

Genesis 10
The Table of Nations

God's design ...

- I. The Sovereign God
 - A. Populating His Earth
 - B. The Table of Nations
 - C. One Big Illustration!
- II. The Savior of the World
 - A. Gospel of Jesus Christ
 - B. Acts of the Holy Spirit
 - C. Heaven Opened
- III. And a Global Harvest
 - A. Ever-Ripe
 - B. Gathered In
 - C. And Glorious

... a big view of the Kingdom.

Children, Listen ...

1. Are all people related to Adam and Eve?
2. Are all people related to Noah, Shem, Ham or Japheth and their wives?
3. Did all the families that came after the flood stay in one place?
4. Do you know which of Noah's son the Jewish people (Israel) came from?
5. Are people from all over the world called into the everlasting Kingdom of God through Jesus?

Lord of the Nations

God graciously spared mankind total annihilation, assured their repopulation of the earth and directed the placement and progress of nations. God's acts of mercy and providence pervade the history and progress of mankind. The proverb: "The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps" applies on a grand scale. While the placement and "civilization" of man is a multifaceted phenomenon – God's purpose is far bigger in the schemes of things than we often imagine and has one central theme. All the twists and turns of history, geography, etc. have ultimately to do with the advancement and establishment of God's Kingdom. Stephen and Paul both imply this in sermons recorded in the book of Acts (13 17), and they do so in the context of evangelization – which of course has as its central theme, Jesus. So we go from our chapter in Genesis – through history – the Gospel era and the spread of the Gospel – the continual growth of the Kingdom throughout the world down to this very day. The ingathering of the kingdom extends from pole to pole and shore to shore. Is it any surprise that when we see with John heaven opened a vision of God's glorious design to redeem His people from the nations? Of course not, it fits perfectly the theme and design of God's perfect plan of redemption. After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,

and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" Rev 7:9 -10