

Supplement to Revelation Bible Study

Table of Nations of Genesis 10¹

Read slowly, the Table of Nations in Genesis 10 teaches us to **trace lines from names to places, from places to purposes, and from purposes to praise.** The sons of Noah—**Shem, Ham, and Japheth**—spread, settle, and build, and their households become the seedbeds of future peoples and empires.²

Interestingly, in Genesis 10, the sons of Noah (although typically read *Shem, Ham, Japheth*) are in *reverse order*. This structure is both *geographical* and *theological* as it moves from the coastlands to Cush and Canaan and finally to the line that will carry the promise to Abram.³

From these lines the Lord will later call Abram, set a people in a land, and bless the nations He has made, **to the end that scattered tongues will one day sing together before the throne and the Lamb.**⁴

Genesis 10 stands as a witness that God commands, governs, and determines concerning all nations.

God Commands

Genesis 9:1 *And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, **Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.***

God Governs

Psalms 22:27-28 *All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the **LORD**: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.* ²⁸ *For the kingdom is the **LORD'S**: and he is the governor among the nations.*

God Determines

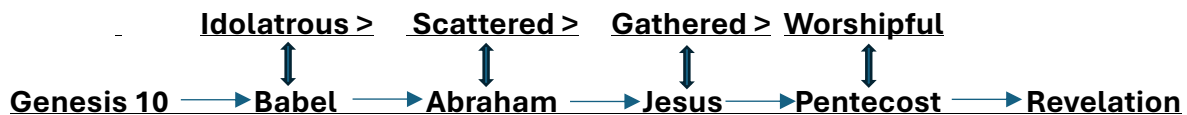
Acts 17:26 *And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;...*

History is **guided**, geography is **apportioned**, and **human diversity is neither accident nor threat but design under the Creator's rule and according to His wisdom.**

Throughout Genesis 10, the writer uses a four-fold formula to describe the diversity of the scattered nations. He speaks of clans, languages, lands and nations. Commentators point out that such a formula isn't used again throughout Scripture, until you reach Revelation where it is used twice. Revelation 7 seems to be deliberately alluding to Genesis 10.

Revelation 7:9 *"I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, **from every nation, from all tribes, and peoples and languages.**"*

Genesis 10 and Revelation 7 are the bookends of the story of the nations. A story in which the nations are:



The names of nations in Genesis 10 become markers in a long story in which God resists the proud, shapes history, and prepares a path for salvation to reach every tribe and tongue.

Genesis situates the description of the Table of Nations after the Flood and before the Tower of Babel, a **deliberate placement** that ties **repopulation to divine purpose** and **scattering to divine judgment**.

This chapter is not a random collage of ancient names. It presents a coherent picture of nations in their lands with their own languages, an assertion that anticipates the Babel narrative while **clarifying that the dispersal was neither chaos nor chance but governed by God's will.**⁵ **God knows the peoples by name and guides their fates.** Prophets draw on these names to speak of near and far events, reminding us that.⁶

Shem's line, presented last, prepares the reader for the narrowing of focus that begins in Genesis 11 and 12. From Shem comes Arphaxad, from Arphaxad comes Shelah, then Eber, then Peleg—*“for in his time the earth was divided”*—and from that line the genealogy will wind down to Terah and to Abram, **through whom blessing will reach the nations already named.**⁷

The promise to Abram, *“all peoples on earth will be blessed through you,”* **does not cancel the Table of Nations: it interprets it by showing how God will bring scattered peoples back into praise through a chosen servant, a promised Seed, and a path that moves from one nation to all nations.**⁸

The Table notes Nimrod, *“a mighty warrior on the earth,”* who founded Babel, Erech, and Accad in the land of Shinar and then built Nineveh and cities of Assyria, sketching the birth of systems that will later oppose the people of God.⁹ **Babel will raise a tower to make a name for humanity, only to be humbled by the Lord who confuses their language and scatters them over the earth, underscoring that pride cannot bind the world together and that unity without God is no blessing.**¹⁰

But how does this transformation take place? **What is it that re-gathers the nations like this and reorients their hearts towards God?**

Well, firstly and most obviously, it's the **cross**. Revelation 5, again using that four-fold formula, says:

Revelation 5:9 “By your blood, you purchased men for God, from every tribe and language and people and nation.”

It is the death of Jesus that turns **idolaters to worshippers**, that **gathers the scattered**.

John 4.24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

The New Testament gives a second answer to how the transformation takes place. Most manuscripts count 70 nations in Genesis 10. (Some of the Bibles consider variant manuscripts, and... list 72 nations.) Have you ever wondered why Jesus chose 70/72 disciples and not 64, or 78? ...It was a prophetic statement. In the same sort of way that Jesus chose 12 disciples to represent the 12 tribes of Israel, now he appoints 70/72 others to represent the nations of the world. Jesus sent out the same number of disciples as there were scattered nations – even accounting for manuscript discrepancy! [See Endnote ¹¹ **Further Study: The Seventy (or Seventy-Two) and the Nations.**]

Disciples, commissioned and sent out by Jesus **with the good news of his life, death and resurrection (the Gospel), are God's chosen method of reconciling the nations to Himself.** [Note: See the *Great Commission*, **Matthew 28.18-20.**] **Jesus sent out one person for every nation, representing the fact that every people group is accounted for in the saving plan of God. And through His sacrifice and the witness of His people, Jesus alone can reconcile the nations to one another, to God and to true worship.**

Babel scatters; the call of Abram *gathers*; Jesus paid the penalty for our sin reconciling us to God; Pentecost will begin to *knit together* divided tongues by the Spirit's power so that the gospel runs along the paths first charted in Genesis 10, and in Revelation we see the plan of God in its fruition.¹²

What We Need to Remember Regarding the Table of Nations

1. First, **God rules history and geography.** The chapter's quiet cadence—name, son, land—carries a loud message: **nations rise and spread by God's appointment, not blind fate.**¹³ **This conviction guards against despair when powers rage, against pride when powers prosper, and against fear knowing that *nothing is random*. God knows every people and place and works out His purpose in the rise and fall of nations so that people might seek Him and find that He is not far from any one of us.**¹⁴ *"He brings princes to naught and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing" while establishing His purpose through all generations.*¹⁵

Psalms 33:11 *The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.*

2. **Second, God values nations as nations even as He calls individuals to Himself.** The Table honors peoples in their diversity—clans, languages, lands, nations—without collapsing them into sameness or hardening them into hostility.¹⁶ Later Scripture envisions nations streaming to Zion to learn the Lord's ways, a ...scene that ***keeps the particular and the universal in harmony as the Word of the Lord goes out and peace replaces war.***¹⁷ God made the nations and will be praised among them; He blesses Israel to bless the world, and He disciplines the world to fill it with praise.¹⁸ ***The end is not the erasure of peoples but the healing of peoples in the worship of the one true God.*** Seeing the world through God's eyes fuels mission. If God cares about nations in their languages and lands, then the Church must care too. Jesus sends His followers to ***"make disciples of all nations,"*** a command that turns the Table's list into a *to-do list of love—every people, every tongue, every place within reach of the good news.*¹⁹ Pentecost offers a foretaste when people from ***"every nation under heaven"*** hear the mighty works of God in their own languages, **a gracious reversal of Babel's confusion that points toward the day when the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord.**²⁰ Local churches live this out by *praying for the nations, welcoming strangers, supporting workers,* and *"walking across the street" with the gospel.*²¹
3. **Third, God confronts pride that tries to build a world without Him.** Nimrod's cities, Babel's tower, and the later rise of Babylon and Assyria are woven into Scripture as signs that ***human power, when severed from the fear of the Lord, will drift toward self-exaltation and oppression.*** The Table of Nations does not glorify such power; it sets it in context. Revelation's vision of a final Babylon pulls lines tight to the first Babel, **bookending the story of proud cities with the truth that the Lord will judge rebellion and gather the redeemed from every nation.**²²

God frustrated Babel's plans, and He will one day judge the final Babylon, because He loves the world too much to let it unite in rebellion.²³

The same God who scattered with judgment also gathers by grace, calling a people for His name from every nation and bringing them to one Shepherd and one throne.²⁴

4. **Fourth, God will keep His word to Israel and to the nations.** For those who read Scripture with care for **promise and fulfillment**, Genesis 10 also sets the stage for **how God will keep His word to Israel and to all nations**. The promise of land to Abram names the peoples then occupying it.²⁵ **Covenant is anchored in real history.**²⁶

Prophets will later announce a day when nations oppose Israel and are judged, and a day when those same nations come to Jerusalem to worship the King and seek His law, **a future that makes sense only because God has cared about nations from the start.**²⁷

The Table invites sober discernment about power and unity. The *Bible warns against alliances built on pride and projects built for our own name, whether ancient towers or modern systems that forget God*.²⁸ **God will keep His Word to Israel and to all nations.**

5. **Lastly, the Table of Nations is thus not a relic but a root.** It supports the Biblical hope that grows toward a world made new under the reign of Christ.²⁹ **It cultivates humility and hope. Humility**, because Nimrod's cities rise and fall, and Babel's bricks crumble when God speaks: **no nation, however strong, can secure a future against the will of the Lord.**³⁰

Conclusion

Genesis 10 is a doorway through which the rest of the Bible walks. **It looks back to one family stepping off the ark and forward to many peoples filling the earth under God's hand.**³¹

It explains how nations come to be and why their stories matter to God, preparing the way for a promise to one man that will bless all families, for a psalm that calls all peoples to praise, and for a vision in which every tongue confesses that Jesus is Lord.³²

In a world still marked by pride and fracture, the **Table of Nations** keeps us steady: **God rules, God remembers, and God gathers.**

So we read the names... We pray for the peoples... We expect God to work...

We resist fear when powers boast and resist despair when powers fail, because the Lord has set the times and boundaries and will bring His purpose to its appointed end.³³

This chapter that many skip turns out to be a summons—to worship the Maker of nations and to walk into the world He loves with courage, humility, and hope.³⁴

Acts 17:26–27 *And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; ²⁷ That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:...*

¹ <https://www.woody-brohm.online/the-table-of-nations-a-biblical-key-to-the-origins-of-nations/>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/table-of-nations.html>

<https://liamthatcher.com/2013/02/22/the-table-of-nations/>

² This reference is also in the Introduction.

Genesis 10.2 *The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras.*

Genesis 10:20 *These are the sons of Ham, after their families, after their tongues, in their countries, and in their nations.*

Genesis 10:31 *These are the sons of Shem, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, after their nations.*

(See Genesis 10:2–32)

³ The text says that from Japheth's sons "*the maritime peoples spread out into their territories by their clans within their nations*" (Genesis 10:5). It notes that Ham fathered peoples settled in Africa and the Near East, including Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan, names that resurface across the pages of Scripture in story and prophecy (Genesis 10:6; Isaiah 20:3–5). It records that Shem's line includes Eber, from whom the Hebrews are later named, linking early lists to the stream that will become Israel (Genesis 10:21; Genesis 11:10–26).

The subsequent list of Noah's descendants in Genesis 10, ... [are presented]: the 14 descendants of Japheth, 30 descendants of Ham, and 26 descendants of Shem. This order places Shem, the ancestor of Abraham and ultimately Israel, at the climax of the list. Israel is not explicitly mentioned among Shem's descendants; it emerges later on in Genesis. Eber, however, the eponymous ancestor of the Hebrews, is referred to here: (בְּנֵי עֶבֶר, "the sons of Eber"; v. 21; cf. v. 25).

See <https://www.thetorah.com/article/the-table-of-nations-the-geography-of-the-world-in-genesis-10>

⁴ This reference is also in the Introduction.

Genesis 12:3 *And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.*

Revelation 7:9-10 *After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; ¹⁰ And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.*

Luke 3:34-38 *Which was the son of Jacob, which was the son of Isaac, which was the son of Abraham, which was the son of Thara, which was the son of Nachor, ³⁵ Which was the son of Saruch, which was the son of Ragau, which was the son of Phalec, which was the son of Heber, which was the son of Sala, ³⁶ Which was the son of Cainan, which was the son of Arphaxad, which was the son of Sem, which was the son of Noe, which was the son of Lamech, ³⁷ Which was the son of Mathusala, which was the son of Enoch, which was the son of Jared, which was the son of Maleleel, which was the son of Cainan, ³⁸ Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God.*

⁵ **Genesis 10:1** *Now these are the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth: and unto them were sons born after the flood.*

Genesis 11:1-9 *And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. ² And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. ³ And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them throughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. ⁴ And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. ⁵ And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. ⁶ And 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. ⁷ Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. ⁸ **So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. ⁹ Therefore is the name of it called Babel; 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.***

⁶ Ezekiel sees a confederation from the north under "Gog of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshek and Tubal," names that trace back to Japheth's sons.

Ezekiel 38:2 *Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, ³ And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:*

Genesis 10:2 *The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras.*

⁷ **Genesis 10:21-25** *Unto Shem also, the father of all the children of Eber, the brother of Japheth the elder, even to him were children born. ²² The children of Shem; Elam, and Asshur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram. ²³ And the children of Aram; Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Mash. ²⁴ And Arphaxad begat Salah; and Salah begat Eber. ²⁵ And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of one was Peleg; for in his days was the earth divided; and his brother's name was Joktan.*

Genesis 11:10-26 *These are the generations of Shem: Shem was an hundred years old, and begat Arphaxad two years after the flood: ¹¹ And Shem lived after he begat Arphaxad five hundred years, and begat sons and daughters. ¹² And Arphaxad lived five and thirty years, and begat Salah: ¹³ And Arphaxad lived after he begat Salah four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters. ¹⁴ And Salah lived thirty years, and begat Eber: ¹⁵ And Salah lived after he begat Eber four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters. ¹⁶ And Eber lived four and thirty years, and begat Peleg: ¹⁷ And Eber lived after he begat Peleg four hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters. ¹⁸ And Peleg lived thirty years, and begat Reu: ¹⁹ And Peleg lived after he begat Reu two hundred and nine years, and begat sons and daughters. ²⁰ And Reu lived two and thirty years, and begat Serug: ²¹ And Reu lived after he begat Serug two hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters. ²² And Serug lived thirty years, and begat Nahor: ²³ And Serug lived after he begat Nahor two hundred years, and begat sons and daughters. ²⁴ And Nahor lived nine and twenty years, and begat Terah: ²⁵ And Nahor lived after he begat Terah an hundred and nineteen years, and begat sons and daughters. ²⁶ And Terah lived seventy years, and begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran.*

⁸ **Genesis 12:3** *And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and **in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.***

Galatians 3:8 *And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, **In thee shall all nations be blessed.***

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Acts 2:5-11 *And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. ⁶ Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. ⁷ And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? ⁸ And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? ⁹ Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.*

⁹ See Genesis 10:8–12.

¹⁰ **Psalms 33:10-11** ***The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect.** ¹¹The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.*

¹¹ **Further Study: The Seventy (or Seventy-Two) and the Nations**

In Luke 10:1-2 we can see the difference based on the manuscripts considered:

Luke 10.1-2 (KJV) *After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come. ² Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.*

Luke 10.17 (KJV) *And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.*

Luke 10:1-2 (NIV) *“[Jesus] appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. And he said to them, the harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.”*

[Note: After Luke 10.1 | the NIV there is a footnote: Some manuscripts seventy; also in verse 17.]

Luke 10.17 (NIV)

The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.”

(<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke%2010:1-2&version=NIV>)

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the nations of the world. Jesus sent out the same number of disciples as there were scattered nations – even accounting for manuscript discrepancy!

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Symbolic Significance of the Number

In Old Testament texts, “70” appears often.

- Genesis 10 lists genealogies of nations that traditionally total 70, *reflecting completeness or a representative spread of all cultures*. Some interpreters see “72” as echoing the same theme, reminding readers of the universality of Christ’s mission.
- “70” in Numbers 11:24-25 refers to elders who received the Spirit in the wilderness.
- “70” in Exodus 24:9-11 highlights the elders accompanying Moses.

Luke’s emphasis may be that Jesus’ mission extends to all peoples, *fulfilling God’s plan to reach every nation*. Whether “70” or “72,” the overall point remains: ***Jesus sent out a significant group beyond the Twelve, commissioning them to heal the sick, proclaim the kingdom, and cast out demons.***

Luke 10:9 And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

Perspectives from Early Church and Other Writings

Throughout church history, commentators noted both readings even before modern textual criticism. Many of the early Greek manuscripts, Latin translations (the Vulgate by Jerome), and writings from Church Fathers *reveal awareness of both variants*. The difference rarely caused theological controversy in antiquity. For them, ***the essential truth was Jesus’ multiplication of kingdom workers.***

Conclusion

The question “***Were there 70 or 72 disciples?***” arises from a minor, well-documented manuscript variation in Luke 10. The Berean Standard Bible presents “seventy-two,” reflecting strong textual support, though “seventy” also appears in early manuscripts. Either reading upholds the same core message: ***Christ appointing numerous disciples to proclaim His kingdom, a vital step in the unfolding plan spanning from the Old Testament into the global witness of the New.***

Such textual nuances underscore the careful preservation and rich manuscript tradition of Scripture, affirming that these differences do not undermine the integrity or power of its teaching. Ultimately, whether 70 or 72, the episode stands as a testament to Jesus’ mission to “go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15), inviting believers in every generation to participate in God’s redemptive work.

https://biblehub.com/q/were_there_70_or_72_disciples.htm

¹² **Revelation 11:15** And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, ***The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.***

Revelation 21:24-26 And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. ²⁵ And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. ²⁶ And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

¹³ **Psalms 24:1** The earth is the LORD’S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

¹⁴ **Acts 17:26-27** And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; ²⁷ That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:

Psalms 46:10 Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. That truth steadies the heart, curbs anxiety, and invites prayer for rulers and all in authority so that the gospel may run without hindrance.

1Timothy 2:1-2 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, ***supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;*** ² ***For kings, and for all that are in authority;*** that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

2Thessalonians 3:1 Finally, brethren, ***pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:***

¹⁵ **Isaiah 40:23** *That bringeth the princes to nothing; he maketh the judges of the earth as vanity.* ²⁴ *Yea, they shall not be planted; yea, they shall not be sown: yea, their stock shall not take root in the earth: and he shall also blow upon them, and they shall wither, and the whirlwind shall take them away as stubble.*

Deuteronomy 32:8 *When the most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel.*

¹⁶ **Genesis 10:20** *These are the sons of Ham, after their families, after their tongues, in their countries, and in their nations.*

Genesis 10:31 *These are the sons of Shem, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, after their nations.*

¹⁷ **Isaiah 2:2-4** *And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. ³ And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴ And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.*

Micah 4:1-2 *But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. ² And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.*

¹⁸ **Psalms 67:3** *Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. ⁴ O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah.*

Genesis 12:3 *And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.*

¹⁹ **Matthew 28:18-20** *And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.*

¹⁹ **Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰ Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.**

Luke 24:47 *And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.*

²⁰ **Acts 2:5-11** *And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. ⁶ Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. ⁷ And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? ⁸ And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? ⁹ Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.*

Habakkuk 2:14 *For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.*

²¹ **Romans 10:13-15** *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. ¹⁴ How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵ And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!*

Hebrews 13:2 *Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.*

²² **Revelation 17:5** *And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.*

Genesis 11:4 *And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.*

Genesis 11:5-9 And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. ⁶ And 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. ⁷ Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. ⁸ So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. ⁹ Therefore is the name of it called Babel; 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.

Revelation 7:9-10 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; ¹⁰ And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

²³ **Genesis 10:10-12** And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. ¹¹ Out of that land went forth Asshur, and builded Nineveh, and the city Rehoboth, and Calah, ¹² And Resen between Nineveh and Calah: the same is a great city.

Genesis 11:4-9 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. ⁵ And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. ⁶ And 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. ⁷ Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. ⁸ So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. ⁹ Therefore is the name of it called Babel; 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.

Revelation 18:2-3 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. ³ For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

²⁴ **Acts 15:14** Simeon hath declared how **God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.**

John 10:16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

Revelation 7:10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to **our God which sitteth upon the throne**, and unto the Lamb.

²⁵ Including the Rephaim, Amorites, and Canaanites.

²⁶ **Genesis 15:18-21** In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates: ¹⁹ The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites, ²⁰ And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims, ²¹ And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.

²⁷ **Zechariah 14:16** And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.

Joel 3:1 For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, ² I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.

Isaiah 2:3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

²⁸ **Genesis 11:4** And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

Psalms 2:1-3 **Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?** ² The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, **against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying,** ³ **Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.**

True unity comes by the Word and Spirit of God and shows itself in justice, mercy, and truth, not in mere size or speed.

Ephesians 4:3-6 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; ⁵ One Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ **One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.**

Micah 6:8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and **what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?**

As believers live as **salt and light among the nations** named in Genesis 10, **they bear witness to a better city whose architect and builder is God, and they seek the peace of the cities where they live while longing for the New Jerusalem.**

Hebrews 11:10 *For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.*

Jeremiah 29:7 *And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the LORD for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace.*

Revelation 21:2 *And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.*

²⁹ **Revelation 11:15** *And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, **The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.***

Revelation 21:24-26 *And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. ²⁵ And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. ²⁶ And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.*

³⁰ **Genesis 11:8** *So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. ⁹ Therefore is the name of it called Babel; 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.*

Psalms 75:6 *For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. ⁷ But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.*

Hope, because God's plan moves forward through families, migrations, and even judgments toward a day when "the kingdoms of the world" become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Messiah .

Revelation 11.15 *And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, **The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.***

In daily life that means **we honor every person as made in God's image, resist partiality, and measure our identity mainly by our belonging to Christ, who purchased with His blood people from every tribe and language and people and nation.**

Genesis 1:27 *So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.*

James 2:1-4 ***My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons. ² For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment; ³ And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool: ⁴ Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?***

Revelation 5:9 *And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for **thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;***

³¹ **Genesis 9:1** *And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, **Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.***

Genesis 10:32 ***These 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.***

³² **Genesis 12:3** *And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.*

Psalms 67:3 *Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. ⁴ O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah.*

Philippians 2:10 *That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; ¹¹ And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

³³ **Acts 17:26** *And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;*
Isaiah 46:9-10 *Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, ¹⁰ Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:*

³⁴ **Psalms 117:1** *O praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.*
John 3:16-17 *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.*