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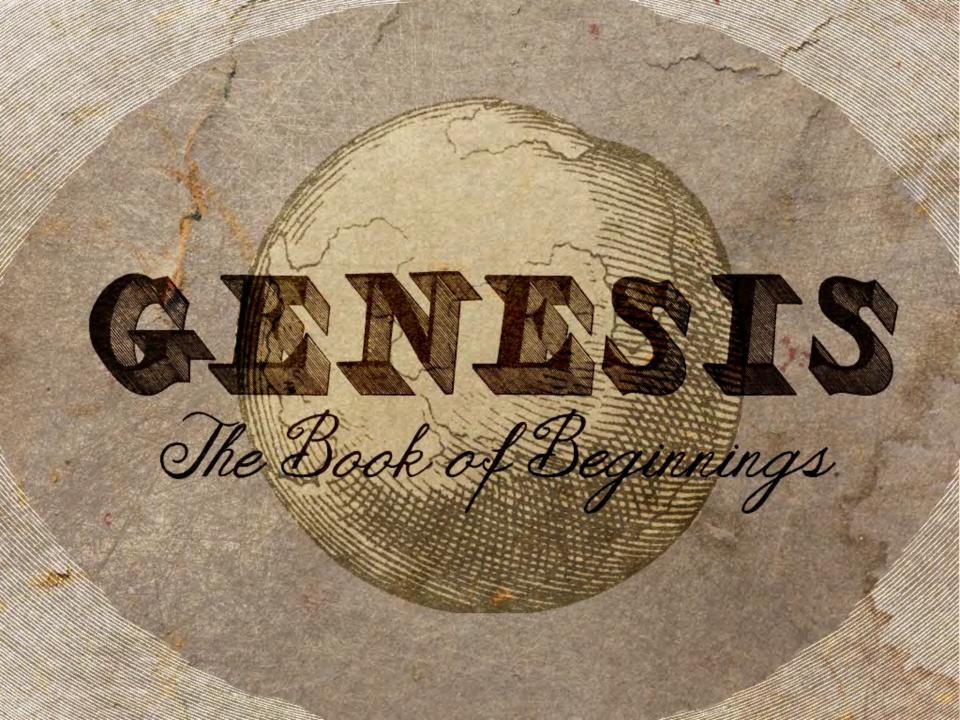
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#### Romans 3:19-24

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### **Genesis 1:1** <sup>1</sup>In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

## Life in the Garden of Eden Genesis 2:4-25

**BASSANO, Jacopo**, *Garden of Eden* 1570-73, Oil on canvas, 77 x 109 cm, Galleria Doria Pamphilj, Rome

### **The Fall of Mankind:** *It's no longer the way it is supposed to be* **Genesis 3**

### Cain and Abel



## The Flood: The God who will not be mocked



### Genesis 6:12-13

<sup>12</sup>God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. <sup>13</sup>So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth.

#### Genesis 8:20-21

<sup>20</sup>Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. <sup>21</sup>The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: "Never again will I curse the ground because of man, even though every inclination of his heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done.

# My THREE SONS

### Starring Shem, Ham and Japheth



## The Restart: *A bad start*



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## The Table of Nations

Genesis 10

<sup>1</sup>This is the account of Shem, Ham and Japheth, Noah's sons, who themselves had sons after the flood.

<sup>2</sup>The sons of Japheth: Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech and Tiras.

> <sup>3</sup>The sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz, Riphath and Togarmah.

> > <sup>4</sup>The sons of Javan:

Elishah, Tarshish, the Kittim and the Rodanim. <sup>5</sup>(From these the maritime peoples spread out into their territories by their clans within their nations, each with its own language.)

### **Genesis 10:1-32** <sup>6</sup>The sons of Ham: Cush, Mizraim, Put and Canaan.

<sup>7</sup>The sons of Cush: Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah and Sabteca.

> The sons of Raamah: Sheba and Dedan.

<sup>8</sup>Cush was the father of Nimrod, who grew to be a mighty warrior on the earth. <sup>9</sup>He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; that is why it is said, "Like Nimrod, a mighty hunter before the LORD." <sup>10</sup> The first centers of his kingdom were Babylon, Erech, Akkad and Calneh, in Shinar. <sup>11</sup>From that land he went to Assyria, where he built Nineveh, Rehoboth Ir, Calah <sup>12</sup>and Resen, which is between Nineveh and Calah; that is the great city.

<sup>13</sup>Mizraim was the father of the Ludites, Anamites, Lehabites, Naphtuhites, <sup>14</sup>Pathrusites, Casluhites (from whom the Philistines came) and Caphtorites.

<sup>15</sup>Canaan was the father of Sidon his firstborn, and of the Hittites, <sup>16</sup>Jebusites, Amorites, Girgashites, <sup>17</sup>Hivites, Arkites, Sinites, <sup>18</sup> Arvadites, Zemarites and Hamathites. Later the Canaanite clans scattered <sup>19</sup>and the borders of Canaan reached from Sidon toward Gerar as far as Gaza, and then toward Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah and Zeboiim, as far as Lasha.

<sup>20</sup>These are the sons of Ham by their clans and languages, in their territories and nations.

<sup>21</sup>Sons were also born to Shem, whose older brother was Japheth; Shem was the ancestor of all the sons of Eber.

<sup>22</sup>The sons of Shem: Elam, Asshur, Arphaxad, Lud and Aram. <sup>23</sup>The sons of Aram: Uz, Hul, Gether and Meshech.

<sup>24</sup>Arphaxad was the father of Shelah, and Shelah the father of Eber.

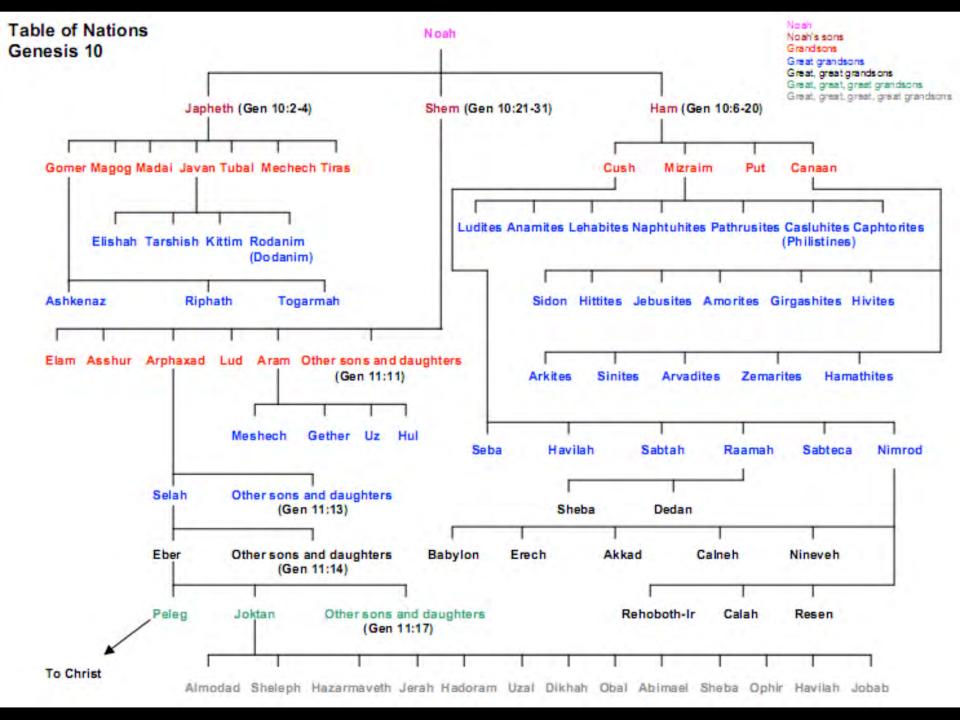
<sup>25</sup>Two sons were born to Eber: One was named Peleg, because in his time the earth was divided; his brother was named Joktan.

<sup>26</sup>Joktan was the father of Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah, <sup>27</sup> Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah, <sup>28</sup> Obal, Abimael, Sheba, <sup>29</sup> Ophir, Havilah and Jobab. All these were sons of Joktan. <sup>30</sup> The region where they lived stretched from Mesha toward Sephar, in the eastern hill country.

<sup>31</sup>These are the sons of Shem by their clans and languages, in their territories and nations.

<sup>32</sup>These are the clans of Noah's sons, according to their lines of descent, within their nations. From these the nations spread out over the earth after the flood.







## The Biblical understanding and development of the idea of "Nations"

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#### Exodus 19:3-6

<sup>3</sup>Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: 4'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup>Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup> you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."

## Ezekiel 16:1-3

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>"Son of man, confront Jerusalem with her detestable practices <sup>3</sup> and say, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says to Jerusalem: Your ancestry and birth were in the land of the Canaanites; your father was an Amorite and your mother a Hittite.

## Matthew 15:21-28

<sup>21</sup>Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession."

<sup>23</sup>Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us."

## Matthew 15:21-28 <sup>24</sup>He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."

<sup>25</sup>The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said.

<sup>26</sup>He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs."

### Matthew 15:21-28

<sup>27</sup>"Yes, Lord," she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

<sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

## Luke 10:1

Now after this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them in pairs ahead of Him to every city and place where He Himself was going to come.

### Matthew 28:16-20

<sup>16</sup>Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

#### Acts 1:6-8

<sup>6</sup>So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"
<sup>7</sup>He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

#### Acts 11:18

When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, God has granted even the Gentiles repentance unto life."

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#### Galatians 3:26-29

<sup>26</sup>So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, <sup>27</sup>for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

#### 1 Peter 2:9-10

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

<sup>1</sup>What advantage, then, is there in being a Jew, or what value is there in circumcision? <sup>2</sup>Much in every way! First of all, they have been entrusted with the very words of God.

<sup>3</sup>What if some did not have faith? Will their lack of faith nullify God's faithfulness? <sup>4</sup>Not at all! Let God be true, and every man a liar. As it is written:

"So that you may be proved right when you speak and prevail when you judge." <sup>5</sup>But if our unrighteousness brings out God's righteousness more clearly, what shall we say? That God is unjust in bringing his wrath on us? (I am using a human argument.) <sup>6</sup>Certainly not! If that were so, how could God judge the world?

<sup>9</sup>What shall we conclude then? Are we any better? Not at all! We have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under sin.

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### **Revelation 7:9-10**

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>And they cried out in a loud voice:

"Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

## **Revelation 22:1-2**

<sup>1</sup>Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

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Do you think God might be stirring something within you to be part of the "healing of the nations"?