

TORAH, GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS
GENESIS 10 Genealogy, 11 Nimrod, 12 Abraham

Say - Welcome to Sabbath School class. Let's bow our head and ask God for understanding as we study the genealogy of Noah's three sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth, Nimrod and the beginning of Abraham's journey. We will learn the entire population of the earth is linked to Noah.

GENESIS 10

Say - Please realize the genealogy is recorded in this chapter is not from the oldest to the youngest son of Noah.

¹Now these are the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth: and unto them were sons born after the flood.

Japheth

Say - Most commentaries tell us the Japhethites settled the continent of Europe and Asia.

²The sons of Japheth; Gomer (progenitor which means in direct line of ancestry of the Celts. Who were the Celts? The Celts had an [indigenous polytheistic](#) religion and culture and worshipped many gods.^[66] Rites and sacrifices were carried out by priests, known as Druids. The Celts did not see their gods as having a human shape until late in the Iron Age. Celtic shrines were situated in remote areas such as hilltops, groves, and lakes. For more information, <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Celts> and scroll down to "Religion".), and Magog, and Madai, and Javan (Greeks first known by this name), and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras. ³And the sons of Gomer; Ashkenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah. ⁴And the sons of Javan; Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim. ⁵By these were the isles (coastline) of the Gentiles divided in their lands; every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.

HAM

Say - The sons of Ham moved southward to Arabia, Egypt, Ethiopia and Canaan. Canaan, a son of Ham, and his descendants gave their name to the land of Canaan which later became the land of the Hebrew Nation or the 12 Tribes of Israel when they were called out of Egypt by God.

⁶And the sons of Ham; Cush (Ethiopia, south of Egypt), and Mizraim (Became the name of Egypt), and Phut (Josephus says Phut was the founder of

Lybia, <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phut>), and Canaan. ⁷And the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabtah, and Raamah, and Sabtechah: and the sons of Raamah; Sheba, and Dedan.

⁸And Cush begat Nimrod (Grandson of Ham, means "rebel"): he began to be a mighty one (a hero because Nimrod was a protector of the people from the wild beasts which roamed the land) in the earth.

⁹He (Nimrod) was a mighty hunter before (instead of the people putting their trust in God they put their trust in Nimrod) the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before (in defiance and in place of the LORD) the LORD ¹⁰And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel (Nimrod was the founder of the first Kingdom or government in the world. Babylon was known as the "Land of Nimrod". After the confusion of languages at Babel/Babylon, Genesis 11:7, Nimrod built the following 3 cities), and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar (the ancient name for Babylonia or Chaldea).

¹¹Out of that land (Nimrod) went forth (invaded) Asshur (Assyria), and builded Nineveh (Capital of Assyria and a competitor of Babylon), and the city Rehoboth, and Calah (ancient cities of Assyria however Nineveh and Babylon were the leading cities of the world), ¹²And Resen between Nineveh and Calah: the same is a great city. ¹³And Mizraim begat Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim, ¹⁴And Pathrusim, and Casluhim, (out of whom came Philistim (hence the name Palestine or the five cities of the Philistines, Gaza, Ashkelon, Ashdod, Ekron, Gath),) and Capthorim. ¹⁵And Canaan begat Sidon (the oldest Canaanite city) his first born, and Heth (the Hitites), ¹⁶And the Jebusite (Jebus and after became Jerusalem), and the Amorite (people of east Canaan), and the Girgashite, ¹⁷And the Hivite (lived in N. Canaan), and the Arkite, and the Sinite, ¹⁸And the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite: and afterward were the families of the Canaanites spread abroad.

¹⁹And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon, as thou comest to Gerar, unto Gaza; as thou goest, unto Sodom, and Gomorrah, and Admah, and Zeboim, even unto Lasha. ²⁰These are the sons of Ham, after their families, after their tongues, in their countries, and in their nations.

Shem

Say - From Genesis 10:21-31 carries the genealogy from Shem to Abraham or 10 generations of 427 years. The Semites include the 12 tribes of Israel or the Hebrew Nation. Abraham, David and Jesus descended from Shem.

²¹Unto Shem also, the father of all the children of Eber, the brother of Japheth the elder, even to him were children born. ²²The children of Shem; Elam (mountainous district of E. of Babylonia), and Asshur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram. ²³And

the children of Aram; Uz (the country of the Chaldeans), and Hul, and Gether, and Mash (the countries of Armenia, Mesopotamia and Syria). ²⁴And Arphaxad begat Salah; and Salah begat Eber (ancestor of the race of the Hebrews, the people coming from and beyond the flood to Canaan, Joshua 2:3, 4, 14, 15).

²⁵And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of one was Peleg (means division and his generations are found in Genesis 11:10-27); for in his days was the earth divided (by inheritance); and his brother's name was Joktan. ²⁶And Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah, ²⁷And Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah, ²⁸And Obal, and Abimael, and Sheba, ²⁹And Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab: all these were the sons of Joktan. ³⁰And their dwelling was from Mesha, as thou goest unto Sephar a mount of the east.

³¹These are the sons of Shem, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, after their nations ³²These are the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations: and by these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood (all of the boundaries of the nations were directed by God).

GENESIS 11

¹And the whole (people of the) earth was of one language, and of one speech ²And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east (journeyed eastward), that they found a plain in the land of Shinar (Babylon, a symbol of idolatry and wickedness and still is); and they dwelt there. ³And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly (not wait for the sun). And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.

⁴And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven (with the zodiac depicted on it as in ancient temples with Denderah and Esneh in Egypt and as we learned Nimrod became the rebel leader); and let us make us a name (meaning be independent of God), lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

⁵And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded (Jesus, the Creator, will see first hand what the people are doing. Read of more examples, ²¹I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know" Genesis 18:21. Also read, ¹¹And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai" Exodus 19:11).

⁶And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. ⁷Go to, let us (God and Christ) go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. The Bible tells us ¹²He disappointeth the devices of the crafty, so that their hands cannot perform their

enterprise" Job 5:12). ⁸So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.

⁹Therefore is the name of it called Babel (confusion); because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

¹⁰These are the generations of Shem: Shem was an hundred years old, and begat Arphaxad two years after the flood (Shem lived from 98 years before the flood until 150 years after the birth of Abraham): ¹¹And Shem lived after he begat Arphaxad five hundred years, and begat sons and daughters. ¹²And Arphaxad lived five and thirty years, and begat Salah: ¹³And Arphaxad lived after he begat Salah four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters. ¹⁴And Salah lived thirty years, and begat Eber:

¹⁵And Salah lived after he begat Eber four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters. ¹⁶And Eber lived four and thirty years, and begat Peleg (born 14 years earlier, see Genesis 10:25): ¹⁷And Eber lived after he begat Peleg four hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters. ¹⁸And Peleg lived thirty years, and begat Reu: ¹⁹And Peleg lived after he begat Reu two hundred and nine years, and begat sons and daughters.

²⁰And Reu lived two and thirty years, and begat Serug: ²¹And Reu lived after he begat Serug two hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters. ²²And Serug lived thirty years, and begat Nahor: ²³And Serug lived after he begat Nahor two hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

²⁴And Nahor lived nine and twenty years, and begat Terah (important name to remember for Terah is the Father of Abraham):

²⁵And Nahor lived after he begat Terah an hundred and nineteen years, and begat sons and daughters. ²⁶And Terah lived seventy years, and begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

²⁷Now these are the generations of Terah: Terah begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran begat Lot. ²⁸And Haran died before his father Terah in the land of his nativity, in Ur (city of the cuneiform texts) of the Chaldees.

²⁹And Abram and Nahor took them wives: the name of Abram's wife was Sarai (means My Princess, Abraham's half sister. They were not far removed from Adam and Eve and common to marry sisters and cousins.); and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah, and the father of Iscah. ³⁰But Sarai was barren; she had no child.

³¹And Terah took Abram his son (God called them out of Babylon, the wonder of the world to go to Canaan.), and Lot the son of Haran his son's son, and Sarai his daughter in law, his son Abram's wife; and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees (first call from God and the beginning of the journey), to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Haran (not "Haran" of verse 26 above but a town of the Babylonian Empire devoted to the worship of the Moon-god), and dwelt there.

³²And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years: and Terah died in Haran (Haran is called Charran in Acts 7:4. Also Abraham was 75 years old, see Genesis 12:4. The Bible tells us, ⁸By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went (Abraham knew he was going to Canaan but not exactly where in Canaan)" Hebrews 11:8. That is what God wants His people to do today, have faith and obey Him as Abraham.).

Genesis 12

¹Now the LORD (The Most High God) had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country (get out of the culture and everything about Babylon and that is what we must do also), and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

²And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee (Abraham personally), and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: ³And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

⁴So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.

⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came.

⁶And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem (the place of Abraham's first altar; see verse 7 below and Christ's first mission, John 4:5. The word "Sychar" in John 4:5 means means Sichem or Shechem), unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land

⁷And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.

⁸And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, having Bethel on the west, and Hai on the east: and there he builded an altar unto the LORD, and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed, going on still toward the south (on south to the hill country south of Judah, Genesis 13:1, 3).

¹⁰And there was a famine in the land: and Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine was grievous in the land (Satan attempting to cast doubt for Abraham with the famine).

¹¹And it came to pass, when he was come near to enter into Egypt, that he said unto Sarai his wife, Behold now, I know that thou art a fair woman to look upon (in Egypt the women went unveiled): ¹²Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Egyptians

shall see thee, that they shall say, This is his wife: and they will kill me, but they will save thee alive (another attempt by Satan to work on Abraham's fear).

¹³Say, I pray thee, thou art my sister: that it may be well with me for thy sake (The Bible tells us we must "be wise as serpents and harmless as a dove" to maneuver in this world); and my soul (Hebrew "Nephesh" meaning Abraham) shall live because of thee.

¹⁴And it came to pass, that, when Abram was come into Egypt, the Egyptians beheld the woman that she was very fair.

¹⁵The princes also of Pharaoh saw her (Pharaoh is the official title of all kings in Egypt), and commended her before Pharaoh: and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house.

¹⁶And he entreated Abram well for her sake: and he had sheep, and oxen, and he asses, and menservants, and maidservants, and she asses, and camels (no horses in Egypt until the 18th dynasty). ¹⁷And the LORD plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai Abram's wife ("Plagued Pharaoh" was divine intervention by God).

¹⁸And Pharaoh called Abram and said, What is this that thou hast done unto me? why didst thou not tell me that she was thy wife? ¹⁹Why saidst thou, She is my sister? so I might have taken her to me to wife: now therefore behold thy wife, take her, and go thy way. ²⁰And Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him: and they sent him away, and his wife, and all that he had.

MEMORY VERSE

The LORD said unto Abram (Abraham), get thee out of thy country unto a land I will show thee and I will make of thee a great nation. So Abram (Abraham) departed...

Genesis 12:1-4

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR TOTS BELOW

THE BEGINNING OF ABRAHAM'S JOURNEY

MANY YEARS AGO GOD CALLED ABRAHAM AND HIS FAMILY FROM HIS HOME IN UR OR BABYLON, TO GO TO THE LAND OF CANAAN; TERAH, ABRAHAM'S FATHER, WAS 205 YEARS OLD AND ABRAHAM WAS 75; SARAI, WHICH MEANS "MY PRINCESS", WAS ABRAHAM'S WIFE.

BY FAITH ABRAHAM OBEYED GOD AND THAT IS WHAT GOD WANTS FROM HIS PEOPLE TODAY;
OFF THEY ALL WENT, INCLUDING LOT, ABRAHAM'S NEPHEW, ALONG WITH ALL THEIR CATTLE, DONKEYS, SHEEP AND CAMELS.

THEIR FIRST STOP ON THEIR JOURNEY WAS IN HARAN WHERE ABRAHAM'S FATHER DIED;
NOW THEY MUST TRAVEL ON TO CANAAN WHERE "GOD WOULD MAKE ABRAHAM A GREAT NATION AND ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH WOULD BE BLESSED".

LEAVING BEHIND THE CULTURE AND FAMILY OF BABYLON, AT SICHEM AND AT BETHEL, ABRAHAM MADE AN ALTER TO GOD AND CALLED UPON HIM FOR GUIDANCE;
SOON THERE WAS A FAMINE IN THE LAND AND GUIDED BY GOD, ABRAHAM WENT WITH ALL HIS CATTLE INTO EGYPT.

SARAI, MY PRINCESS, WAS BEAUTIFUL SO ABRAHAM SAID, "TELL THE PHARAOH AND THE EGYPTIANS THAT YOU ARE MY SISTER";
THE EGYPTIANS TREATED ABRAHAM WELL FOR SARAI'S SAKE AND SOON THEY WERE OFF ON THEIR WAY IN EGYPT.

WE HAVE MUCH TO LEARN FROM ABRAHAM SO THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING OF THE STORY OF ABRAHAM;
I HOPE WE WILL BE WILLING TO HAVE FAITH IN OUR GOD AS ABRAHAM DID AND OBEY ALL HE TELLS US TO DO.

THE BEGINNING OF ABRAHAM'S JOURNEY



THE LORD SAID UNTO ABRAHAM,
GET THEE OUT OF THY COUNTRY UNTO A LAND
I WILL SHOW THEE AND I WILL MAKE OF THEE
A GREAT NATION. SO ABRAHAM DEPARTED...

GENESIS 12:4