

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

PERIOD ONE

CREATION - THE FALL, FLOOD, NATIONS

LESSON 6

PERIOD ONE THE BEGINNING			
CREATING THE WORLD AND NATIONS			
CREATION Genesis 1 to 2	THE FALL Genesis 3 to 5	FLOOD Genesis 6 to 8	NATIONS Genesis 9 to 11
In the beginning was God; and God said, "Let it . . . be and it was.	People disobeyed God; Sin came into the world.	Punishment for sin.	New beginning; People scattered to many places.

1. THE FALL

God is punishing people for their sin, Genesis 3 - 5.

READ GENESIS CHAPTERS 3 THROUGH 5.

Genesis chapter 3 tells us:

- where sin started
- where suffering began,
- where all problems come from

What did God tell Adam not to do (Genesis 2:17)?

Who tempted Eve to disobey (Genesis 3:1)

What did God say would happen if they ate the fruit (Genesis 2:17)?

What did the serpent (snake) say would happen (Genesis 3:4)?

Satan came to Eve in the form of a snake, (2 Corinthians 11:3). The serpent (snake) told Eve that God was lying to her (Genesis 3:4,5). He said God was trying to keep her from knowing something that would be great to know. The serpent made Eve think that God was mean to her. Satan does this today. He says to us, "If a person becomes a Christian, he cannot have a good time."

After Adam and Eve sinned, they saw their mistake. They tried to hide their shame. But God came to them. God killed an animal to make coats for them. The animal skins would cover their shame. God could have killed Adam and Eve, but He chose to kill animals instead of them.

This shows how Jesus died instead of us. We have sinned. We should die (Romans 6:23). Jesus died in our place to take away our sin (Romans 5:8).

How did God punish Adam for disobeying (Genesis 3:17-19)?

How did God punish Eve (Genesis 3:16)?

How did God punish the serpent (snake) (Genesis 3:14,15)?

People still suffer from these punishments today. The serpent still suffers from the punishment today. Satan's power was destroyed (Genesis 3:15; Hebrews 2:14).

God also gave Adam and Eve a promise to send Someone who would save them (Genesis 3:15). The seed of the woman means Christ being born from a woman. To bruise his heel means Christ dying on the cross. To bruise the serpent's head means Christ destroying the power of the devil (Hebrews 2:14).

What were the names of Adam's first two sons?

Because Adam disobeyed God, sin entered into the world and people sin (Romans 5:12,19). The sins of jealousy and hatred showed in Cain (Genesis 4:5-8).

What happened in Genesis 4:1-8?

What was the name of the third boy born to Adam and Eve (Genesis 4:25)?

Enos was the son of Seth. What did the people start to do after Enos was born (Genesis 4:26)?

In chapter five of Genesis we read about great men who lived after Adam.

Who was the oldest man that ever lived and how old was he when he died (Genesis 5:27)?

Methuselah means "man of the dart or spear." It means something about judgment. When Methuselah died, God judged the world with the flood.

2. THE FLOOD

READ GENESIS CHAPTER 6 THROUGH CHAPTER 9.

What were the people doing when Noah lived (Genesis 6:5)?

What will the people be doing when Christ comes again (Matthew 24:37,38)?

God told Noah to make an ark. Noah obeyed God. Because of this he saved his life. He saved the lives of his wife and children. Noah also saved some of the animals, birds and creeping things.

The rest of the people, animals, birds and creeping things drowned in the flood (Genesis 7:21-23).

Noah and his family worshipped God after the flood was over. They built an altar and made an animal sacrifice. They did this on the mountains of Ararat, near the ark (Genesis 8:4,20).

What did God do to show that He would not send another flood (Genesis 9:9-17)?

Even though Noah was a righteous man, he still had trouble with sin. How did he sin (Genesis 9:20,21)?

What were the names of Noah's three sons (Genesis 10:1)?

Ham did not show respect to his father when his father was drunk. Because of this, Noah put a curse on Canaan, the son of Ham (Genesis 9:22-25). Later King David speaks about Egypt as the land of Ham (Psalm 78:51). What sad thing happened to Egypt (Psalm 78:51)?

3. THE NATIONS

READ GENESIS CHAPTERS 10 and 11.

Genesis chapters 10 and 11 speak about the beginning of nations.

God used the sons of Noah to begin different nations. Genesis 10 tells us about these nations.

Japheth and his sons moved north-west from Babylon toward Spain (Genesis 10:2-5).

Ham moved along the east coast (shore) of the Great Sea (Mediterranean Sea).

Some of Ham's family moved into Africa (Genesis 10:6-14). They built the cities of Nineveh, Calah, Babel and Erech. Canaan, son of Ham, lived along the Great Sea.

Shem lived north of the Persian Gulf (Genesis 10:21-31). Abram came from Shem. Abram was later called Abraham.

Before these families moved out into the different parts of the world, they all lived together. What did they start to do (Genesis 11:1-4)?

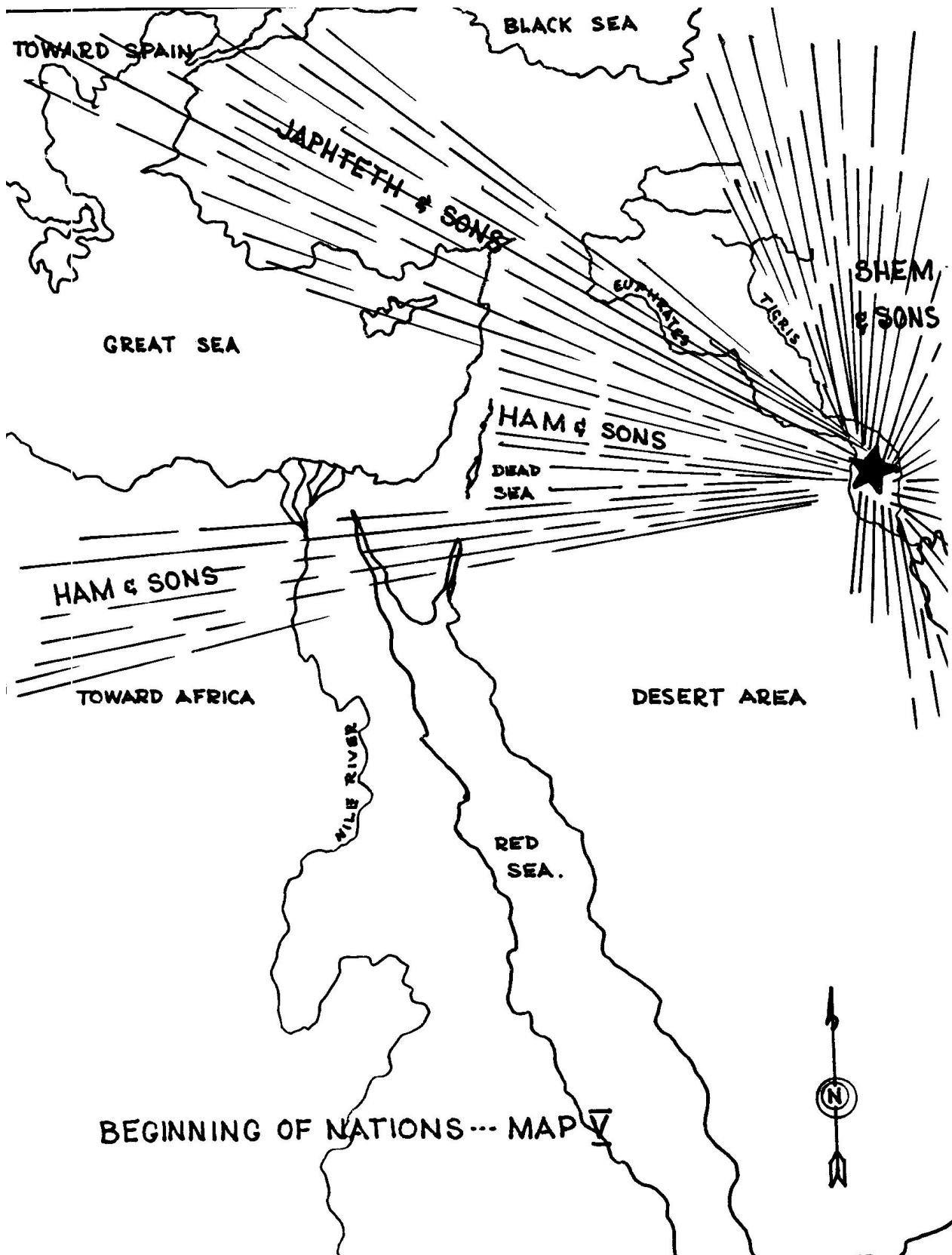
They did this to make a name for themselves.

People have found a very large building in Babylon that looks like the tower of Babel. The tower they found was 153 feet high. On top of it was an altar. (William Smith, Smith's Bible Dictionary, pp. 72,73, copyright 1948 by Holt, Rinehart and Winston, Inc., used by permission of Zondervan Publishing House.)

What did God do to the people of Babel (Genesis 11:7-9)?

God mixed up the languages at the tower of Babel. Then the people moved into different parts of the world. Each group had their own language.

The Bible does not give us all the names of the people who lived in those early days. The Bible tells only about the most important people. Most of these people had many children.



4. IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER

It is said that the way of salvation is found all the way through the Bible. We see it here in:

- Genesis 3:21 - the animals were killed to cover the sins of the people.
- Genesis 4:4 - Abel offered an animal sacrifice. These offerings show us that the shedding of blood covers sin.
- Genesis 3:15 speaks of the seed (child) of the woman. This tells of Christ, who was to come and die for our sins.
- Noah was safe in the ark (Genesis 7:1,7). Like Noah was safe in the ark, so we as believers are safe in Christ (John 10:28,29).

WORDS TO LEARN

1. ark - big boat.
2. curse - an evil wish which would bring hurt to a person or a group of people.
3. disobey - to not do what we are told to do; to do what we are told not to do.
4. jealousy - the desire to have something that someone else has.
5. judgment - the time when a punishment is given for a wrong.
6. nation - group of people who live in the same country; tribe, band.
7. respect - to look up to; good enough to honor.
8. punishment - pain or loss of something because of disobedience.
9. righteous - to be right with God.
10. sacrifice - an offering, something given to God that costs much to the giver.
11. salvation - to be free from the power of sin and the punishment of sin (death).
12. seed - as used in Genesis 3:15 - a descendant (special one) child.
13. serpent - snake, (Satan).
14. worship - to give great honor to God in prayer and praise.

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