

Lesson 7 – The Tower of Babel

Searching the Scriptures (Genesis 10-11)

1. The descendents of _____ (10:1-5)
 - 1) They moved primarily to Asia Minor, Europe, and the _____.
 - 2) Most of the world's powerful nations and empires came from Japheth.
2. The descendents of _____ (10:6-20)
 - 1) They were primarily located in Palestine and _____.
 - 2) The nation of _____ was established by Mizraim. (Genesis 50:11; Psalm 78:51; 105:23, 27; 106:22)
 - 3) The _____ came through Ham's son Mizraim. (10:13-14)
 - 4) The Canaanite nations settled in Palestine and Syria. (10:15-19)
3. The descendents of _____ (10:21-31)
 - 1) The nation of _____ came from this lineage.
 - 2) The lineage of _____ came through this family line. (Luke 3:36)
 - 3) The Assyrian (Asshur) and Persian (Elam) empires came through Shem. (10:22)
 - 4) Shem became the prominent lineage though _____ was the oldest.

The Tower of Babel

1. _____ came from the lineage of Ham through his son Cush. (10:6, 8-10)
2. Nimrod may have organized the rebellion of the tower of _____. (11:1-9)
 - 1) He established himself as a mighty one in the earth. (10:8)
 - 2) He hunted those who opposed his rule. (10:9)
3. His kingdom serves as an example of tyrannical rule throughout man's history.
 - 1) It was established with a single _____. (11:1)
 - 2) It was established with a centralized _____. (city, 4:17; 11:2-4)
 - 3) It was established with a counterfeit _____ (11:4)
 - The tower was a temple (ziggurat) to the moon god.
 - The Egyptian pyramids were inspired in part by this tower.
 - Ziggurat-style temples were built in Indonesia, India, and in Central and South America (Myans and Incas).

- Idolatry, astrology, sacrifices, perversion, and witchcraft were practiced.
- The Babylonian mystery religion found in the Roman Catholic Church has its roots in this religious system. (Jeremiah 7:18; 44:17-19, 25; Ezekiel 8:14; Revelation 17)

Formation of Nations

1. The LORD judged the rebellion of Babel. (11:5-9; Psalm 2)
2. There are _____ primary language groups according to many linguists.
 - 1) Indo-European (including English)
 - 2) Sino-Tibetan (including Mandarin Chinese)
 - 3) Afro-Asiatic (including Arabic)
 - 4) Many linguists recognize that all languages originally came from an unknown “mother tongue.”
3. Linguists estimate that there are more than _____ languages and dialects today.
4. The LORD used these to divide the world into nations. (Deuteronomy 32:7-8; Acts 17:24-27)

Applying Truth to Life

1. Understand that God is sovereign over the nations. (Isaiah 40:15-17)
 - 1) Nations that forget God are turned into hell. (Psalm 9:17, 20)
 - 2) Pray that our nation will turn back to its biblical foundation.
 - 3) Pray that God is able to exalt our nation once again because of righteousness. (Proverbs 14:34)
 - 4) Pray that our nation repents of the sin that has brought a reproach upon our land. (see Leviticus 18:24-30)
2. Are you separating from the “mystery Babylon” religious system that many are embracing today? (Revelation 17)
3. Parents and grandparents: prayerfully seek ways to teach about our biblical, national heritage to the next generation.