

# Genesis 10

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## SERMON NOTES

### Genesis

In the beginning...

### World population numbers:

- 1804: 1 billion
- 1927: 2 billion
- 1960: 3 billion
- 2020: 7.8 billion
- 2050: 9-10 billion

### Genesis 10: What's in a name?

1. God's providence and sovereignty encompass all nations.
2. God is in pursuit of a people He can call His own.
3. You are fully known and truly loved.
4. God has been planning your redemption for a long time.

### Resources

- C. John "Jack" Collins: *Reading Genesis Well*
- Prof. John Lennox: *Seven Days that Divide the World*
- Dr. John H. Sailhamer: *Genesis Unbound*
- Robert Alter: *The Five Books of Moses*
- Derek Kidner: *Genesis*

*"It should be observed that representing the origins of nations as a genealogical scheme preserves a thematic continuity with the divine injunction after creation to be fruitful and multiply and sets the stage for the history of the one people whose propagation is repeatedly promised but continually threatened."*

- Robert Alter, *The Five Books of Moses*



### Genesis 10 Table of Nations reminds us...

1. Bible is set in space-time history.
2. Humankind is united, with all its diversity, under one Creator.
3. The significance of every human life, from the womb to the tomb.
4. The Divine oversight of redemption history.
5. God's sovereign grace in all His choices.

“But now thus says the LORD,  
 he who created you, O Jacob,  
 he who formed you, O Israel:

‘Fear not, for I have redeemed you;  
 I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
 and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
 when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
 and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the LORD your God,  
 the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.”

- *Isaiah 43:1-3a*

*"We should be astonished at the goodness of God, stunned that he should call us by name, our mouths wide open at his love."*

- Brennan Manning

*"To be loved but not known is comforting but superficial. To be known and not loved is our greatest fear. But to be fully known and truly loved is, well, a lot like being loved by God. It is what we need more than anything. It liberates us from pretense, humbles us out of our self-righteousness, and fortifies us for any difficulty life can throw at us."*

- Tim Keller

*"You can never take God by surprise. You can never anticipate him. He always makes the first move. He is always there 'in the beginning.' Before man existed, God acted. Before man stirs himself to seek God, God has sought man. In the Bible we do not see man groping after God; we see God reaching after man."*

- John Stott, *Basic Christianity*