

## Genesis part 2 - God's World Divided - Genesis 10:25

Intro - OT survey / big picture and major themes. Genesis the book of beginnings. Last time looked at 1-3, today going to tackle 4-11. A condensed outline of Book : 1-11 = Gods World - Creation, Man, Sin, Genealogies and Divisions of people; 12-50 = God's People – Abraham , Isaac, Jacob, Joseph

Today going to look at “God's World Divided.” Sin brought division to our existence. Sin separates. Sin divided us from our God and our God divided us because of our sin. Division is part of our existence – we feel it and experience it. Division is a bad thing but a necessary thing (evil). God has a purpose for division. 1 Cor. 11:19 “there must be divisions (factions/heresies) among you...who has Gods approval”  
God's world was divided by: Religion, Relationships, Language, Land

### RELIGION DIVISION

- There are a lot of religions in the world. Wikipedia estimates 4200 different religions
  - Many roads trying to get to the same place is the common thought
- Genesis 4 gives us the first division over religion Cain and Able Gen. 4:4-5
  - God looked with favored/accepted Able God did not accept Cain's offering
    - We are ones that need to be accepted. Will God accept us... is the issue
  - All religious roads do not lead to God. All roads are closed except one
- We cannot come to God on our own terms
  - Idolatry is a huge issue in religion John 4:24 John 14:6 Acts 4:12
  - Reaction to religious restriction is often hostile
  - Cain killed Able over religion. Ever observe a hostile reaction to exclusivity of Christ?
    - 1 Cor. 11:19 there must be differences/divisions...know who has Gods approval
- Side bar issue over Cain, his wife and Cain scared of crowds out to get him after Abel's murder
  - Where did this population of people come from? Where did he get his wife?
  - Cain/Able incident happened about 130 yrs after creation (Gen. 4:25; 5:3)
  - Adam/Eve 65 kids in 130 yrs(???) = couple of thousand population at time of Seth
    - Cain would have married his sister (on that note...division in relations)

### RELATIONSHIP DIVISION

- In Genesis families are divided along the line of their relationship to God.
  - Cain's lineage in chapter 4 leads to a guy who is a murderer like his ancestor Cain
  - Seth's line in chap. 5 leads to Enoch & Noah (Isaac/Ishmael Jacob/Esau)
  - Same family (tree) but they break and branch in different directions on relation to God
    - Luke 12:51-53 families divided over their relationship to Jesus
    - There is a relationship stronger than natural family ties and if you have a relationship with God is just might affect your relationship with family
    - Religious divisions can result in relationship divisions

- A big division happens in relationship between Gods and His creation in Gen. 6-9
  - The worldwide flood is a watershed event. ☺ Huge destruction/implication/instruction. Template for understanding sin, judgment and relationship with God
- What caused such a break in the relationship with the Creator?
  - 6:1-3 marriage run amuck                      6:5 evil thoughts all the time
  - 6:11-12 - world was corrupt                      6:11,14 – earth filled with violence
    - Sound familiar?                      Luke 17:26-27
  - God regretted (anthropomorphism) that He made man.                      Gen. 6:6-7
    - Relationship broken/divided                      sin separates/destroys relationships
- You know the account.
  - Noah found grace – 6:8                      100 years building ark with 3 sons born after 500
  - The world found judgment                      40 days rain. 1 year flooded                      all floaters except 8
- This historical account is often vilified and mocked as myth/legend
  - It is verified by 100's of similar stories from all civilizations **VIDEO OF FLOOD ACCOUNTS**
  - Flood storied from: Choctaw tribe                      Greek mythology                      Hawaiian islands
  - The Bible gives the historical event that has been passed down (corrupted) in all cultures
- You can believe the Bible. It corresponds to reality, history, society, geography
  - Our earth bears the scars of sin, judgment and division. (mostly water but still rainbow)

### LANGUAGE AND LAND DIVISION

- According to Babel Magazine there are 7111 different language spoken in our world today
  - Language is an amazing thing. How did we get so many languages?
  - That magazine/software gets its name from Gen. 11 - Tower of Babel
- Gen. 11:1                      one language/one speech/ one world
  - Newly repopulated earth advancing fast. (I estim. 4200 population 100 yrs after flood)
  - Build city/tower to make name and reach heaven. They did not want to scatter
- Gen. 11:5-9
  - God divides the people by language and location because of progression and corruption
    - Put the criminals in different cells so they cannot conspire together
  - I think an argument can be made for Babel and Pangea split at similar time
    - If you look at globe – continents fit together (puzzle) one Pangea in past
    - How did it split? **SCRAT VIDEO**
  - Gen. 10:25                      God divided language and land after the flood...for a reason (Acts 17:26)
    - God separated sinful humanity into nations. Genesis records that division
    - Our earth bear the scars of this division in land and language
- Some are hell bent on uniting the world but God has divided it...for a reason. It is not a good thing for sinful humanity to combine our evil proclivities into one homogeneous unified pot
- *Imagine* lyrics – imagine no heaven...no hell...no countries...no religion. You may say that I'm a dreamer. But I'm not the only one. I hope someday you'll join us and the world will be as one
- When this world becomes one this world is done
- Sin has divided us from our God and God has divided us because of our sin.