

GENESIS 10; January 10; Noah's Sons Settle the earth

ANALYSIS:

1. Which son of Noah settled “the isles of the Gentiles?” _____
2. Which son of Noah was father of the Canaanite nations? _____
3. Which son of Noah produced the line leading to Abraham, David, and Jesus? _____ (Compare Luke 3:23-38, especially 35-36)
4. What do you learn about the birth order of Noah's sons from this chapter (v 21)? _____
5. Who is named a “mighty hunter before the LORD?” _____
6. During whose life time was the earth divided? _____

Extra: We read the names of Noah's three sons as Shem, Ham and Japheth (Gen 5:32) and easily conclude that was their birth order. Can you prove their birth order by comparing 9:22-24 and 10:21?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

After the flood all the earth was repopulated by three couples from the same family. It appears from this chapter and the first nine verses of chapter 11 that these multiplying families for the most part lived in the Tigris and Euphrates River valley which used to be called Mesopotamia. Today Iraq occupies that land area. If the mountain of Ararat where the ark rested is in eastern Turkey, then Noah's sons migrated some 500 miles back to their pre-flood home.

The sons of Japheth settled northward around the Black and Caspian Seas and became progenitors of the Caucasian races of Europe and Asia (Halley's Bible Handbook, p 81).

The sons of Ham went southward and westward including Arabia, Egypt, the east shore of the Mediterranean Sea and the east coast of Africa. The sons of Shem seem to have settled the Euphrates valley and its borders.

HELP:

1. Japheth (v 5).
2. Ham (v 18).
3. Shem (compare vs 21-25 with Luke 3:35-36).
4. Japheth is called the “elder” in relation to Shem (v 21).
5. Nimrod (v 9).
6. Peleg (v 25).

Extra: Gen 9:22-24 tells us Ham is the youngest son, and 10:21 says Japheth is elder than Shem; therefore the birth order is: Japheth, Shem, Ham.