

**The Nations Divided
Genesis 10**

INTRODUCTION

Pastor Scott overviewed Genesis 10, a record of the family lines of Noah's sons – Japheth, Ham, and Shem. The dispersion of these family lines after the flood resulted in separate nations (ethnic groups) with specific land boundaries & unique languages (verses 5, 20, 31). This confirms the Biblical worldview – we are one race, one family, one blood (Acts 17:26). And so it is, even up to our present day.

Genesis 10:25 introduces us to Peleg. His name means division, “for in his days the earth was divided.” Why did the Lord not only allow, but CAUSE this to happen?

Genesis 11 records man's attempt to unite & God's response. Read Genesis 11:1-9 about Babel (literally 'confusion'). But mankind wants a solution to these divided nations...

DIGGING DEEPER

In Genesis 10:8-9, Nimrod was a historical figure, but also is a type of a man known as the Antichrist. Basically, a type is an Old Testament historical person or object or event that foreshadows someone or something revealed in the New Testament. Human history records men's propensity to want to rule - centralizing authority, power & control over humanity - AND our tendency to want a leader to rule over us. The world is still searching for the man who can unite all humanity in peace & prosperity.

In this study, we will dig deeper by considering Nimrod - the characteristics of the Antichrist & who he represents, and how this may be applied in our lives today.

Pray for wisdom & understanding, and let's begin.

I Now, think about Nimrod and the Antichrist to come – a charismatic & brilliant political, economic, and military leader. Do you get anxious? See 2 Thessalonians 2:9-14.

II. How does the type of Nimrod relate to us in the world today? Is the world aware of their search for a false Christ? See John 5:43.

III. Since the world is looking for answers, and a man to lead them – should we as Christians get involved in this discussion? Or should we just hide in a spiritual cocoon and wait for Jesus to return? See John 17:14-18, Matthew 5:11-16.

IV. With the world's desire for this false Christ to lead, how can we turn a conversation towards the true Desire of Nations – our soon arriving Messiah, Jesus? Let's be ready to give an answer for our hope! See Haggai 2:6-9, Isaiah 9:6-7, 1 Peter 3:13-16.

V. How can you combat fear or doubt concerning the future in your life and others also? What Scriptures bring comfort to you? See Matthew 12:18-21,..... Selah

PRAY

- * Faith, Family, Friends Outreach August 13 at Jefferson Park.
- * New season of home groups beginning in September.
- * Ministry to CCFL teens.
- * School of Ministry – new students coming this semester, teachers, housing needs
- * Various studies beginning soon – New Believers Class, Women's Bible Study...
- * Agape' Lifeline India & the Irular building project