

GENERAL HISTORY – FOUNDATION OF NATIONS
Genesis 10-11

INTRODUCTION:

Following God’s judgment on all living things in the flood, Noah and his family first worshipped God. They began to be fruitful and replenish the earth as God commanded. There was a very fast progression of the human race after the flood. This was aided by the unified language, long life, and knowledge brought from before the flood. However, the flood was not the answer for the sinful heart of man, as seen first in Noah’s family and then in the people as they disobeyed God’s command to spread out over the whole earth. Instead, they tried to build a tower to Heaven for which God had to punish and scatter them.

I. THE PEOPLE - 10:1-32

A. _____:10:2-5 – 14 nations

1. Characteristics

a. Settled in the _____.

b. Light complexion

c. Straight fair hair

2. 14 nations including

a. Madai was the father of the _____.

b. Javan was the father of the Greeks.

c. Ashkenaz was probably the father of the _____.

B. Ham: 10:6-20 – 30 nations

1. Characteristics

a. Settled in the south

b. Dark complexion

c. Curly hair

d. Tall in stature

2. 30 nations including

a. Cush towards _____.

b.Nimrod - father of Mesopotamian civilization

c. _____ in the land of Canaan

C. Shem: 10:21-31 - 26 nations

1. Characteristics

a. Settled in the _____

b. Yellowish complexion

c. Straight black hair

2. 26 nations including

a. _____ of the Elamites

b. Asshur of the Assyrians

3. Shem was blessed. God was going to use his line to bring the Redeemer to mankind.

4. The rest of the Old Testament is the story of the descendants of _____

II. THE PERSON – NIMROD - 10:8-12

A. History exposes him as the source of all _____ religion.

1. He was a hunter.

2. He was given a position of authority.

3. He used his position to lead people to _____ against God.

B. Through knowledge, man was lifted up in pride.

1. They thought they could build a tower to reach the _____.

2. As an act of rebellion, mankind disregarded God’s instruction to spread out over the earth. - 9:1,7 They instead chose to congregate together. - 11:4

III. THE PLACE - 11:1-2

A. They settled in the plain of _____ - 10:10

1. Fertile ground between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers.

2. Called Mesopotamia today which means “between the rivers”

B. Babel became _____.

1. The Babylonian kingdom stood until it was defeated by the Medes and Persians in Daniel’s time.
2. The _____ of Babylon mentioned in Revelation 17:5 tells us of their wicked religion.

IV. THE PLAN - 11:3-6

A. Time frame

1. Approximately _____ years after the flood
2. Approximately 300 years before the call of Abraham

B. Noah and his family were still alive.

1. As descendants, they would have known God’s _____ . - 9:1
2. They would have known God’s mercy on their family bringing them through the flood.
3. They would have known about God’s promises with the testimony of the rainbow in the sky. - 9:8-17

C. The purpose of the tower

1. Personal glorification of man - 11:4
2. Planned rebellion against God in disobedience to His command - 9:1,7
 - a. They united the people together in one _____.
 - b. They united the people together on one _____. (Tower of Babel)
3. Satan’s plan for one world over which he would rule - this is his plan even today.
 - a. This is the beginning of idolatrous _____.
 - b. This was a religion associated with the worship of the sun, moon, and stars.

c. The reality of their purpose is seen in
-Romans 1:21-25.

V. THE PUNISHMENT - 11:7-9

- A. God _____ what they were doing. - 11:5
 - 1. God sees all.
 - 2. God is _____ in all.
- B. God divided the languages which _____ the people. - 11:7-8
 - 1. Men were divided into many nations and groups.
 - 2. The variation of likeness is due to isolation and separation for many generations. (Henry Morris *The Genesis Flood* pg.176)

VI. THE POPULATION - 11:10-32

- A. God records for us the genealogy of Shem all the way to Abraham.
- B. God is starting a nation by choosing Abraham through which will come the children of Israel, His chosen people.

CONCLUSION:

Once again Satan tried to destroy God's plan with rebellion and corruption by causing men to worship the creation more than the Creator. God, seeing the work of Satan among men, causes a division of languages which naturally caused men to scatter. This act laid the foundation for God to call one nation through which He would work here on earth and ultimately bring the Messiah to man.