

Genesis
“God’s Unfolding Plan”

~ LET’S PRAY ~

NOTE TAKERS...

- I’ve titled tonight’s overview: **“God’s Unfolding Plan.”**

~ INTRO ~

TONIGHT...

- We continue our overview of the Bible.
- **And let’s start...**
 - by remembering (Genesis 1-11)...
 - Covers 2,000 years of world history.

NOW... THE LAST TIME WE WERE TOGETHER...

- We learned that the Bible is organized into seven dispensations.

DEFINED THIS WAY:

*“... a dispensation is the divine administration of a period of time...”*¹

TONIGHT...

- We’ll set the backdrop of the 4th dispensation of the Promise²
 - Which starts in (Genesis 12:1) thru (Exodus 19:25).

BUT... FIRST...

- Let’s discover HOW the earth was re-populated after the global flood.
 - (Gen. 9:18-19) NKJV.

IDEA #1 – THE EARTH IS RE-POPULATED: (Gen. 10:1-32)

OK...

- We have the **three sons of Noah:**
 1. Shem = oldest son
 2. Ham = middle son

¹ *What is Dispensationalism and Is It Biblical?* © 2002 Got Questions Ministries. Article sourced on 06/18/2023 from <https://www.gotquestions.org/dispensationalism.html>

² Ibid. <https://www.gotquestions.org/dispensationalism.html>

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3. Japheth = youngest son

AND FROM THESE SON’S...

- We get the breakdown of families throughout the entire world.

LOOK AT (Gen. 10:2-5)

THIS COMES FROM NOAH’S **YOUNGEST SON** – (Japheth)...

- (v.5) Tells us these are Gentile people groups.
 - (vv.2-3)
 - Gomer = Turkey
 - Magog = Russia
 - Tubal = Russia City of Tobolsk
 - Meshech = Moscow

THESE PEOPLE ARE...

- **The characters** of (Ezekiel 38)...
 - That form the end-time invasion of Israel... from the North.
 - Known as *Gog & Magog*.

NOW... AS THE GENEALOGY GOES ON...

- We see **the middle son** – (Ham)... Who is NOTED for rebellion.

>>> WE’LL COME BACK TO HIM IN A MINUTE <<<

LOOK AHEAD TO (Gen. 10:22)...

- Where we have **the oldest son** of Noah – (Shem).
 - From him comes the Semitic-line...
 - Primarily Hebrew & Arabic people.

FUN FACT...

- From (Gen. 10:25) “*Eber*” is where the term Hebrew comes from...
 - (Gen. 14:13) NKJV.

SO... JUST NOTE...

- That the Bible gives us the beginning of the **broad categories**...
 - Of both Gentile & Semitic Nations.

(Gen. 10:32) NKJV

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IDEA #2 – SIN SATURATES THE EARTH AGAIN: (Gen. 11:1-9)

THIS IS EXHAUSTING AS WE LOOK AT THIS PORTION...

- Yet... it’s entirely necessary... to comprehend the depth of sin!
 - So... we can appreciate the *Promise* in the rest of the Bible.

(Rom. 15:4) NLT

OK... CIRCLING BACK... NOW...

- To **Ham** the middle son.

(Gen. 10:6) >>> (Gen. 10:8-10)

- **NIMROD** – Means rebellion against God.

THE BEGINNING OF **NIMROD’S** KINGDOM...

- Started in the land of **Shinar** (Babylon)...
 - With a building project that rejected God.
 - **Move ahead** to (Gen. 11:1-9) NKJV – *Tower of Babel* (v.9)

(Gen. 11:4) NKJV

- Man’s attempt to reach God.
 - (John 10:9) NKJV

IT’S BEEN SAID...

*“Shinar is significant in its connection to the worlds
historical rebellion against God”* ³

LET’S UNDERSTAND THIS...

(Josh. 7:21) NKJV (BC 1405 – 1385)...

- Achan fed his desire against God’s command...
 - From the pleasures of Shinar (Babylon).

(Hosea 10:1-2) NLT (BC 760-720 +/-)...

- Happened before God disciplined His people – Israel.

(Zech. 5:1-11) – (BC 520 +/-)...

³ What is the significance of the land of Shinar in the Bible? © 2002 Got Questions Ministries. Article sourced on 07/26/2023 <https://www.gotquestions.org/land-of-Shinar.html>

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- Israel was returning to their land after the Babylonian captivity.
 - But they brought back a desire for commercialism...
 - Which stirred their desires away from God.

TODAY THE BIBLE WARNS THE CHURCH...

- (1 Tim. 6:10) NKJV

AND... DURING THE TRIBULATION PERIOD WE SEE...

(Rev. 17:5-6) NKJV

- This points back to the starting place of religion – the worship of self...
 - ME as God!!!
 - Which springs out of (Gen. 11) and the Tower of Babel...
 - In the land of Shinar (Babylon).

(Rev. 18:1-3) NKJV

- Please know that the hour of destruction is coming upon the...
 - Whole earth for those who trade God’s way for the way of self!!!

IDEA #3 – THE PROMISE REVEALED: (Gen. 11:10 – 12:1)

OK...

- Let’s keep this simple.
 - Has anyone ever heard of Ancestry.com
 - DNA tests to connect you to your past.

FOLLOW THE THOUGHT... INTO THIS GENEALOGY.

- It continues with Shem the oldest son...
 - Following the story line to the promise given to Abram.
 - Noah > Shem > Abram >
- Jump forward to (Matt. 1) – Jesus the savior of the world!

~ IN CLOSING ~

(1 Peter 1:19-23) NLT

- You’ve been ransomed.
- You’ve been cleansed.
- You’ve been born again.

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AMEN!