

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

THE BOOK OF
GENESIS

THE NATIONS

GENESIS 10:10-32

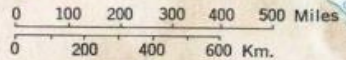
First, Nimrod: The founder of the Babylonian Empire.

- The oldest settlement at Babylon, was established prior to 3000 B.C. *Its power and place in history until the medo-Persian Empire 2500 years later.*
- Perhaps the most famous non-biblical Babylonian king was Hammurabi, 1792-1750 B.C.

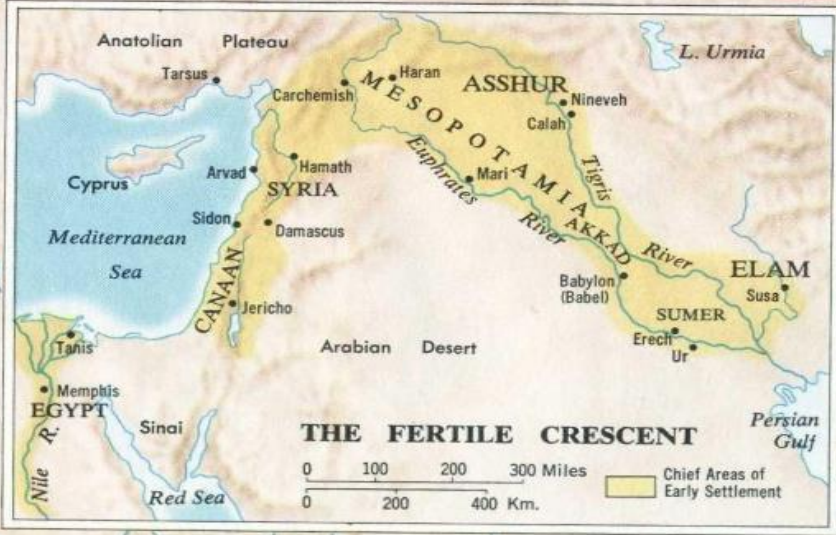
*Now, the rest of the **TABLE OF NATIONS** we began last week.*



NATIONS ACCORDING TO GENESIS 10



GOMER Descendants of Japheth
OPHIR Descendants of Shem
LUBIM Descendants of Ham



THE FERTILE CRESCENT
 0 100 200 300 Miles
 0 200 400 Km.
 Chief Areas of Early Settlement

Other Nations

- Canaanites
- Hittites
- Philistines
- Phoenicians
- Moabites
- Ammonites
- Edomites
- Midianites



Achievements of Fertile Crescent Empires

Hittite

- built a strong kingdom in Asia Minor
- mastered ironworking to create weapons
- used chariots
- soon after taking Babylon the Hittite king was assassinated and the Kassites who lived in north captured the city

Assyrian

- strong army, iron weapons, chariots, good organization
- Assyrians ruled from Nineveh
- used spears, bows, arrows
- built roads to distant parts of the empire

Chaldean

- in 612 BC destroyed Nineveh and the Assyrian Empire
- Nebuchadnezzar was the most famous Chaldean king, he created the Hanging Gardens of Babylon
- Babylon became a center for astronomy

Phoenician

- located at the eastern end of the Mediterranean Sea
- **wealthy trading society**
- **main resources were cedar trees, a valuable trade item**
- Built on of the world's first harbors at the city of Tyre
- developed on of the world's first alphabets

THE DESCENDANTS OF SHEM

- It is interesting that Shem is identified first as “***the father of all the children of Eber***” (the Hebrews).
- **Elam** is the ancestor of the Elamites.
- **Asshur** was the founder of the Assyrians.
- Little is known of **Arphaxad** except that he was in the direct line leading to Abraham.
- **Aram**, father of the Aramaeans (the same as the Syrians)—the founders of the Aramaic language.

***SIGNS OF DIVISION* v. 25**

- This is the most intriguing verse in the Semitic section of the Table of Nations.
- Since the name *Peleg* means “**division**,” questions come to mind: Dividing of what or whom, and why?
- The most obvious interpretation of this verse is that the division is the division of the peoples at the Tower of Babel, as we will see when we get to **Genesis 11**.
- Mankind is already back on a collision course with God.

THE GOD OF ALL NATIONS

In total, we have **SEVENTY** primeval nations listed here by Shem in his original Table of the Nations.

- 1.** God is the Lord of **ALL NATIONS**.
- 2.** **ALL NATIONS** belong to one human family.
- 3.** God has a purpose for **ALL NATIONS** to fulfill.
- 4.** God is concerned for **ALL NATIONS**.

HISTORY is still **HIS** STORY.