

**Introduction to
Supplement to Revelation Bible Study
Table of Nations of Genesis 10**

Table of Nations¹

Scripture places a chapter that reads like a map spread on a table—names running like rivers into regions, families opening into peoples, and peoples forming nations under the hand of God (Genesis 10:1–5). Genesis 10 [containing the *Table of Nations*] is often skimmed, yet it is a linchpin for understanding how the world took shape after judgment and **how God's promise would move forward through one family while never losing sight of all families on earth** (Genesis 10:32; Genesis 12:1–3). The passage does more than list sons and grandsons; **it shows that history is guided, geography is apportioned, and human diversity is neither accident nor threat but design under the Creator's rule.**

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;...

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.

Read slowly, the **Table of Nations** 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 (Genesis 10:2–32). From these lines the Lord will later call Abram, set a people in a land, and bless the nations He has made, so that scattered tongues will one day sing together before the throne and the Lamb (Genesis 12:3; Revelation 7:9–10). Far from being a dry register, **Genesis 10 stands as a witness that the God who judges also gathers, orders, and sends for the sake of His name among all nations.**

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

Psalms 22:27 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.

The names of nations in Genesis 10 thus 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 ([Psalm 33:10–11](#); [Luke 3:34–38](#)).

...[D]oes the Bible use the Table of Nations beyond Genesis? Prophets draw on these names to speak of near and far events. 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 and remind us that God knows the peoples by name and guides their fates ([Ezekiel 38:2–3](#); [Genesis 10:2](#)). Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Zephaniah speak oracles against Egypt, Cush, Tyre, and Philistia, nations whose roots or neighbors appear in Genesis 10, signaling that God's dealings with nations in the middle chapters rest on His knowledge of their beginnings ([Isaiah 19:1–4](#); [Jeremiah 47:1–4](#); [Zephaniah 2:4–12](#)). 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 ([Revelation 17:5](#); [Genesis 11:4–9](#); [Revelation 7:9–10](#)).

Nevertheless, some information can be gleaned from passages such as Daniel 11 and Revelation 16 which make general mention of some of the players. The **Table of Nations** presses three theological tenets:

- 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.
- God values nations as nations even as He calls individuals to Himself.
- God confronts pride that tries to build a world without Him.
- Sets the stage for how God will keep His word to Israel and to the nations.

The **Table of Nations** teaches believers to see the world through God's eyes.

- It trains us to trust. When headlines churn and borders shift, Genesis 10 whispers, "This is not 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 ([Acts 17:26–27](#); [Psalm 46:10](#)). That truth steadies the heart, curbs anxiety, and invites prayer for rulers and all in authority so that the gospel may run without hindrance ([1 Timothy 2:1–2](#); [2 Thessalonians 3:1](#)).
- It 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 ([Matthew 28:18–20](#); [Luke 24:47](#)).
- 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 ([Genesis 11:8–9](#); [Psalm 75:6–7](#)). 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](#)). 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](#); [James 2:1–4](#); [Revelation 5:9](#)).
- 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 ([Genesis 11:4](#); [Psalm 2:1–3](#)). 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](#); [Micah 6:8](#)). 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](#); [Jeremiah 29:7](#); [Revelation 21:2](#)).

For this complete amazing study on the **Table of Nations**, and to see the **Table of Nations** extended to show the countries that have come from their beginnings, see Endnote ² for links.

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

² <https://www.woody-brohm.online/the-table-of-nations-a-biblical-key-to-the-origins-of-nations/> and <https://inspiredscripture.com/bible-studies/genesis-10#gsc.tab=0>