

Noah's Three Sons—Genesis 10

Our Heavenly Father—our Creator—has a Personal Name. In modern Square Script Hebrew it is יהוה. In Paleo Hebrew Script it is אַיָּהּ. One transliterated version into English to help with sound pronunciation is “Yahuah,” additionally “Yah” for short—יה or אַיָּהּ. Other English transliterations (attempts at pronunciation) do exist.

Our Messiah—our Savior—has a Personal Name as well. Similarly it is written יהושע or אַיָּהּ—transliterated to English by some as Yahusha. Other English transliterations do exist.

There is one race, and one race only—the human race. Each human ultimately has two choices—(1) our Heavenly Father in Heaven, or by default, (2) Satan. Anyone who knows anything about Scripture knows how this world ends—Yah wins. Praise Yah!

Genesis 1:27—applies to every human, regardless of any, and all physical characteristics, and establishes a fundamental equality and unity.

Genesis 9:6—we are not to kill each other. Any human who takes part in killing humans is not of Yah!

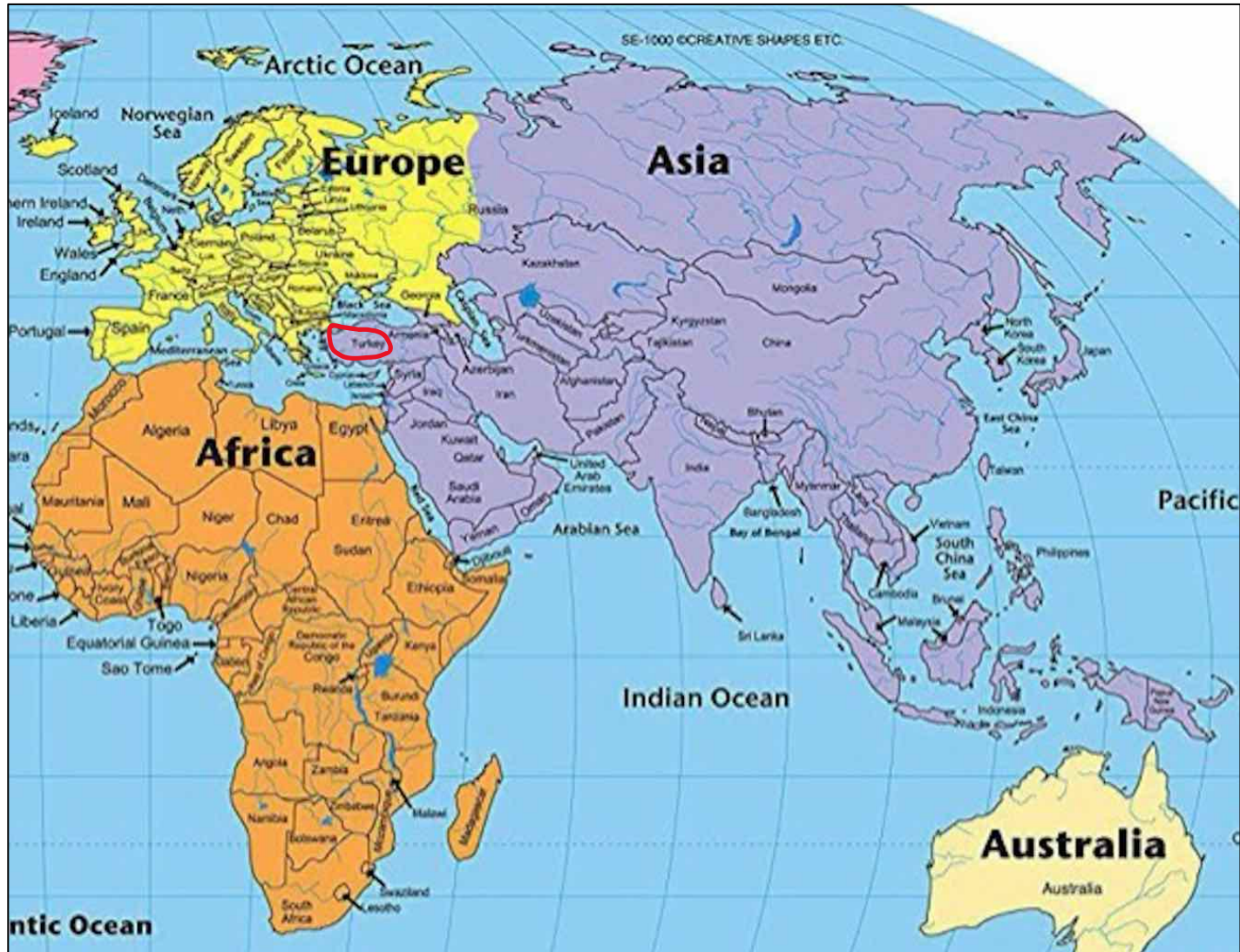
Acts 17:26—we have a common ancestry—one blood. We all came from Adam and Eve (**Genesis 3:20**), and later from Noah after the Flood (**Genesis 9:19**).

Deuteronomy 10:17—there is no partiality. No one person (or group of humans) was “chosen” because they are better than everyone else. People were, and are “chosen” for specific purposes. To be blunt, we all are sinners and have fallen short of the glory of our Creator (**Romans 3:23**).

Galatians 3:28 and **Colossians 3:11**—there is one Messiah for us all.

Following the Flood, eight people survived—**Noah** and his wife **Emzârâ** (referenced in The Book of Jubilees 4:33), and their three sons (**Shem, Ham, and Japheth**) and their wives (referenced in the Book of Jubilees Chapter 7). As per **Genesis 8:4** the Ark came to rest upon the mountains of Ararat which are located on the eastern side of modern-day Turkey. Turkey is a transcontinental country (on two continents) with the Bosphorus Strait separating the European side (known as Thrace), from the Asian side, (known as Anatolia). Istanbul, the largest city straddles both continents. Interestingly, the country of Egypt is also a transcontinental country with part in Africa, and part in Asia.

The Asian Continent is HUGE—it is the largest continent today with regard to land area. For a helpful perspective take a look at the diagram that follows on the next page. Turkey—the country—is circled in red. To the best of current knowledge, this is the country where Noah's Ark landed—in the Ararat mountains. The Ararat mountains are in eastern Turkey, but at the same time those mountains are in western Asia—the Continent. Keep this diagram in mind when learning how Noah's sons dispersed from the Ark.



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¹ <https://worldmapblank.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/map-of-world-with-continent-labeled.pdf>

Japheth and Adataneses—Genesis 10:2-5 & 1 Chronicles 1:5-7



Japheth's offspring—the Gentiles—initially went to Europe and Asia—not to Africa. However, they did go to parts of the Asian side of Egypt. As per **Genesis 10:2**, here are the seven sons of Japheth.

(KJV spelling unless otherwise noted.)

1. Gomer—3 sons via **Genesis 10:3**.
2. Magog—often identified with the Scythians, who inhabited areas north of the Black Sea.
3. Madai—the Medes & Persia—aka Iran.
4. Javan—4 sons via **Genesis 10:4**.
5. Tubal—Iberians—Spain & Portugal—as well as parts of Russia.
6. Meshech—modern day Turkey.
7. Tiras—Bulgaria, Greece, and Turkey, and possibly Italy.

Gomer—British Isles

As per **Genesis 10:3** Gomer had three sons:

1. Ashkenaz—Germany.
2. Riphath—the Iberian Peninsula—Spain & Portugal.
3. Togarmah— Phrygians, Turkey, Armenia, and some Asian peoples. Mentioned also in **Ezekiel 38:6**.

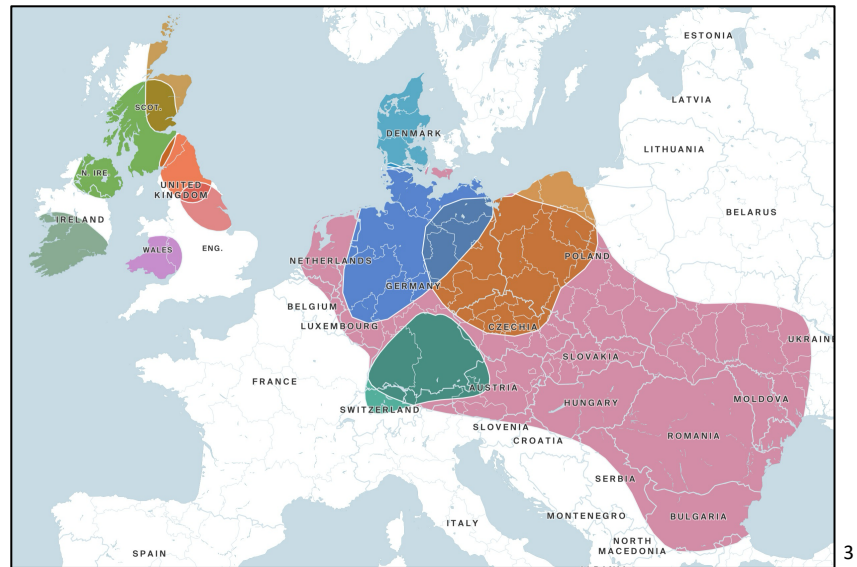
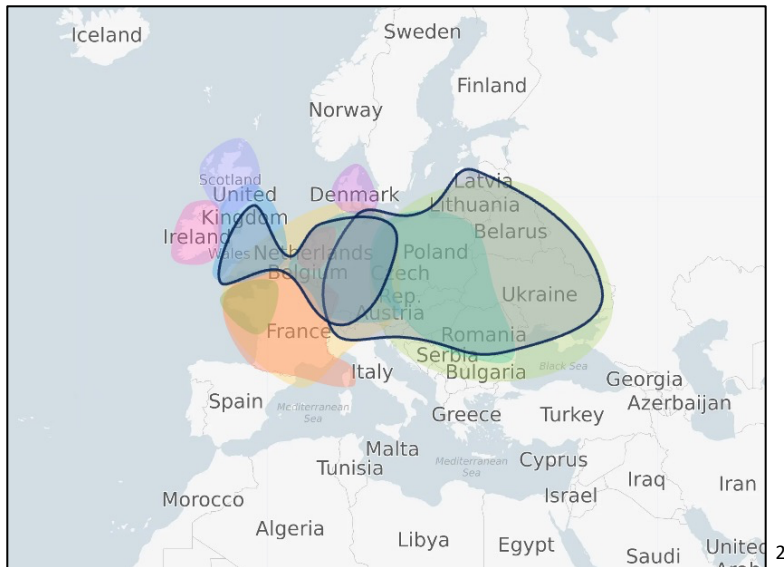
Javan

As per **Genesis 10:4** Javan had four sons:

1. Elishah—Cyprus.
2. Tarshish— Tarsus in Cilicia (Turkey) and Tartessus (Tartessos) in Spain.
3. Kittim—Cyprus— ancient city of Kition.
4. Dodanim— Dodanim (aka Rodanim) in **1 Chronicles 1:7**—aka Rhodes.

To the best of my current knowledge I am a grafted-in “Gentile” genetic physical descendant of Japheth, and am most probably a descendant of Gomer, but only Father knows for sure. My human father was German, and mother was Scottish-English.

I submitted my DNA to two completely different companies—MyHeritage and Ancestry—and both companies report that I am of European background. For information purposes only, I post those results below. Sadly, at this writing individuals living in the country of Israel cannot easily do this. Hmm...



Everyone’s relationship with our Heavenly Father is totally unique; and only Father knows each and every human who is living, has lived, and who will live in the future.

How does He do that? I have no clue—only He (our Father and Creator) knows for sure.

Only Father knows ALL. So continue to ask, seek, and knock as per **Matthew 7:7**. If we have a need to know and are sincere, Father will reveal when He is ready. Father is in charge.

² <https://www.myheritage.com/>

³ <https://www.ancestry.com/>

Ham & Ne'elatama'uk

The Genealogy of Ham is found in **Genesis 10:6-20** and in **1 Chronicles 1:8-16**. **Psalms 78:51, 105:23, 27**, and **106:21-22** refer to Egypt as “the land of Ham,” highlighting the significance of Mizraim (Egypt) as a descendant of Ham. Ham is also referenced in **Genesis 9:20-27** with regard to Noah’s curse specifically on Canaan.

Ham’s 1st son of 4—Cush as per **Genesis 10:6-8**

Cush (aka Kush) went to the African Continent south of Egypt—modern-day Sudan or Ethiopia. Cush had six sons that Scripture tells us about. They are as per **Genesis 10:7-8**:

1. Seba—settled in Sudan—African continent.
2. Havilah—settled in Somalia—African continent.
3. Sabtah—south Arabian peninsula—Asian continent—modern day Yemen.
4. Raamah (had two sons—Sheba and Dedan)— near the Persian Gulf, often associated with parts of modern-day Yemen.
5. Sabtecha—Persian Gulf.
6. Nimrod—**Genesis 10:8-12**—land of Shinar and the Tower of Babel.

Ham’s 2nd son of 4—Mizraim as per **Genesis 10:6, 13-14 & 1 Chronicles 1:8, 11-12**

1. Ludim (**Genesis 10:13**)—North Africa, and perhaps Libya.
2. Anamim (**Genesis 10:13**)—North Africa, perhaps Egypt.
3. Lehabim (**Genesis 10:13**)—Egypt.
4. Naphtuhim (**Genesis 10:13**)—Egypt.
5. Pathrusim (**Genesis 10:14**)—Upper Egypt.
6. Casluhim (**Genesis 10:14**)—The Philistines.
7. Caphtorim (**Genesis 10:14**)—possibly linked to Crete, Gaza, and Cyprus.

Ham’s 3rd son of 4—Phut —**Genesis 10:6** and **Ezekiel 27:10**

North Africa, particularly Ancient Libya.

Ham's 4th Son of 4—Canaan

Canaan, "for whatever the reason" was cursed by Noah. Canaan is the ancestor of the Canaanites who lived throughout the land of Canaan (aka Promised Land—which was not in Africa, it was in the Levant). Canaan primarily corresponds to the modern-day countries of Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, and parts of Syria and Jordan. The Israelites were told by our Father time and again to destroy the Canaanites and did not. Canaan went to Lebanon (Shem's territory) according to the book of Jubilees Chapter 10:30.

Canaanites as per **Deuteronomy 7:1** and **Acts 13:19** included seven groups that the Israelites were to destroy, and did not. They were the (1) Hittites*, (2) Girgashites*, (3) Amorites*, (4) Canaanites, (5) Perizzites, (6) Hivites*, and the (7) Jebusites.

Canaan's offspring is covered in **Genesis 10:15-18** and **1 Chronicles 1:13-16**.

1. Sidon (aka Zidon). The Sidonians were (are) a Phoenician city in modern day Lebanon. Also reference, **Judges 3:3, 10:12, 1 Kings 5:6, 11:1**.
2. Heth (aka Hittites*) were one of the seven nations that the Israelites were commanded to destroy according to Deuteronomy 7:1 and are mentioned in Genesis 15:20 and Acts 13:19. They settled in or near Canaan in the mountainous region from Lebanon to the Euphrates River.
3. Jebusite*—settled in Jebus (aka Jerusalem).
4. Amorite*—settled in Canaan including areas west of the Jordan like Hebron and Jerusalem, and parts of Gilead and Bashan east of the river.
5. Girgasite*—settled in Canaan.
6. Hivite*—northern Canaan below Mount Hermon in cities known as Gibeon, Chephirah, Beeroth, and Kiriath-Jearim.
7. Arkite—settled in a town called Arka located 10-12 miles northeast of Tripoli, Syria, near the foot of Mount Lebanon.
8. Sinite—settled near Mount Lebanon.
9. Arvadite—settled in the region of Arvad, a small island off the coast of modern-day Syria.
10. Zemarite—settled in modern-day Syria in Sumur.
11. Hamathite—settled in the region of Hamath in modern-day Syria about 130 miles north of Damascus.

Shem & Sedeqetelebab—Semitic (From Shem) Lineage

Shem's genealogy is found in **Genesis 10:21-31**, **Genesis 11:10-32** and in **1 Chronicles 1:17-27**. We are told of 5 sons as per **Genesis 10:22**.

(1 of 5) **Elam**—modern-day Iran—Elamites—settled east of the Tigris River and south of Assyria.

(2 of 5) **Asshur**—Assyria—located in ancient Mesopotamia around the Tigris River. Nineveh (the Jonah story), Rehoboth, and Calah were located here as per **Genesis 10:11**.

(4 of 5) **Lud**—Lydia in Anatolia (modern-day Turkey).

(5 of 5) **Aram**—a region in ancient Syria between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers.

Uz—**Genesis 10:23** and **1 Chronicles 1:17**. Job was from Uz as per **Job 1:1**.

Hul—linked to Arameans in modern-day Syria.

Gether—possibly Mesopotamia, Scripture does not specifically state.

Mash—probably modern-day Syria.

(3 of 5) **Arphaxad**—northern Mesopotamia near Ur—present day southern Iraq (which is linked to the Chaldeans).

Salah—perhaps Canaan.

Eber—2 sons as per **Genesis 10:25** Peleg and Joktan. Father of all Hebrews.

Peleg (1st son of Eber) & **Joktan** (2nd son of Eber).

Rue (Genesis 11:18) Son of Peleg.

Serug (Genesis 11:20) Son of Rue.

Nahor (Genesis 11:22) Son of Serug.

Terah (Genesis 22:24) Son of Nahor; and had 3 sons Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

Abram (**Genesis 11:26**) Name changed to Abraham in **Genesis 17:5**. He is a **Hebrew** (not a “Jew” of any kind—genetic, or religious Judaism as per **Genesis 14:13**. His 1st son Ishmael was intermingled—his father Abraham was from Shem, and his mother was from Ham. Abraham's 2nd son was Isaac (father of the Israelites).

Isaac—twin sons—Jacob (Israelites) and Esau (Edomites).

Jacob Name changed to Israel in **Genesis 32:28**.

ISRAELITES—12 Tribes from 14 men.

The Israelites as a nation consisted of 12 Tribes from 14 men—the 12 sons of Jacob (renamed “Israel” by Yah) and Joseph's two sons, and all their physical descendants.

Judah was Jacob's (aka Israel) 4th son. The English word “Jew” was originally used to describe genetic physical descendants of the Tribe of Judah. So to be clear: Abraham was NOT a Jew in any way. Abraham was a Hebrew. Isaac was NOT a Jew in any way. Isaac was a

Hebrew. Jacob (aka Israel) was NOT a Jew in any way. Jacob was a Hebrew. All genetic Israelites are Hebrews, but not all Hebrews are genetic Israelites.

Our Messiah's genetic human lineage was from the tribe of Judah; so genetically speaking only, Yahusha was in fact a "Jew." By the time Yahusha was walking on earth however, the term "Jew" had also come to mean any individual who was living in Judea (aka the southern Kingdom of Judah). Additionally, back in the 1st century the term "Jew" also could refer to a religion known as pharisaism. Today a "religious Jew" practices some form of Judaism. Religion is a choice; genetic background is not. Our Messiah—Yahusha—was not a religious "Jew" in any way.

The Israelites were "chosen" by our Creator (Yah) for a specific purpose. Genetic Israelites are humans, just like the rest of us—sinners who desperately need a Messiah.

Recap

No where in Scripture or in the Apocrypha is the color of human skin specifically mentioned. The full spectrum of skin tones became (is) possible in virtually any ancestral line. Scripture Apocrypha never refer to what many today call racial groups. The English word "race" entered the language in the late 1500s—early 1600s, it simply meant "lineage," "family stock," "breed," or "kind" (e.g., "a race of kings" or even "race of saints").

The modern incorrect concept of "race" categorizes humans into distinct, hierarchical groups primarily by skin color, skull shape, and other physical traits to rank and quite often judge them. This developed gradually during the 16th–18th centuries amid European colonialism, the transatlantic slave trade, and the Scientific Revolution/Enlightenment.

Scripture is crystal clear that *all* humans (except our Messiah, Yahusha) have sinned and fall short of God's glory. The key verse is **Romans 3:23**: "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." [KJV] Paul's entire argument there is that there is "no distinction" between Jew and Gentile—*every* person stands guilty before Yah because of sin (both original sin inherited from Adam and personal sins). The only exception is the sinless Messiah Himself (**2 Corinthians 5:21**; **Hebrews 4:15**; **1 Peter 2:22**), who alone can redeem us. This universal sinfulness underscores our shared need for grace and our common humanity—exactly the opposite of any attempt to rank or judge people groups as inherently superior or inferior.

Scripture and Apocrypha present one human family, all equally fallen (save Yahusha), and all equally offered redemption. The modern category of "race" as a tool for division and judgment is a later human invention, not a scriptural one.

Praise Yah!