesh. This story is a warning that great spiritual victories don't guarantee future faithfulness. As Jesus said, **"The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."** (*Matthew 26:41*)

Galatians 2:16 reinforces the truth that no one is justified by works or performance. Noah's story exemplifies grace overcoming failure.

Noah Didn't Lose His Salvation

Noah's sin did not disqualify him from God's grace. He sinned, but he was still a **man of faith** (*Hebrews 11:7*). Salvation is not based on flawless performance but on the unchanging grace of God.

We must not confuse the consequences of sin with the loss of salvation. Noah faced shame, but God's covenant still remained.

Covering, Not Exposing

“And Ham..., saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside. But Shem and Japheth..., went backward and covered the nakedness of their father.” (v.22-23)

Ham dishonored Noah, possibly mocking him. In contrast, Shem and Japheth protected their father's dignity by covering him. This reveals to us an important truth: **how we respond to the failures of others reveals the condition of our own hearts.** *1 Peter 4:8* reminds us, “Love will cover a multitude of sins”, but mockery, on the other hand, exposes.



Key Insights

Choose Honor: In a world that delights in exposing faults, show biblical love like Shem and Japheth. **Protect and restore**, not mock and spread.

Sin doesn't End with a New Beginning: The passage reminds us of the **fall of Adam**. Even after the judgment of the Flood, mankind's sinful nature remained. **A fresh start doesn't fix the condition of the heart.**

Watch your legacy: The sins you ignore or perpetuate can impact your children's future. Break the cycles of dishonor early.

Prophecy for Shem, Japheth, and Canaan:

“Blessed be the Lord, the God of Shem” (v.26). From Shem’s line would come **Abraham, Israel, and ultimately Christ**.

“May God enlarge Japheth, and may he dwell in the tents of Shem” (v.27). This gives a picture of **Gentile nations** sharing in the blessings of Shem, possibly foreshadowing the Gospel reaching all peoples including the Gentiles.

“And may Canaan be his servant” (v.26, 27). A prediction of Canaan’s eventual defeat, especially during the **conquest of Canaan under Joshua**.

These blessings and curses were part of the Noahic covenant. They shaped biblical history, especially Israel’s relationship to surrounding nations.



Fun Fact

Noah lived **350** years after the flood, to the age of **950**.
(v.28-29)



“A new world doesn’t mean a new heart. Only grace can do what judgment could not.”

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“And Ham..., saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside. But Shem and Japheth..., went backward and covered the nakedness of their father.” (v.22-23)





Reflection

Question 1

What does Noah's fall teach us about the danger of spiritual complacency, even after seasons of victory and blessing?

Question 2

How does this passage reveal the true condition of the human heart and our constant need for grace? Have I misunderstood grace, thinking God's love depends on perfect behavior?



Application

Question 3

How do I respond when someone in my family or church fails? Think of God honoring ways to cover them in love and gently restore, remembering that God calls us to honor, not expose.

Draw your Application



Your Takeaway

Integrating **'God's Intelligence'** in my life.

McGee's Quote



“ The Bible doesn’t flatter its heroes; it reveals their flaws so we can find grace.



The Nations

Dear Heavenly Father,

Just as Your Word declares in Acts 17:26, that You “made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth”, we thank You for Your sovereign hand in history. Help us love all nations as You do, to walk humbly in Your plan, and to live for the glory of Your name among every people.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



Key Insights

Genesis 10 is **not just a list of names**. It is the Bible's '**Map of Nations**'. This chapter lays out the roots of **every major ethnic group** on earth, all descended from **Noah's three sons** after the flood.

Noah's three sons



Japheth



Ham



Shem

This genealogy is *far more significant* because:

It forms the **foundation** for the world's ethnic divisions



It shows **God's involvement in human history** through families and nations

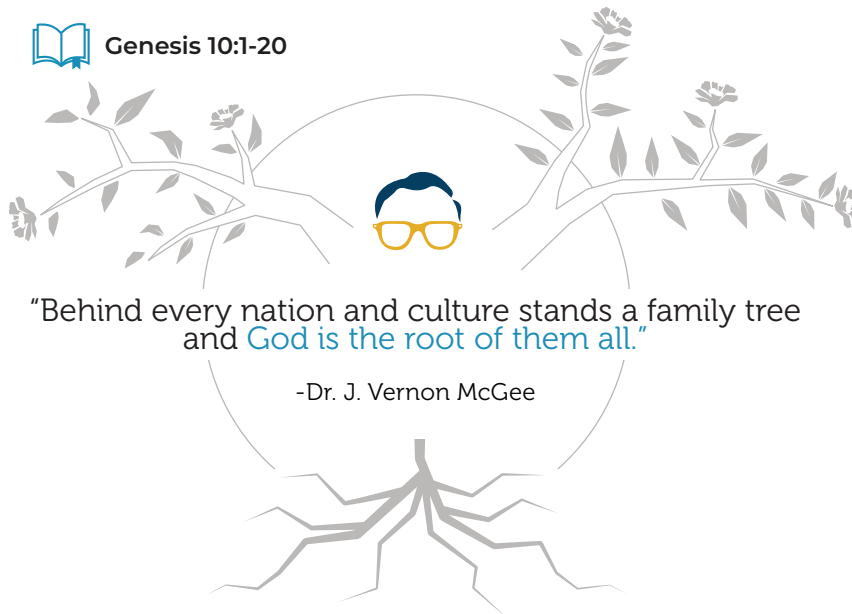


It **traces the line of the Messiah**, setting the stage for God's redemptive plan through the descendants of Shem

From One Family to Every Nation



Genesis 10:1-20





Spiritual Truths

God Works through Families

“Now this is the genealogy of the sons of Noah...” (v.1)

From the beginning, God has chosen to **carry out His plans through generations**, through parents passing truth and blessing to their children.

Every Nation has a Common Ancestor

Genesis 10 traces the nations of the world back to one family. This demolishes any notion of racial superiority or segregation.

All humanity is one blood (Acts 17:26), descended from Noah, and before him, from Adam.

The Pattern of Scripture: The Rejected Line First

McGee points out that **God mentions the rejected line first** - Japheth and Ham, before turning to the accepted line - Shem, through whom **Christ would come**.

This pattern reminds us that God doesn't hide humanity's rebellion, but He highlights His redemptive line.



“ Notice that throughout the Bible, God follows this same pattern of giving the rejected line first and saying a word about it, then He drops that subject entirely and does not bring it up again. Finally, He gives the accepted line the line which is leading to the Lord Jesus Christ. ”





Reflection

Question 1

Am I intentionally passing down a legacy of faith to the next generation?

Question 2

Have I ever thought of myself being superior or inferior because of the caste, race, or skin color, in which I was born in?



Application

Question 4

Pray for nations and ethnic groups, just as God has commanded us, “Love your neighbor as yourself”.

Draw your Application



The Spread of Peoples



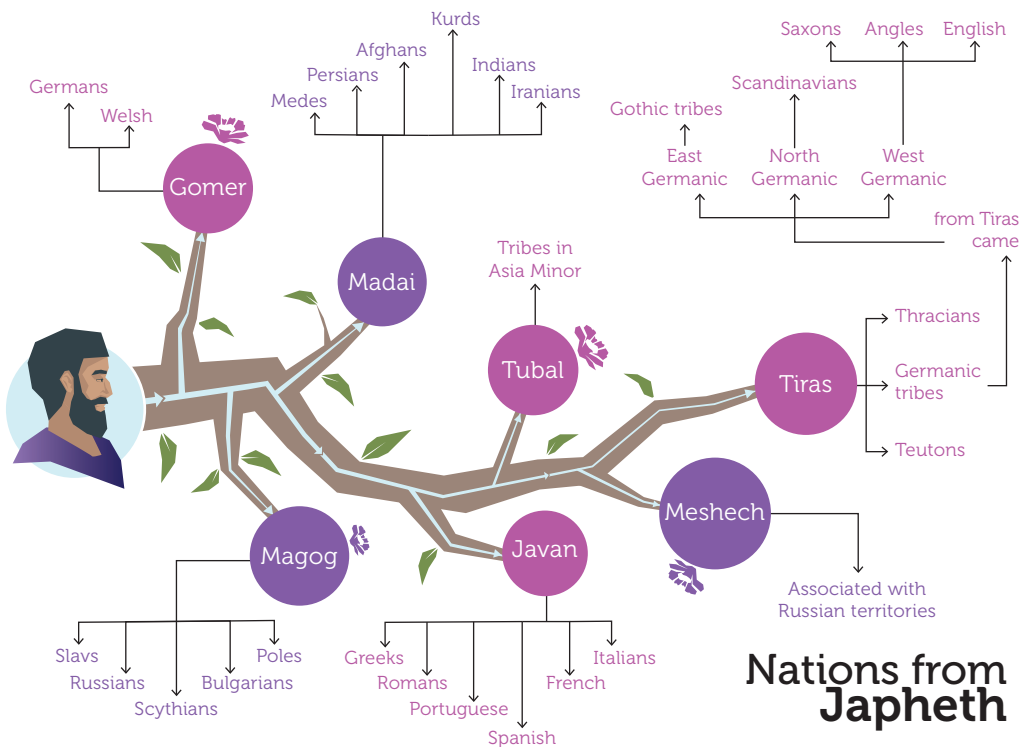
Genesis 10:2-7



Spiritual Truths

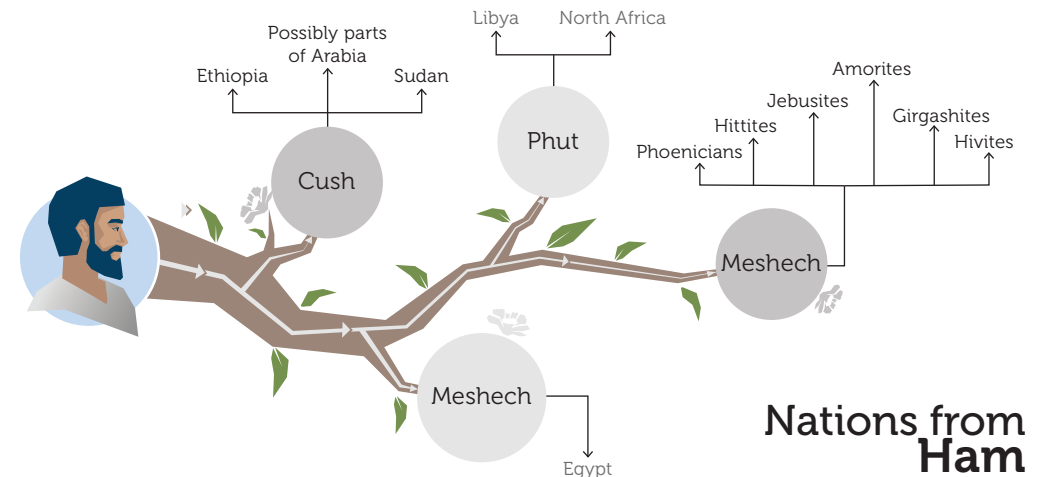
Sons of Japheth - Founders of European and Central Asian Peoples

"The sons of Japheth were Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras." (Genesis 10:2)



Sons of Ham - Founders of African and Middle Eastern Peoples

"The sons of Ham were Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan." (Gen. 10:6)



"The curse was placed on Canaan, not on Ham or the African peoples. This is vital to correct false teachings that have misused Scripture to justify racial prejudice."



"Behind every nation stands a family. Behind every family stands a promise or a rebellion."



Reflection

Question 1

How can I celebrate the cultural diversity of God's creation and honor God's redemptive plan for all?

Question 2

How should remembering we are one human family affect how I treat others?



Application

Question 3

We should stand against prejudice in thought, word, and action. What are some practical ways we can put this into practice in our society?

Draw your Application



The First Empire and the Hunter of Souls



Genesis 10:8-12



Key Insights

Nimrod, The First Empire Builder

“Cush begot Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one on the earth.” (v.8)

Nimrod wasn't just a strong man, he was the **first political leader** attempting to create a centralized empire after the flood.

The word “mighty one” implies **dominion, control**, and possibly **oppression**.

This marks the beginning of **human government apart from God**.

Hunter of Souls, Not Animals

“He was a mighty hunter before the Lord.” (v.9)

Not a hunter of wild animals, but a figurative **hunter of men**, gathering and controlling people for his own purposes.

“Before the Lord” implies a bold **defiance or challenge** to God's authority.

Nimrod becomes a **type of the Antichrist**, the future global leader who defies God and deceives people.



The Cities of Rebellion

“And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel...” (v.10)

Nimrod's kingdom begins in **Babel**, which later becomes Babylon, the **symbol of rebellion, confusion, and false religion**.

These urban centers reflect **man's effort to build without God**, a theme echoed in the next chapter with the Tower of Babel.



“Nimrod was the rebel, the founder of Babel, the hunter of the souls of men. He was the lawless one, and he is a shadow or a type of the last world ruler, the Antichrist who is yet to appear.”

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Reflection

Question 1

In what ways does Nimrod reflect modern patterns of worldly leadership?

Question 2

What warnings can we draw from Babel's foundations when building our own "kingdoms"?



Application

Question 3

Build your life not on Babel's ambition but on Christ, the cornerstone. Write how you will build your life on Christ. What you will avoid so as not to follow Babel's ambition.

Draw your Application



The Line of Promise and Redemption

 Genesis 10:21-32

Key Insights

Shem - Father of the Semitic Nations

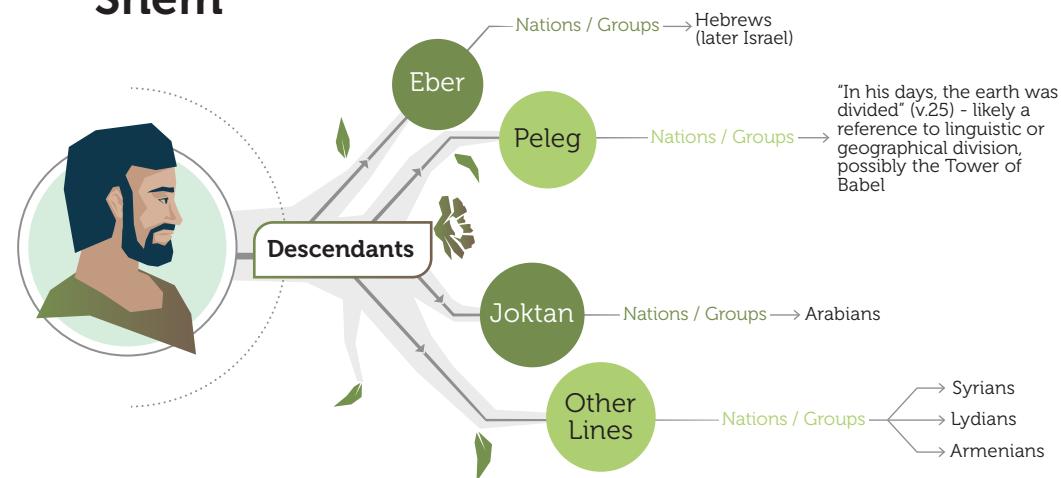
"And children were born also to Shem, the father of all the children of Eber..." (v.21)

Shem is called the father of **Eber**, from whom the **Hebrews** descended.

He represents the **chosen line** that God would use to bring about **redemption** through Abraham, Israel, and ultimately Christ.

Shem is linked to spiritual blessing rather than dominance through conquest.

Nations from Shem



These groups played a major role in ancient history, especially in the region of the **Middle East**.

The **Arabian** tribes, including those from Joktan, populated the **southern desert regions**.

The **Syrians** and **Armenians** were prominent during the biblical and early post-biblical periods.

Spiritual Truths

God's sovereign hand is evident in **human history**, raising up nations and using them for His purposes.

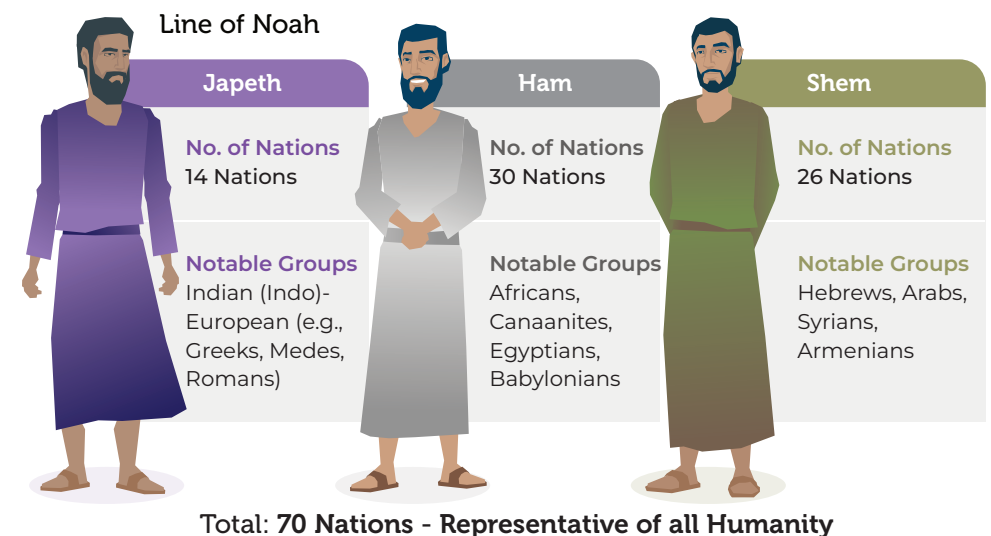


God is showing us what He has done with the nations of the world.

Shem's line became prominent during the times of David and Solomon when Israel became a beacon of God's rule on earth.

This chapter showcases the **unity of mankind** and also the **diversity of nations**, setting the stage for the gospel to reach all people (Acts 17:26-27).

Nations Count from Genesis 10





Reflection

Question 1

How does the line of Shem remind us of God's plan for redemption?

Question 2

What does this chapter tell us about God's care for all peoples, not just Israel?



Application

Question 3

Do you recognise that you are part of a global mission to share the gospel? Ask God to cultivate a heart and desire to have unity with believers, and to share the gospel among people all over the world, from every language, nation, and country.

Draw your Application



The Tower of Babel



Genesis 11:1-4



Spiritual Truths

Unified Language - One Speech

"Now the whole earth had one language and one speech." (v.1)

Humanity spoke a **single language**, reflecting a shared origin and unity after the Flood. This was pre-Babel harmony.

Truth: Unity without God's guidance leads to rebellion. Language, while a gift, can be misused for selfish ambition.

Settling in Shinar - Stopping When God Said Go

"As they journeyed from the east... they found a plain in the land of Shinar." (v.2)

Man settled in **Shinar (Babylon region)** instead of scattering as God commanded.

This movement shows a **willful decision to stay together** in one place, in defiance of God's directive to fill the earth (*Genesis 9:1*).

Truth: Disobedience often begins with small choices.



Building with Bricks - Man's Effort

"Come, let us make bricks and... let us build..." (v.3-4)

They used **brick instead of stone** and **asphalt instead of mortar** - signs of man's innovation. They were attempting to **create a city and a tower** to reach the heavens, not physically perhaps, but symbolically.

"Let us make a name for ourselves" is an expression of pride and self-glory.

Truth: Human effort, when driven by pride and self-glory, builds monuments of rebellion.

The Tower as Rebellion & Religious Symbolism

The **Tower of Babel** was more than architecture, it was:



A rallying point
for humans in
defiance of God



A symbol of man's ambition
to rule himself
without God



A religious ziggurat
where creation was
worshipped instead of
the Creator
(*Romans 1:25*)

Truth: Idolatry often disguises itself as progress. The Tower stood for human-centered religion and world unity apart from God.

The Spirit of Nimrod Continued

Nimrod's ambition (*Genesis 10:8-10*) flowed into this project.

He desired a **capital city (Babel)** and a **monument of control (the tower)**.

This was not about safety or protection but about **rebellion and control**.

Truth: When man says, "Let us make us a name", he forgets that only God can exalt or establish a name that lasts.



Reflection

Question 1

How does “making a name for ourselves” reveal a heart of rebellion against God?

Question 2

What does this passage teach us about the danger of pursuing unity and ambition that excludes God?

Question 3

Have you or your church planned something which you thought was good but did not truly include God in the process?



Application

Question 4

In what ways are you seeking to glorify self or looking for self recognition?
How can you actively glorify God with your choices instead?

Draw your Application



Divine Intervention, and the Beginning of Nations



Genesis 11:5-9



Spiritual Truths

God Saw the Heart Behind the Tower

“But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower...” (v.5) This is not suggesting God was unaware, it expresses divine attention and concern. **God personally intervenes** when man’s plans threaten God’s purpose for mankind.

Truth: God sees through human ambition and responds when pride tries to replace obedience.

Unity Without God is Dangerous

“Indeed the people are one... now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them.” (v.6) Unity isn’t always good; it depends on the purpose.

Human potential + shared language = unrestrained rebellion when untethered from God.

Truth: God sets limits for our protection. He will lovingly disrupt what endangers our souls.

Divine Judgment: Confusion of Languages

“Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language...” (v.7)

God confused their language as a direct reversal of their false unity. Instant inability to communicate halted the building effort.

Truth: Prideful human efforts are fragile. They fall apart when God intervenes.

The Scattering of the Nation

“So the Lord scattered them... and they ceased building the city.” (v.8)

The city was abandoned. The plan failed. The name **Babel means “confusion”**. The scattering fulfilled God’s original command to **“fill the earth”**. (Genesis 9:1)

Truth: What man tries to do in rebellion, God will undo to preserve His greater plan.



Now man is scattered over the face of the earth. They were together in their rebellion, but now they can't understand one another. You know, a language barrier is a wall that is higher than the Wall of China. It is that which separates people, and it is stronger than any national border and any ocean.



Key Insights

A Judgment and a Blessing

God’s act was a **judgment** to halt humanity’s collective rebellion, and a **blessing** to protect mankind from his own destructive ambition.

God disrupted false unity to **preserve His redemptive plan**.

Contrast with Pentecost

Babel: Languages confused → Nations scattered

Pentecost: Languages redeemed → Gospel preached to all

Acts 2 was **God’s redemptive answer** to Babel, speaking in known languages to gather, not scatter.

Truth: What sin scattered, grace gathers. The gospel crosses every language and nation.



Reflection

Question 1

What does this passage reveal about God's heart for a united, global family in His redemptive plan?

Question 2

Have you ever planned something and then realized that it isn't going according to your plan? How do you deal with such situations?



Application

Question 4

Pray intentionally for people of different nations and languages to know Christ. Look for ways to support or be involved in the mission to share the gospel.

Draw your Application



Your Takeaway

Integrating **'God's Intelligence'** in my life.

McGee's Quote



The gospel is for you, whoever you are and whatever tongue you speak. It's for you. It's for all the nations of the world. We are told in the final book of the Bible that there will be gathered into His presence "...a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues..." (Revelation 7:9).



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