

THE ORIGIN OF NATIONS (#2)

During the months of May and June we will be studying a special series entitled the “Antiquity of Nations”.

Lesson #1	Origin of Nations	Gen.10:32
Lesson #2	Table of Nations	Acts 17:26

Last week, in Lesson #1, we learned that all postdiluvian nations originated from Noah’s three sons and are the descendants of Japheth, Ham, and Shem (Gen. Ch.10).

This lesson will study seven aspects of the postdiluvian “Table of Nations” that originated from the 70 national descendants of Noah’s three sons.

- 1. We will begin by mentioning a few of the nations that came from Japheth:**
Celts, English, Germans, French, Dutch, Irish, Franks, Russians, Czecks, Spanish, Scandinavians, Icelanders, Iranians, Kurds, Turks, Afghanistan, and Pakistan, India, and Italians (Romans). Josephus wrote that the Galatians or Gauls or Greeks were previously Gomerites.
- 2. Here is a few of the nations that came from Ham:**
Egyptians, Ethiopians, Canaanites, Phoenician (alphabet for Hebrews, Arabs, Greeks and Romans), Hittite, Sumerians (Nimrod, Cushite), Pacific Islands, Hawaiian, Filipinos, Americas, Eskimos, Japanese, Vietnamese, Chinese, Syrians, and Australian aborigines.
- 3. Here are the nations that came from Shem:**
(Semitic or Shemite): Hebrews (Heber), Assyrians, Syrians, Labanese, Elamites, Persians, Iraqis, Aramaeans, and Jordanians.
- 4. Two Shemitic nations came from Lot’s incest: Ammonites and Moabites (Gen.19:36-38).**
Lot was the son of Haran, Abraham’s brother. It is interesting that Lot felt more comfortable with the Hamitic Canaanite’s in Sodom and Gomorrah than with his own people. His two incestuous sons also chose to live with the Canaanites (Deut.2:29).
- 5. The Hamitic descendants of Canaan was under a curse (Gen.9:24-27); (Gen.10:15-19) [lineage].**
The Canaanite nations that fall under this curse would be Mongols, Chinese, Taiwanese, Vietnamese, Japanese, Asians, Eskimos, American Indians, Malayasians, Indonesians, Filipinos, Guamanians, Samoans, Fijians, and Pacific Islands. “In every area of the world where Japhetic people have subsequently settled, they have always been preceded by Hamites; this pattern applies in every continent. The Hamitic people were technologically proficient.” (Table of Nations by Tim Osterholm)
- 6. Here is the good news of the gospel for all under the curse of the law:**
“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us – for it is written, ‘Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree’ – in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.” (Gal.3:13-14; Gen.12:1-3)
- 7. The Shemite descendants of Hebrews (Heber) produced some key nations to messianic prophecy.**
This occurred during the patriarch period of biblical history. **Abraham** (Gen.17:4-6) with Hagar produced Ishmaelites or Sunnite Arabs (Gen.16:9-16; 17:20; 25:12-18; 37:28, 36) [Joseph] and with Keturah (Gen.25:1-4) [Midians]. **Isaac** with Rebekah produced Esau or Edomites or Idumean Arabs (Gen.25:23; 36) and Jacob or Israelites. **Jacob** with Leah and Rachel produced the 12 sons of the priest-nation of Israel. **Judah produced Judahites / Judean or Jews and Jesus** (Matt.1:1-17).