



GENESIS: THE FOUNDATION FOR EVERYTHING

A person stands on a dark, silhouetted hill, looking up at a vast, starry night sky. The Milky Way galaxy is visible, stretching across the center of the frame with a bright, pinkish-purple core. The sky is filled with countless stars, and the horizon is dark with some grass visible. The overall mood is contemplative and awe-inspiring.

WHERE THE NATIONS CAME FROM

GENESIS 10:1-20

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I. A Heritage of Hardship (Japeth's Line | Gen. 10:1-5)

The Spread of Japeth's Descendants

- Mycenaeans
- Minoans
- Etruscans
- Greeks
- Scythians
- Macedonians

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The Spread of Japeth's Descendants

Moses wants the Hebrews to understand their relationship to the people groups who border the Promised Land.

They will not be required to wage a holy war against everyone. They will wage a holy and just war against *particular* people groups in keeping with God's purposes of judgment against those specific people.

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The Salvation of Japeth's Descendants

II. A Heritage of Hate (Ham's Line | Gen. 10:6-20)

Reaping what you sow (living with the consequences of sin)

- Ham's actions were simply a sign as to what Ham's descendants would adopt as their heart attitude toward God.
- This *curse* communicates a prophesy, a foretelling of truth concerning the wicked rebellion of Ham's line against the God of Noah.
- Ham's descendants in Canaan would be a constant source of drawing Israel into spiritual defilement.
- Ham's youngest son, Canaan, was not being punished, nor held accountable, for his father's sins, even though Canaan did live with and was negatively influenced by his father's wickedness.

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- Noah is simply foretelling the reality of what Ham's hateful heart would produce and encourage in his descendants.
- We can learn:
 1. How we each must answer for and live with the consequences of our own sins.
 2. How deeply one man's sin can impact others.
- The Canaanites are not being punished for Ham's sins, even though they have been negatively influenced by them.

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Generational cursing: the idea that the father's sins are visited on his children and others who come after him in his family line.

It's generalized to mean that it's possible for God to punish you for the sins another person commits.

But is this biblical?

NO!

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The truth is, God punishes those who do evil, and God rewards those whose hearts are humbly submitted to Him in obedient living. These are twin themes we've traced from Genesis 3 through Genesis 10.

God is holding each person accountable for their own sinful disobedience. God does not punish people for the sin others commit.

God also makes it clear that sin has consequences which often adversely affect those closest to us—sins have the potential to influence, train, and reinforce evil in others. People do suffer from the wrong and disobedient things other people do.

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“One of the foundational principles of Scripture is presented in this chapter. Judgement is according to individual faith and conduct. [God] had foretold national punishment, but the reason was individual sin.” *(John MacArthur)*

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Jesus willingly took our sins on Himself so that He would suffer and die as God punished Him to death for the wrong we do.

“He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.” (1 Cor. 5:21)

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” (Rom. 5:8)

His payment of death for our sin.

His life for our secure salvation.

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Here is their opportunity to live the truth that national faithfulness to God begins and depends on the individual faithfulness of each one of them.

A person stands on a dark rock in the foreground, looking up at a vast night sky filled with stars. The Milky Way galaxy is visible as a bright, colorful band of light stretching across the sky. The text "GRACE CHURCH" is written in large, white, serif capital letters, and "WILLIAMSBURG" is written in smaller, white, serif capital letters below it.

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