

A cosmic background featuring a view of Earth from space, with the Moon in the upper center. The scene is filled with stars and the Milky Way galaxy, set against a deep blue and purple color palette. The text is centered over this background.

THE BOOK OF  
**GENESIS**

# ***THE NATIONS***

## ***GENESIS 10:1-9***

- Even the supposed higher critics have often been forced to admit **Genesis 10** is a remarkably accurate historical document.
- There is no comparable catalog of ancient nations available from any other ancient source.
- It is unrivaled in antiquity and comprehensiveness.

**Here, we also find the prophetic promise  
of the coming of Magog!**

# ***THIS RECORD APPEARS PERSONAL***

Shem, the father of the Semites—both Arabs and Jews

- As the one of Noah's three sons most interested in God's promise of the coming Seed, Shem would be the logical one to keep such a record.
- Shem's signature is attached in the subscript at **Genesis 11:10**.
- It provides the only firsthand link between recorded history and the period of "prehistory."

# ***JAPHETH'S SEVEN SONS***

Through Scripture and early secular historical writings, and on excavated archaeological monuments, we can trace most of these names and recognize them as ancestors of the Indo-European peoples.

- The name of ***Japheth*** himself, for example, is found in literature as **lapetos**, the legendary father of the Greeks, and **Iyapeti**, the reputed ancestor of the Aryans in India.

The first son, **Gomer**, is identified by Herodotus (the father of history) with the district of **Cimmeria**, north of the Black Sea, a name surviving to this day as **Crimea**.

- Gomer's sons are identified here.
- The Jews identified **Ashkenaz** with Germany and, to this day, German Jews are called the **Ashkenazi**.
- **Riphath**, whom Josephus identifies as the ancestor of the Paphlagonians or the **Carpathians**
- **Togarmah** is the ancestor of the ancient people known as **Armenians**. The Armenian themselves claim this.

Returning to Japheth's sons, we find his second son, ***Magog***.

- We call the modern-day republic of **Georgia** (near the Black Sea) by this name. It was recently invaded by Russia.
- Flavius Josephus says that ***Magog***, or his prince or ruler **Gog**, was the ancestor of the **Scythians**, who also originally inhabited the Black Sea area.
- ***Magog*** is commonly associated in the Bible with two other sons of ***Japheth***—**Meshech** and **Tubal**—as we shall see in **Ezekiel 38:2**.

- *Meshech* clearly is preserved in the name **Muskovi** (the former name of Russia) and Moscow.
- *Tubal* is known by numerous Assyrian monuments as the **Tibareni** and has been preserved in the modern Russian city of **Tobolsk**.
- In **Ezekiel 38:2**, they are associated with “*Rosh*,” a name from which modern **Russia** was derived.
- *Magog*, *Meshech*, and *Tubal* can be considered as the progenitors of the modern Russian peoples.

Why should we care? The coming Magog invasion (**Ezekiel 38:1-9**). Hint: Who is occupying Syria?

# ***THE COMING MAGOG INVASION***

- There is little debate that the prophecy of Ezekiel, relating to Israel's final enemy, points conclusively to Russia.
- The 200 million man "Army of the East" (**Rev. 9**) is not the "*great company*" here in **Ezekiel 38**, but is another fighting force entirely; likely modern-day China.
- America is way too small at 350 million and the power is equally balanced among the other nations of Europe; the majority of them friends of peace.
- Leaving **Russia** with **China** and a host of predominantly **Arab** Muslim nations that includes **Persia-Iran!**

# ***BACK TO THE SONS OF JAPHETH***

- *Madai*, according to most all linguistic authorities, is the ancestor of the **Medes**.
- The name *Javan* is the original form of **Ionia**, which was the same as **Greece**.
- *Tarshish* has been identified with **Tartessos in Spain** and with **Carthage in North Africa**. Both of these, however, were Phoenician cities and the **Phoenicians** were **Canaanites**.

- *Kittim* is a linguistic reference to modern-day **Cyprus**.
- *Dodanim* is the same, evidently, as *Rodanim* (**1 Chronicles 1:7**). His name is probably preserved today in the geographical names **Dardanelles** and **Rhodes**.
- The last-named son of Japheth, *Tiras*, became the ancestor of the **Thracians**, according to Josephus.
- There is also a possibility that *Tiras* gave rise to the **Etruscans** of Italy.

# ***THE SONS OF HAM***

The account next proceeds to the sons of Ham, whose descendants are given in somewhat more detail than those of Japheth.

- The sons of Ham were *Cush*, the same as *Kish*, *Mizraim*, *Phut*, and *Canaan*.
- *Cush* is the same in the Bible as **Ethiopia**.
- *Mizraim* is the ancestor of the **Egyptians** and is the customary name for Egypt in the Bible.
- *Phut*, in the Bible, is the same as **Libya**.

# *THE CANAANITES*

This name is confirmed by Flavius Josephus. *Canaan* is the ancestor of the **Canaanites**, who gave his name to the land of Canaan—the habitual enemy of the Jewish people who dwelled in the promised land before Abram.

- Then we have *Nimrod*, the founding father of the **Babylonians**, also the mortal enemies of the Jews.

**Next time: “The Nations” —The Abbreviated  
History of the World— Part Two!**