



# **THE BEGINNINGS!**

**The Book of Genesis**

**Being fruitful and multiplying!**

**Genesis 10:1-11:32**

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## Opening Comments

- Good morning – turn to **Genesis 10**
- Today we continue our journey through **Genesis: THE BEGINNINGS!**
- We Have a lot of verses to look at this morning so I am going to pray and we are going to get right into them
- Let's pray and ask the Spirit to help me pronounce all these names this morning
- **Pray**

## Teaching

- **Being fruitful and multiplying!**
  - Chapter 9 takes place right after God takes Noah, his family, and all the animals out of the ark after the Flood
  - The first thing God does is bless them and then gives them a command **Genesis 9:1**
- So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.**
- God created the earth to be filled with humans
  - His desire would be that they would be humans living in harmony with God, each other, and with the rest of creation
  - Sadly, that is not what happened
  - Moses was inspired by God to write the book of Genesis about 1,000 years after the Flood
  - Chapter 10 is fascinating because it documents how Noah's three sons became the father of all the nations that existed at the time Moses is leading the Israelites toward the land of Canaan
  - They were fruitful and multiplied – a lot!
  - **Genesis 10:1-5**
  - Many of these sons of Japheth are named elsewhere in the Bible, some are not
  - Gomer ended up being the people around Germany
  - Magog = Russia – prominent in End Times prophecy – Gog/Magog

- Madia = the Medes - Javan = the Greeks, and so on
- Notice at the end of verse 5 – ‘were separated – languages – families – nations
- First occurrence of the word ‘nations’
- This is the beginning of human government
- Next come the descendants of Noah’s son Ham
- **Genesis 10:6-8**
- I can’t read Nimrod’s name without chuckling to myself
- Growing up it was what you call someone you thought was useless
- This Nimrod was far from that
- The phrase ‘a mighty one’ carries the idea of powerful – in relation to other people – used of warriors and tyrants
- Nimrod was able to exert power over others
- And he did what many powerful people do
- **Genesis 10:9-12**
- He built himself a kingdom (first occurrence)
- The land of Shinar = Iraq
- Babel, important in the next chapter, later renamed Babylon
- Assyria and Babylon will two of the world powers later in the Bible
- **Genesis 10:13-14**
- Mizraim – would be the Egyptians –
- Would also produce the Israelites enemy the Philistines
- **Genesis 10:15-20**
- At the end of chapter 9, God inspired Noah to speak a word of prophecy over the descendants of Ham’s son Canaan
- They would end up defiling themselves and the land they were living in to the point that God determined they had to be destroyed
- The people of Canaan were like the people before the Flood
- As Moses is telling this to the people of Israel, they are preparing to go into the land of Canaan – the land promised to Abram and his descendants hundreds of years earlier
- God could have given them a land that wasn’t filled with people already
- God hates evil – because of what it does to His greatest creation, mankind

- He is incredibly patient, but God will not allow a nation to persist if it insists upon evil
- Look throughout history at all the great kingdoms – they rose to power and then were overpowered by another
- God uses nations to bring to nothing godless nations **Jeremiah 50:9**  
For behold, I will raise and cause to come up against Babylon an assembly of great nations from the north country, and they shall array themselves against her; from there she shall be captured. Their arrows *shall be like those of an expert warrior*; none shall return in vain.
- No nation that turns its back on God or rejects God has any hope of surviving
- Next come the descendants of Shem
- **Genesis 10:21-24**
- It is from the Hebrew form of the name ‘Eber’ that the Hebrew is derived
- **Genesis 10:25**
- ‘the earth was divided’ refers to God confusing the languages at the tower of Babel – next chapter
- **Genesis 10:26-32**
- We live in a time of great racial tension
- All of us are descended Noah and his wife, and through one of his three sons - We are all family – we are all cousins
- In a perfect world we would know that and act like family - loving
- There is very little unity in this world
- We divide over every conceivable thing – race, gender, sexual identity, politics, religion, sports teams,
- Chapter 11 helps us to understand why
- **Genesis 11:1**
- After the Flood the world was united under one language
- It is estimated that there are between 6500 and 7000 languages in the world today
- You might think that everyone speaking the same language would be great
- It didn’t turn out so well back then
- **Genesis 11:2-4**
- The common belief is that Nimrod is the leader behind this idea

- Remember, Moses is relating this to the Israelites who were just delivered from 400 years of making bricks and building monuments and temples for the Egyptians
- At first glance we might wonder what the problem is here
- **Genesis 11:5-7**
- Why would God do that – what is wrong with their building project?
- Look back at verse four – notice who the project is for – “us”
- There is no reference to God in that verse
- Not only that – their objective is to prevent ‘be(ing) scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.’
- That is rebellion against God **Genesis 9:1**  
So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.”
- God also knew the heart of mankind – someone like a Nimrod would rise up and oppress them
- God wanted them to divide geographically – they rebelled against that and so God forced them to do it
- **Genesis 11:8-9**
- Imagine what that was like – one minute everyone is speaking the same language - the next there might be dozens, maybe hundreds of different languages
- God sovereignly changed the languages of most of the people there
- Because they couldn’t communicate, they separated - divided
- The 6500 to 7000 languages of today are a judgment from God for man’s rebellion
- Chapter 11 ends with a genealogy of Noah’s son Shem and introduces us to the next major character in God’s story
- **Genesis 11:10-32**
- Starting next week, we will look at the life of Abram who will later be renamed Abraham
- Moses is relating to the Israelites their history
- God is explaining to them through Moses how the world got to be the way it was
- This is important for us also
- We look around this world and see nothing but division – pain and suffering – disunity – anger

- God created our souls to be at peace in unity – with Him and with each other
- But because of man’s fallen nature, he can’t achieve it, but still he tries to build it
- Mankind (you) will never be complete until he is complete in Christ!
- The Bible teaches that there will be a day when the whole world will be united in Christ’s kingdom
- But, until that day comes, in rebellion, mankind will continue to try to build kingdoms, for themselves, to make a name for themselves with a tower that reaches the heavens
- For millennia, people have tried to reunite the world, usually by ‘mighty ones’ exerting their power over the weak
- It always results in previously unimagined evil and wickedness because man’s heart is not right **Jeremiah 17:9**

**The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked; who can know it?**

- In the times right before Jesus comes back to establish His kingdom on the earth, another will rise and try again
- On the plains of Shinar, we see two of the systems that will mark the times right before Jesus’ return
- A one-world godless government, and a one-world false religion
- Nimrod’s kingdom was an attempt to place everyone under his authority and rule, not for God, but for himself
- The tower was an attempt to create a religion that replaced God
- As the pain and suffering of disunity increase in our world, the cries for someone to bring the world together will increase
- The more people will desire someone to save them
- But sadly, their desire will not be for the only One who can save them
- They will look for a savior like themselves, not one who is God
- Every time we do a prophecy update Pastor Randy shares about how the world is being prepared for the rise of the Antichrist and the systems he will use
- As Christians, we already have what the world is looking for **John 17:20-21**

**I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; <sup>21</sup> that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.**

- We one with God and with each other **Galatians 3:28**  
**There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.**

- That part we are still figuring out
- The world is divided, but the church isn't
- The church is the only place on earth where we all stand on the same level at the foot of the cross
- Even in the weirdness of COVID, let's be one, let's be united
- Jesus told us the best way for us to model that for the world **John 13:35-35**

**A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.**

- This week, let's walk in the unity in the bonds of love of Christ as we walk through this divided world
- And if you get a chance, invite someone to walk with you
- **Pray!**