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Genesis 10-11 – Part 1

Era	Characters	Chapters
In the beginning	God create world	Gen 1
Before 4000 BC	Adam Eve	Gen 1~5 ?
Before 3000 BC	Cain Abel Seth	Gen 4~5 ?
Before 2500 BC	Noah	Gen 5~10 ?

Summary

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Noah's righteousness and faith in building an ark to prepare for the flood.
Five frequently asked questions about the flood and the ark.

Transcript

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Now let us see what happened after the flood for 150 days. Noah and his family were in the ark with all the animals for 150 days, they couldn't come out. What does this signify? What is this type of this ark?

You will notice the ark had three stories. And there was one door only to which all these thousands of animals went in. Again remember the number 3 usually signifies God. One way to God, one door. Jesus said "I am the Way, Truth and the Life, no man comes to the Father, but by me."

After the flood there were a few changes in the way God made rules for the world.

No 1, you will find this in Genesis chapter 9. The fear of men put into every animal. Before men and beast live together. Tyrannosaurus and men were just buddies not terrified of each other. After this, every beast had the fear of men. Now, we know that when you go into a forest, the moment a beast smells man, it will usually go away. Even the fiercest of all animals like a lion or a tiger, when they smell men, they don't go for men, they run away from men. These beasts would only attack a man if they are cornered or if they are starving. Go to a circus and you can see how a lion tamer can terrify 10 lions in his cage.

Second thing, it says that after this, animals are now no more your pets. They're your source of food. Before that, how do you kill your pet to eat? You can't. They're your friends. You don't kill your pet dog to eat. So all the animals were their pets and they didn't kill them. They ate vegetables. After this, meat was part of human diet, not the original but added on.

Third thing, up till the beginning of Genesis chapter nine, they were not allowed to eat animals. Today, Jews eat kosher food. When you hear of kosher, you will ask "What's that?" We, in Singapore are more familiar with halal. Muslims eat halal food - pretty similar. Kosher food you have to slice and kill the animal in such a way that the blood is drained from the animal before the meat can be eaten, so they usually cut around the jugular let all the blood out first, and then the meat is eaten. For us in Singapore, many people Chinese actually take their blood and eat it, but they can't do that. Why? What's so special about blood? I think God is teaching us the sacredness of blood. Because we know medically, life is in the blood oxygen. No blood, no oxygen, no life. But it also speaks of the cross, the precious blood of Jesus Christ, which will cleanse us.

Then after this, after these rules were given, we find Noah failed. You see, we thought, God cleaned out the world of bad people. And Noah was chosen because he was righteous. But after that, he started to grow grapes, make wine and get drunk. So he was found drunk and found naked in his tent, kind of disgraceful behaviour. And so we see again that how humans just keep failing and failing ; even the most righteous of men.

Then after this it tells us how the world was filled by the three sons of Noah - Shem, Ham and Japheth. We know that Shem is the father of the Semites. The Jews and people related to the Jews are from Shem. You can see the genealogy in Genesis chapter 10. Japheth are people mostly who migrated to what we call Europe. Who is Ham? I always thought Ham were the Africans, the black people. My idea before was Shem were the browns, then Ham the blacks, and Japheth the whites. That was my idea of how these tree sons' descendants came out. But as I studied more, and I look in Genesis 10:17, there is a tribe called Sinite. And as I started to look at it, I discovered they were or they are believed to be the ancestors of the Sino people. And if you know, Sino is another word for China. Genesis 10:17 gives you your ancestor Sinite. Many people believe that it's true. The Koreans, the Japanese, the Chinese come from this race. Now, that blows my mind because this is a descendant of Ham. Ham is the black guy, Chinese are not black. So suddenly, after the Human Genome Project came out and discovered the human genes, we realize that skin colour is a very tiny part of our genetic makeup. We used to think that skin color was major part of our gene structure but our colour is such a minute part of our gene content. So basically, there's no more brown, black and white division, is just different races. Now, if you ask me how come people of different colours come from Ham. Well, if you get a darker coloured person marrying a darker coloured person, they get offspring that are darker and the offspring then marries another darker one, and so on. And then after a while, it's like how you make roses redder. That's what people do just crossing roses that are redder - roses that are redder crossed with redder roses do not change much in the genetic structure, except one little gene (the colour gene). I don't want to confuse you, but basically, this idea of skin colour is something quite wicked to me, because people will use skin colour to be prejudiced against others. I am white and fair, so I rule over the dark, and that's how colonialism became justified that the white race is superior to the black race or the brown race. I believe this is a wicked theory totally unfounded by genetics especially now when we study genetics.

The colour part of our genes is too tiny but in the past our thinking is, colour is everything. Colour is the main factor in differentiating people - no, it's a tiny factor.

Then finally we have Nimrod (a mighty hunter), and the races were supposed to scatter, Nimrod did the opposite. He discovered a technology that is still used today - he discovered how to make bricks. In the past, nobody knew how to make bricks or nobody could make very big structures with bricks. Nimrod built a tower to reach the heaven. Nimrod wanted to be the emperor of Babel Babylon so that he would be like God on the earth, but God told them scatter. Nimrod said, 'I'm going to gather them together around my tower and around me' And you know what God did? God give them tongues. He confused the language and people say, God give tongues? I said, 100% he did it at Babylon first in Babel. Now, the moment they couldn't understand each other, Nimrod couldn't rule. How do you rule people who don't even understand a word you're saying. So the people scattered through all the world.

And so we end this story with how people scattered to the earth. And then at the end of Genesis 11 is a genealogy, which shows a name called Abraham. Then the Bible moves on to the next chapter .One man and his one family.