

# THROUGH THE BIBLE STUDY

## GENESIS 7-10

Here are the Top 10 statements uttered by Noah aboard the Ark...

- 10) Strange, we haven't seen another boat for weeks.
- 9) If only I had brought along more rhino litter.
- 8) I never want to sleep in a waterbed again.
- 7) Fish for supper – again?
- 6) Does anyone have more Dramamine?
- 5) What? You don't have film to photograph the rainbow?
- 4) Honey, please stop saying, *“Into each life a little rain must fall.”*
- 3) How can I fish with just two worms?
- 2) God, are you sure I don't need to keep the termites in a tin can?
- 1) And as Noah exited the Ark, he slapped the back of his neck and mumbled, *“I should've killed those lousy mosquitoes while I had the chance!”*

In the first six chapters of Genesis God goes from *good* to *grieved*.

After His creation **“God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good.”** But by chapter 6, the world was so wicked God was grieved He had made man – and the only way for God to save us was to destroy the earth and start over... And a man named Noah **“found grace in the eyes of the Lord.”**

Noah was told to build a boat – an Ark - then gather his wife, his three sons, their wives, and two of every kind of

animal on the earth. Noah was obedient...

Which is where we pick it up tonight, chapter 7, “Then the LORD said to Noah, “Come into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen that you are righteous before Me in this generation.” What a moving scene...

When it’s time to board the Ark, God doesn’t tell Noah to *go onto the ark*, but to “come into the ark” – the implication is that God is onboard waiting for Noah.

We call it *Noah’s Ark*, but never doubt, God was the captain of this vessel!

Actually, we call the ark a boat, but it was actually a barge – *a large barge*.

The Ark had no onboard navigation. Noah had no way to steer the vessel. It was up to God to guide the Ark, and dock it at the proper resting place.

Guys, the next time you feel you’ve lost control of your life, and can’t navigate the storm... remember Who’s onboard. Trust the Captain to steer the ship!

In verse 2 God says to Noah, “You shall take with you seven each of every clean animal, a male and his female; two each of animals that are unclean, a male and his female; also seven each of birds of the air, male and female, to keep the species alive on the face of all the earth.” The clean animals will be used by Noah as sacrifices to God, thus he takes seven of the clean, and two of the unclean.

The distinctions - *clean* and *unclean* - are actually spelled out and codified later in the Law of Moses, but apparently

they were also known at the time of Noah.

God continues in verse 4, “For after seven more days I will cause it to rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and I will destroy from the face of the earth all living things that I have made.” There were 7 days from the time Noah boarded the Ark, to the time the rain started. Remember, he’d preached for 120 years, and no one had believed. Imagine, the ridicule now hurled at Noah from outside the Ark.

Alexander Maclaren writes, “For 120 years the wits laughed, and the ‘common-sense’ people wondered, and the patient saint went on hammering and pitching at his ark. But one morning it began to rain; and by degrees, somehow, Noah did not seem quite such a fool. The jests would look different when the water was up to the knees of the jesters; and their sarcasms would stick in their throats as they drowned. So it is always. So it will be at the last great day... (when people) awake too late to the conviction that they are outside the ark of safety...”

But verse 5 tells us, “Noah did according to all that the LORD commanded him. Noah was six hundred years old when the floodwaters were on the earth.”

So Noah, with his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives, went into the ark because of the waters of the flood. Of clean animals, of animals that are unclean, of birds, and of everything that creeps on the earth, two by two they went into the ark to Noah, male and female, as God had commanded Noah.”

Remember Noah’s Ark measured 450 feet long, by 75 feet

wide, by 45 feet high. Its three floors provided 101,250 square feet of floor space - or 1,518,750 cubic feet. To illustrate its capacity... you're looking at the equivalent payload of a train pulling 522 boxcars - each packed with 240 sheep – or *125,280 sheep*.

The Ryrie Study Bible estimates, there are approximately 17,600 species of animals on the earth today. Given some animals are larger than sheep - and others smaller – we can use a sheep as an average size animal. Thus, two of every unclean, and seven of the clean, would equal about 40,000 sheep.

That's not a *baaaaaad* estimate.

Since the Ark could hold 125,280 sheep - only 40,000 sheep would take up just 28% of its capacity – leaving plenty of room for supplies, food, and Noah.

Verse 10, “**And it came to pass after seven days that the waters of the flood were on the earth. In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.**”

“**And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights.**”

Here's a description of flood mechanics... Verse 11, “**the windows of heaven were opened**” - literally, the sluice gates were unleashed... This was not simple rain, but gushing water poured onto the earth. In addition, “**the fountains of the deep were broken up**”. Volcanic explosions released pockets of underground water - subterranean springs and oceans. *Water came from above and below.*

Some scholars believe God initiated the flood with a comet or meteorite that penetrated the vapor canopy surrounding the earth, causing it to explode and collapse. The cosmic collision also tilted the earth's axis – split the one global land mass into continents - and even caused massive mountains to rise.

The flood altered the whole geology of the earth. As we're told in 2 Peter 3:6, "the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water." When Noah and his family exited the ark they walked out into a whole new environment.

And let me suggest that a global flood is a far better explanation for the earth's geology than evolutionary theories. Evolutionists suggest the planet's topography and strata were formed by natural processes over long periods of time.

I'm sorry, but I've been to the Grand Canyon, and seen all its varied geological formations. I just can't believe it was cut out by a little trickle called the Colorado River. To say the canyon started as a small gully... *Well, I'm not that gully-able!*

The Institute of Creation Research has done research on Mount St. Helens. They've documented how many of the geological structures once thought to have formed over millions of years occurred instantly as a result of a volcanic eruption.

And think about fossils...The earth is a burial ground - yet what makes a fossil?

*Natural processes? Of course not.* When a fish falls to the ocean floor it doesn't turn into a fossil, it gets eaten by a scavenger or just deteriorates. It takes pressure, compaction,

and instant burial for a fossil to form... *conditions present in a flood.*

Even the placements of the fossils in the Earth's strata are better explained by their ability to survive the flood. The animal's body-type, its mobility in the water, its density, and its habitat explain how high the animal could've climbed in the floodwaters before it was overcome and compacted in the sediment.

Verse 13, "On the very same day Noah and Noah's sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark - they and every beast after its kind, all cattle after their kind, every creeping thing that creeps on the earth after its kind, and every bird after its kind, every bird of every sort. And they went into the ark to Noah, two by two, of all flesh in which is the breath of life. So those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the LORD shut him in." Notice, the Lord Himself closes the door, and shuts them in. The Lord oversees their safety.

"Now the flood was on the earth forty days." In the Scriptures 40 is the number of judgment. "The waters increased and lifted up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters prevailed and greatly increased on the earth, and the ark moved about on the surface of the waters. And the waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth, and all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered."

Obviously, this was a global flood – "all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered." Ancient history also attests

to a worldwide flood. Over 200 cultures have a similar story - 88% mention a favored family, in 70% they survive in a boat.

Verse 20, “The waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were covered.” That’s fifteen cubits – or 22½ feet - above the highest mountain.

I could be that prior to the flood, the earth’s surface was fairly level, except for a few “high hills”. The mountain ranges were formed by torrential run-offs, & massive erosion. The receding floodwaters reshaped the earth’s geology and topography.

Verse 21, “And all flesh died that moved on the earth: birds and cattle and beasts and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every man. All in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, all that was on the dry land, died. So He destroyed all living things which were on the face of the ground: both man and cattle, creeping thing and bird of the air. They were destroyed from the earth.”

There were no aquariums on the Ark. The fish survived in the water, but many died in the erosion, and the sediment deposits that came in the flood’s aftermath.

Verse 23, “Only Noah and those who were with him in the ark remained alive. And the waters prevailed on the earth one hundred and fifty days.”

Hey, it didn’t matter how good of a swimmer you were – every single Olympic swimmers died in the flood. Human effort and ingenuity could save no one.

The only folks who were saved were those who trusted in

God's provision.

The same is true with us, today. Depend on your own goodness and merit and you'll drown. Only those who humble themselves and trust in Jesus are saved.

Actually, the Ark paints a beautiful picture of Jesus...

The Ark was a trinity – three decks, but one boat.

God was in the Ark, and He was also in Jesus.

Both Noah and Jesus were carpenters, who built a judgment-proof salvation.

When Noah entered the Ark he left behind his old life, and received a new life. The same occurs for those who put their faith in Jesus Christ.

There was only one ark – and there's only one Savior.

According to Genesis 6:16 the Ark had a single door - the door was in the side of the Ark – and it was out of that door that Noah came out to repopulate the earth. And likewise, it's from Jesus' side that His life-giving blood has populated heaven.

And finally, the ark landed on Mount Ararat on Nisan 17<sup>th</sup> - the exact day of the year that Jesus rose from the dead. Both events marked new beginnings for man.

Chapter 8, "Then God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided. The fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were also stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained."

"And the waters receded continually from the earth. At the



end of the hundred and fifty days the waters decreased. Then the ark rested in the seventh month, the seventeenth day of the month, on the mountains of Ararat.” The Ark drifted for five months until it rested on Mount Ararat. Today, the mountain known as Ararat, is a 16,254 foot peak, in northeast Turkey, near its border with Iran and Armenia.

And to me, it’s no accident where God put the Ark. In fact, I believe its still in the same spot, on Ararat. God could’ve set the Ark in a valley so it could be used for firewood or shelter. But He put it on top of a 16,000 foot peak – where it would be buried under ice and snow – in order to preserve it as a last days’ witness.

In 1840 an earthquake blew off the upper 10% of Ararat, and sightings of a large wooden structure began to be reported. In 1916, a Russian pilot sighted a man-made structure on the mountain. His sighting was confirmed by two parties of soldiers in 1917. In 1943, US pilots spotted a structure. In 1955, French explorer, Fernand Navarra, retrieved a piece of carved timber that dated back to 4500 BC.

Glacial ice on the mountaintop – the region’s short summers – political tensions all make it difficult to access Mount Ararat, but I believe one day undeniable proof will be presented. Skeptics of the flood and the Bible’s detractors will be silenced.

Verse 5, “And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month. In the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen.”

So it came to pass, at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made. Then he sent out a raven, which kept going to and fro until the waters had dried up from the earth. He also sent out from himself a dove, to see if the waters had receded from the face of the ground.”

A raven is a scavenger. If it found a carcass it would feed off its flesh and never return. A dove lands only on dry ground. The habits of these two birds were Noah’s way of checking how far the waters had receded on the earth.

Verse 9, “But the dove found no resting place for the sole of her foot, and she returned into the ark to him, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took her, and drew her into the ark to himself.”

“And he waited yet another seven days, and again he sent the dove out from the ark. Then the dove came to him in the evening, and behold, a freshly plucked olive leaf was in her mouth; and Noah knew that the waters had receded from the earth. So he waited yet another seven days and sent out the dove, which did not return again to him anymore.” Noah waits 7 days each time he sends the dove.

Perhaps he was waiting for the Sabbath day. It could be that sending out the dove was an expression of his faith – perhaps, a part of his worship.

“And it came to pass in the six hundred and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, that the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and indeed the surface of the ground was

dry.”

After nearly 11 months Noah walks out on the deck and surveys a new world.

Verse 14 tells us, “And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dried. Then God spoke to Noah, saying, “Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you.”

The same God who said, “Come in”, now says, “Go out”.

And the same is true with us... God calls us to come to Christ. We come in - but after we grow and mature - the Lord instructs us to go out and be fruitful.

It’s interesting that Noah entered the Ark on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> month. He exited on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of the same month – a year later. Noah was in the Ark for 377 days (over a year), and 60% of the time was spent sitting in the same place, waiting for the water to recede. *Noah had to learn patience. He had to wait on God.*

The great puritan pastor, Philip Brooks, was pacing back and forth in his living room when a friend came to visit. His friend asked Brooks why he was so restless. Brooks responded, “Because I am in a hurry, and God is not.”

Guys, we need to learn to rest in God’s promises and allow Him to bring them to pass in His time and in His way. Remember, the word “Noah” means “rest”!

Verse 17, “Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that is with you: birds and cattle and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.” So Noah went out,

and his sons & his wife and his sons' wives with him. Every animal, every creeping thing, every bird, and whatever creeps on the earth, according to their families, went out of the ark. Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.”

Noah’s first act when he steps off the Ark onto dry ground is to build an altar, make a sacrifice, and worship God. It was man’s sin that destroyed God’s world, but the flood didn’t destroy sin. Noah’s first step is to offer a sacrifice for His sin.

“And the LORD smelled a soothing aroma.” He was pleased with the sacrifice.

Then the LORD said in His heart, "I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done. While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease."

Even though God taught humanity a lesson, he knew in the long run another global judgment would be inevitable. Every human being is born with a sin nature. As verse 21 tells us, “the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth”. The next time – and last time – the earth will be judged not with *flood*, but with *fire*.

In chapter 9 God makes a covenant with Noah suited for the post-flood world.

Verse 1, “So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. And the fear

of you and the dread of you shall be on every beast of the earth, on every bird of the air, on all that move on the earth, and on all the fish of the sea. They are given into your hand. Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. I have given you all things, even as the green herbs.

**But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood.”**

Prior to the flood humans were vegetarians, but after the flood, God added meat to man’s diet. He blessed us with Big Macs, and barbecue.

Evidently, post-flood people would need an extra source of protein.

And now that animals become a source of food for man, God instills within the animal kingdom a fear of humans. Verse 2 calls it a **“fear”** or **“dread”**.

This was God’s way of evening the score – and protecting the animals.

Imagine, a hunter calling little Bambi out of the woods, feeding him a few sugar cubes, and then opening fire... If God hadn’t put hostility between the animals and humans it would’ve been an unfair advantage for the humans, hungry for meat.

God continues with His covenant in verse 5, **“Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a reckoning; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man.”** If a pit bull mauls a young child the dog should be put down.

But capital punishment also applies to man. **“From the hand of every man's brother I will require the life of man. "Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed; for in the**

image of God He made man.” Since humans are made in God’s image, murder is an attack on God, and deserving of death.

The institution of capital punishment was in essence God’s establishment of human government. Government is God’s arm to defend and protect human life, and to execute capital punishment. In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus tells His followers to turn the other cheek, but He’s speaking of personal relationships. His instructions to us don’t change the responsibility God gives to governments.

In verse 7 God instructs Noah and his descendents to reproduce, “And as for you, be fruitful and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth And multiply in it.”

“Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying: "And as for Me, behold, I establish My covenant with you and with your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you: the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you, of all that go out of the ark, every beast of the earth.

Thus I establish My covenant with you: Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

I recalled this promise this past week as Ivan flooded streets and yards with water. God didn’t rule out isolated floods - but He did promise that a global flood would never happen again... *Here are a few more lessons we learn from Noah...*

Don’t miss the boat.

Don’t forget we’re all in the same boat.

Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.  
Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, you might get assigned a really big job.  
Don't listen to your critics just get on with what has to be done.  
Build your future on high ground.  
For safety's sake, travel in pairs.  
Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.  
When you're stressed, float a while.  
The Ark was built by amateurs. The Titanic was built by professionals.  
The woodpeckers inside are a greater threat than the storm outside.  
No matter the storm, when God is with you, there's a rainbow waiting.

And we find that rainbow in verse 12. "And God said: "This is the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud; and I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth."

Here God hangs up His bow in the clouds.

Of course, a rainbow is an optical phenomenon where droplets of water refract the light, and create a prism effect. The water reveals the colors of the spectrum.

There may have been rainbows before the flood – perhaps in the mist in the Garden of Eden. But since the flood was the first time it had actually rained, no human prior to Noah, had ever seen a rainbow hanging in the clouds.

The Hebrew word translated “rainbow” refers to a “bow and arrow”. When God hung a rainbow in the sky it was as if God were hanging up His bow of judgment.

The flood was over. It would never be repeated. Whenever Noah heard a clap of thunder or saw a bolt of lightning he would look up and see God’s bow in the clouds – pointed up, not down – it remind him that God’s judgment was over.

The rainbow would serve as a reminder to all humanity that God’s agenda from here on out – until the end of the age – will be *salvation*, not *condemnation*.

Verse 17, “And God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth.” Now the sons of Noah who went out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

And Ham was the father of Canaan. These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was populated.” Verse 18 lists *your* grandpa! Every one of us came from one of Noah’s *my three sons*: Shem, Ham, or Japheth.

Take the population trends over the last century, and extrapolate them back 4500 years – and it’s amazing, you



end up with a total world population of eight.

It's also interesting that anthropologists group humans into three major categories: *Caucasian*, *Negroid*, and *Oriental*. Follow the genealogies of Noah's sons in chapter 10, and you'll discover they loosely parallel these three divisions.

Japheth migrated north into Europe, and fathered the Caucasian nations.

Shem's descendants moved east. He birthed the Oriental and Semetic tribes.

And Ham's family traveled south. The African nations were fathered by Ham.

The last ten verses of Genesis 9 tell a sad story. Noah was a man of faith and obedience. After walking with God for 600 years, *one night* he drops his guard and figures a little wine won't hurt him. Instead of a glass or two... he gets drunk.

Noah takes a drink, the drink takes a drink, and the drink takes Noah. Here's the first mention of wine – of alcohol – in the Bible, and it leads a person to sin.

Noah may've forgotten his weakness - his need for God - and figured that he could handle a little temptation... *Guys, pride will always set you up for a fall.* And it can happen to any of us... Noah goes from *hero* to *zero* in a matter of minutes.

Verse 20 tells us, “**And Noah began to be a farmer, and he planted a vineyard. Then he drank of the wine and was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent.**”

“**And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his**

father, and told his two brothers outside. But Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were turned away, and they did not see their father's nakedness. So Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done to him.”

At the very least, Ham was guilty of disrespect. He mocked and insulted his dad. But there are scholars who believe he was guilty of a sin far more sinister...

Noah wakes up and knows what his son did to him – not just said about him – but did to him. There are some who think Ham performed some physical act.

Some think he molested his father. He performed a homosexual act.

Others think Ham castrated Noah. The Jewish Talmud suggests this idea.

“Then he said: **“Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants He shall be to his brethren.”** Interestingly, Ham’s son is cursed – not Ham. We’re not sure why?

It’s possible that Canaan participated in the act with his father.

It’s also possible that Noah knew that Ham’s evil influence on his son would insure his son’s future slavery. Ham’s curse will be seen in the future of his son.

The Canaanites did eventually become a tribe of slaves. When Joshua led the descendants of Shem - the Hebrews - into the land of Canaan he subdued its inhabitants – the Canaanites. And they became servants to their brethren.

One thing is for sure, any attempt by white racists to apply

the curse of Ham to black Africans, and to justify slavery, is a terrible misuse of Scripture. Some of Ham's descendents did settle in Africa, but the curse was on one son, Canaan – not all of Ham's descendents... And Canaan didn't even have black skin.

Noah also said in verse 26, "**Blessed be the LORD, the God of Shem** (Shem would be the father of Abraham and the Jews), **and may Canaan be his servant. May God enlarge Japheth, and may he dwell in the tents of Shem** (the Gentiles will seek refuge in the blessings of Israel); **and may Canaan be his servant.**"

**"And Noah lived after the flood 350 years. So all the days of Noah were 950 years; and he died." Chapter 10, "Now this is the genealogy of the sons of Noah: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And sons were born to them after the flood."**

What comes next in Genesis 10 is what we call "*The Table of Nations*" – and it shows the distribution of Noah's descendents throughout the post-flood earth...

**"The sons of Japheth were Gomer** (or the Germanic people), **Magog** (or Russia), **Madai, Javan** (or the Greeks), **Tubal, Meshech** (perhaps, Moscow), **and Tiras** (or the Italians). **The sons of Gomer were Ashkenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah. The sons of Javan were Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim. From these the coastland peoples of the Gentiles were separated into their lands, everyone according to his language, according to their families, into their nations."**

“The sons of Ham were Cush (or Ethiopia), Mizraim (or Egypt), Put (a part of ancient Egypt, which is today, Somalia), and Canaan. The sons of Cush were Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah, and Sabtechah; and the sons of Raamah were Sheba and Dedan. (who were inhabitants of the Arabian peninsula)

Verse 8 is a parenthesis in Ham’s genealogy, “Cush begot Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one on the earth. He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; therefore it is said, “Like Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD.” And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh in the land of Shinar” The name “Nimrod” means “to rebel”, and that’s exactly what this man did.

After the flood God hung up His bow – he hung it in the clouds for all to see.

God wanted to make peace – but Nimrod became “the mighty hunter before the Lord”. One interpretation reads, “mighty hunger against the Lord” - the idea being that Nimrod went hunting to draw people away from God, and after himself.

No doubt Nimrod was also a skilled hunter of animals, and think of the prestige this would produce for him in the post-flood world. Humans and animals had gone from *pals* to *predators*. Noah spent a year with the lions and tigers inside the Ark. Now every rustle in the bushes sent a scare through his descendents.

Man’s former, furry friends could be stalking him for dinner. A mighty hunter would be a hero, a protector - and would be able to make appealing promises.

Tradition says that Nimrod was also the first human to domesticate horses, and bring the animal kingdom under man's dominion. Folks saw Nimrod as a savior. In chapter 11 he becomes the first antichrist – but his salvation is a false one.

Verse 11, “From that land he went to Assyria and built Nineveh, Rehoboth Ir, Calah, and Resen between Nineveh and Calah (that is the principal city). Mizraim begot Ludim, Anamim, Lehabim, Naphtuhim, Pathrusim, and Casluhim (from whom came the Philistines and Caphtorim). Canaan begot Sidon his firstborn, and Heth; the Jebusite, the Amorite, and the Girgashite; the Hivite, the Arkite, and the Sinite; (the Sinites might've been the Chinese) the Arvadite, the Zemarite, and the Hamathite. Afterward the families of the Canaanites were dispersed.”

“And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon (the Lebanese coast) as you go toward Gerar, (south) as far as Gaza; then as you go toward Sodom (east to the Dead Sea), Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, as far as Lasha.”

“These were the sons of Ham, according to their families, according to their languages, in their lands and in their nations.”

Verse 21, “And children were born also to Shem, the father of all the children of Eber (probably short for the Hebrews), the brother of Japheth the elder.

The sons of Shem were Elam, Asshur, Arphaxad, Lud, and Aram. The sons of Aram were Uz (Job was from the land of Uz), Hul, Gether, and Mash. Arphaxad begot Salah, and

Salah begot Eber. And this is interesting, “To Eber were born two sons: the name of one was Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided”

Today, geologists talk about a former super-continent, or Pangea. They believe at one time the earth was a connected land mass, but broke apart into continents.

A quick look at a globe, and the shape of the continents, make it easy to imagine all seven continents fitting together like puzzle pieces. I believe in the aftermath of the flood the earth did break into pieces and drift on the oceans.

This is how the kangaroos made it from Ararat to Australia - and how the American Indians reached the new world. These people and animals were able to travel across huge land bridges that existed up until the days of Peleg.

Peleg’s “brother's name was Joktan. Joktan begot Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah, Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah, Obal, Abimael, Sheba, Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab.” (or perhaps Job). All these were the sons of Joktan. And their dwelling place was from Mesha as you go toward Sephar, the mountain of the east. These were the sons of Shem, according to their families, according to their languages, in their lands, according to their nations. These were the families of the sons of Noah, according to their generations, in their nations; and from these the nations were divided on the earth after the flood.”