

Genesis 042

The Origin of the Nations

Genesis 10:1-5

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We are not in Genesis 9 anymore. We are in Genesis 10. This is break-neck speed, right? As we are continuing on our verse by verse study through the Book of Genesis, the first part of the book is the beginning of the human race (Genesis 1-11), featuring creation in Genesis 1-2. What was our world like before sin entered the picture? There you have a description of it in the first two chapters of the Bible.

Well, how come the world that we are living in now is very unlike that world? Well, there is a biblical explanation for that in Genesis 3-5, the Fall of man. That is where the creature decided to use his free will against the will of the Creator.

Then Genesis 6-9 is the Flood. That is where the Creator again intervened and brought in a catastrophic judgment. We have seen events before the Flood in Genesis 6; the Flood itself in Genesis 7. Then we saw the receding of the waters in Genesis 8.

From there we took a look at events following the Flood, which was Genesis 9. Basically, what you have going on are two events after the Flood: the first one is the covenant that God entered into with Noah—that is in Genesis 9—and you also have something called post-Flood sin. It is interesting, though, that through all of that, God announces a promise. There is coming One into the world—it is predicted as early as Genesis 3:15—to fix what went wrong, and His lineage starts getting traced through the Book of Genesis.

Now we are moving into—we are finished with the Flood; can you believe it?—the fourth major event in the first part of the Book of Genesis, which deals with national dispersion in Genesis 10-11. You can take Genesis 10-11 and you can divide it up as follows. You have, number one, something called the "Table of Nations." Where in the world did the nations come from? You have a description of that in Genesis 10.

Then you have a description of why we have nations. That is the Tower of Babel. That is the first United Nations meeting, as far as I can tell. The nations or people groups came together to build us, to quote Led Zeppelin, a 'Stairway to Heaven.' God disrupted that project, and the nations resulted.

Then you have a genealogy from Shem. Now, remember, the genealogy leading to Christ has been carefully documented as we have gone through Genesis. It goes from Adam to Noah in Genesis 5, and then, as we saw in Genesis 9, the focus is on Noah's firstborn Shem, and then that lineage is going to be traced at the end of Genesis 11 from Shem to Terah.

Terah is a big deal because he is the father of whom? A man named Abraham, through whom God is going to raise up a new nation called the nation of Israel, through which this Messiah will come. That is the big picture of Genesis 10-11 as now we are moving into new material.

We start off here with the Table of Nations. Where in the world did the nations come from? We have a description of that in Genesis 10. Really, there are two things to think about as we look at this section: it is describing the sinful origin of the nations—all of the nations owe their roots to corrupted cause—and God therefore has to raise up a new nation, Israel, to bring His Messianic promises to and through the world.

We have the sinful origin of the nations, necessitating Israel's unique birth and redemptive purpose to these nations. One of the things that is startling to discover is these chapters are not in order. We believe that the events of Genesis 11 took place before the events of Genesis 10. Genesis 11 is the cause. Genesis 10 is the result.

You will notice what Arnold Fruchtenbaum says here concerning these two chapters, Genesis 10-11. He says,

"They..."¹

Those are the nations.

"...were divided by languages: everyone after his tongue. This phrase shows that chapter 10 was written after the dispersion of Genesis 11, since that is when the confusion of tongues occurred."²

You remember Genesis 11:1. We remember this even as kids from Sunday school—how at one time in history there was only one language on the face of the earth, and that is the language that God disrupted to prevent the builders of the Tower of Babel from cooperating with each other. But when you look at Genesis 10 very quickly, you see that there are multiple languages in existence.

For example, look at Genesis 10:5. It says,

"...every one according to his language,..." (Genesis 10:5).

Different languages. Look, if you will, at Genesis 10:20. Toward the end of the verse, it says,

"...according to their languages,..." (Genesis 10:20).

Look at Genesis 10:31 again. It says,

"...according to their languages,..." (Genesis 10:31).

¹ Fruchtenbaum, A. *The Book of Genesis*, 210.

² Ibid.

Why does it keep saying in Genesis 10, "according to their languages," when Genesis 11:1 tells us, *"Now the whole earth used the same language and the same words"* (Genesis 11:1)?

Aha! The events of Genesis 11 came before Genesis 10. So, Genesis 11 is the cause; Genesis 10 represents the results. What we have a description of in Genesis 10-11 is where did these nations, surrounding Israel primarily—where did they come from?

It is amazing how ahead of the game you are when you just read God's Word and take it literally for what it says. You have descriptions of things that the unsaved world that never consults the Bible does not have a description of.

The unsaved world—they philosophize about where everything came from, but God in the Book of Genesis, tells us where everything came from. Where did the universe come from? Where did life come from? Where did man come from? Where did marriage come from? Why is there so much evil in our world?

I noticed today that everybody wore clothes to church. Why did you do that? Where did clothing come from? Where did religion come from? Where did salvation come from? Where did language itself come from? Where did government come from?

In Genesis 12 we are going to see where the nation of Israel came from. But Genesis 10-11 reveals to us where the nations that Israel is designed to reach came from. Why do they have to be reached?

You have no explanation of it without the Bible. You are left to the finitude of human philosophy and human intellect if you do not look at what God has revealed and spoken in His Word.

What we have here in Genesis 10 are seventy nations, and they and where exactly they came from are described for us. There is not a description here of every nation that has ever existed on planet Earth—but there is a description of these seventy, because these seventy have a specific relationship to the nation of Israel, past and future.

If you want to understand your headlines and why things are happening in the world the way they are, you have to pay attention to the Table of Nations. Yet very few pulpits would ever cover something like this because what are these names? They sound strange, after all. They are hard to pronounce.

Why bore people with this? Because the truth of the matter is that if you do not understand Genesis 10, you do not understand the Bible. If you do not understand Genesis 10, you do not understand the future, as I will try to explain as we move through these chapters.

Here is an outline of Genesis 10. You have Genesis 10:1, an introduction, and then you have a description of Noah's three sons and their three lines, and how those lines repopulated the earth following the Flood (which had destroyed all of humanity except for eight people in the ark). You have Japheth's line described in Genesis 10:2-5; Ham's line described Genesis 10:6-20; Shem's line described in Genesis 10:21-31.

Then you have a conclusion in Genesis 10:32. Now you might be asking yourself, "Well, why in the world is Shem mentioned last? I thought Shem was the firstborn. Why is he mentioned last? Why is Japheth mentioned first? I thought he was the last born."

The reason for this switch is that the crescendo is Shem. Shem and his line are going to lead us into the next chapter, which contains the genealogy from Shem to Terah. Shem's line is the line that will contain the Messianic seed. That is why his line is dealt with last. It is a natural transition into the next chapter.

These are the nations emanating from Noah's three sons. The birth order of these sons is as follows: Shem is number one, Ham is number two, and Japheth is number three. These are listed from lesser to greater in importance to Israel. Japheth is mentioned first because his lineage does not have so much to relate to Israel, at least not in the immediate future. Then will come Ham's line and then will come Shem's line.

The focus is Shem's line because his line contains the Messiah, the fulfillment of Genesis 3:15. Let's go ahead and launch in, and let's just take a look, first of all, at the introduction.

Notice, if you will, Genesis 10:1. It says,

"Now these are the records of the generations of Shem, Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah; and sons were born to them after the flood" (Genesis 10:1).

Now, here is the proper birth order: Shem, number one; Ham, number two; Japheth, number three. But Shem, as I mentioned a little earlier, is going to be dealt with last because he is a natural transition into Genesis 11.

It says here very clearly that the earth was repopulated from the children that came forth through the descendants of these lines. In the ark you only have eight people: Noah and Mrs. Noah; Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and their respective wives—eight people in total. The Flood is now behind us, and the earth becomes repopulated through the children of Noah's three sons.

Now you will notice something very significant there. In Genesis 10:1 it says,

"Now these are the records of the generations..." (Genesis 10:1).

That is something that in Hebrew we call the 'toledot' (תולדות). It reads in Hebrew as 'toledot' (תולדות). That is a word that simply means "these are the generations of." In other words, the Book of Genesis was not created by one writer at a specific point in time. What it is is a collection of records, and these records were compiled as the events were happening, or shortly thereafter, and passed down to the next generation, and they recorded the events happening in their time, and the next generation recorded the events happening in their time.

We know that there is a literary break or a new record starting, through the repetition of this word. We already had the first round introduction to the generations, Genesis 1:1-

2:3. Then in Genesis 2:4 you see again: 'toledot' (תולדות). A second one happens in Genesis 2:4-4:26.

Then you remember in Genesis 5:1, you see again the word—"these are the generations of"—'toledot' (תולדות). You have a new section. Then in Genesis 6:9 it says it again: "these are the generations of." So you have a new section happening. Now we are at our fifth one.

We are not totally sure who wrote the first section or the second section, but we believe that Adam probably wrote down what is in the third section. Noah probably wrote down what is in the fourth section. And now Noah's sons are going to record what takes place in Genesis 10:1-11:9.

What you have in Jewish history are all of these writings compiled. When Jacob, in Genesis 46, traveled to Egypt to receive grain in the midst of famine, because God had so providentially worked so that one of his sons named Joseph was now second-in-command in Egypt, what did Jacob do? He brought with him all of those written records and those written records came to Egypt, and they eventually landed into the hands of a man named Moses, who in early Exodus was basically being raised as just a common slave.

But do you remember that Moses, as a baby, was set adrift in the Nile and he providentially—this was all the hand of God—was seen by Pharaoh's daughter? She brought him into Egypt, and she gave him the best education that could be obtained during that time period. Moses became literate because God had a purpose for Moses.

Moses was not just to be the deliverer of the nation from Egyptian bondage, but also to Moses the task was given to compile what we call the Book of Genesis, and then the Book of Exodus, and the Book of Leviticus, and the Book of Numbers, and the Book of Deuteronomy. We call it 'Torah' or 'Pentateuch.'

Had God not supernaturally worked this way in the life of Baby Moses, he would not have been literate to perform this skill. What ended up in his lap, metaphorically speaking, were all these records that had been faithfully compiled and passed down through the generations of Israel.

Moses took all of that material, and as the Holy Spirit guided him, he compiled what we call the Book of Genesis, but it is obvious that he is relying on another source because it keeps saying 'toledot' (תולדות)—"these are the generations of."

This, by the way, is exactly how the Book of Luke came into existence. The Gospel of Luke came into existence the exact same way, because Luke was not an eyewitness to the ministry of Jesus Christ. Luke had to rely upon sources. In fact, early in Luke, it talks about eyewitnesses and other records that had already been compiled that he was relying upon.

The Holy Spirit simply came upon Luke in a supernatural way. He was a doctor, a physician, so obviously he was used to records and note taking and being careful. (If your physician is not careful, you probably need a new physician.) He had great

attention to detail and he invested everything carefully, and he, through sources, compiled the Gospel of Luke.

Well, that is exactly how the Book of Genesis came into existence. It was not a situation where Moses sat down like John on the island of Patmos and just received a vision—"Here is how it happened." God worked that way to give to John the Book of Revelation, but he did not work that way to give to Moses the Book of Genesis. Moses had to put the whole thing together from sources faithfully handed down.

That should not disturb you, because that is exactly how Luke's Gospel came together. It is just that Moses was the compiler, and the Holy Spirit guided Moses in the process. That is why God gave to Moses the education that he had, because his calling was not just to be the deliverer of Israel, but his calling was to do something else, which was to be the author of the Book of Genesis. With this repetition of 'toledot' (תולדות), you start to see how the Book of Genesis came into existence.

We come to Genesis 10:2-5, where Moses begins to talk about the lineage coming from Japheth. Notice what he says there in Genesis 10:2.

"The sons of Japheth were Gomer and Magog and Madai and Javan and Tubal and Meshech and Tiras" (Genesis 10:2).

These are people that primarily settled in Europe and ultimately North America, and you have a description of them. What you have in Genesis 10:2-5 is Japheth's descendants north and west of Israel, which would cover the population of Europe and North America. These people are passed over very quickly because they do not have an immediate impact on the nation of Israel, which will be birthed in Genesis 12. But let me tell you something, they have a huge impact on the future.

Now, let me just tell you how the Lord has worked in my life over the last three weeks. There is a group in Sydney, Australia that I have ministered with and to and at probably for three times that I have gone to Sydney, Australia. It is a group called 'Awake to Israel.' This is a group of people that are trying to theologically, biblically stand with Israel and what God says about the future of the nation of Israel.

Let me tell you, in Australia anywhere, you do not say stuff like that. You become too aggressive about the nation of Israel, and you could actually get kicked out of your own church. To go to that group and minister to them, and to hear all the horror stories of all of the problems they have had in their own churches, trying to simply represent God accurately concerning the nation of Israel, it is stunning—the anti-Israel sentiment not just in the government but in their own churches.

What most of them believe and what their seminaries crank out 24/7 is the doctrine of Amillennialism, which is another way of saying 'replacement theology'—that the church has permanently eclipsed, permanently replaced, Israel in the plan and program of God.

They do not believe the way we teach it here: that the church will be raptured, and then God will complete His unfinished work with the nation of Israel. They take all of those verses and allegorize them.

So I am very proud, in a sense, to go to that group and help them with this issue, because they are standing against the current. Now, because of Covid and all of these things that have gone on with travel restrictions, I could not travel there this time around when they invited me, and so they asked me to produce four videos on Ezekiel 36-39, which is the key passage that speaks of the rebirth of the nation of Israel.

Ezekiel 36 is illustrated with two illustrations in Ezekiel 37. Then Ezekiel 38-39 is a description of an end-time invasion, which is the tool that God is going to use to awaken the nation of Israel in the last days.

What we believe is this: although that is a war or a conflict or a battle that concerns the Tribulation, my goodness, the Lord is setting the stage for it right now as we speak. As I was studying through that material, I ran into names like Gomer, Magog, Tubal, and Meshech.

In fact, just hold your place for a minute in Genesis and go to the Book of Ezekiel just for a minute? I want you to see that all of the names that are mentioned in the Table of Nations are mentioned in Ezekiel 38-39.

Very quickly in Ezekiel 38:2, you see the name 'Magog'—you see the name 'Meshech'—you see the name 'Tubal.' Go down to Ezekiel 38:5: you will see the names 'Persia,' 'Ethiopia,' 'Put.' Go to Ezekiel 38:6: you will see the words 'Gomer' and 'Togarmah.' Go over to Ezekiel 38:13: you will see the words 'Sheba' and 'Dedan,' and you will see the word 'Tarshish.'

Now, when you pick up your newspaper, you do not read any of these names. So how in the world could I say that these are the names that you read in your newspaper, the stage of which is being set up for this end-time invasion? The answer is the Table of Nations. The Table of Nations in Genesis 10 helps you understand Ezekiel 38 and 39. You cannot understand Ezekiel 38 and 39 unless you understand Genesis 10. Genesis 10 is the key that unlocks Ezekiel 38 and 39; Ezekiel 38 and 39 is the key that unlocks Genesis 10.

You pick up the 'Houston Chronicle' and you do not see 'Meshech,' 'Tubal,' 'Gomer,' or 'Tarshish.' Yet these are the very players that we read about in our newspaper. Why? Because Genesis 10, with the assistance of some sources, tells you where these people groups settled. The modern nations containing those people groups are the very nations that are going to come against Israel from the north in the end times.

I just find it very interesting that I was studying Ezekiel 38 and 39 as I was studying Genesis 10. Providential, huh? I could not have even planned it like this. I do not even know where my car keys are half the time, let alone have the presence of mind to plan a coincidence like this. I am studying Genesis 10 at the same time I am studying Ezekiel 38 and 39 for the 'Awake to Israel' group.

My goodness, you take a look at those two chapters and you compare them and, boy, do the dots connect. All of these nations mentioned in Ezekiel 38 and 39, you will find in Genesis 10. If you are patient with the Bible and let the Bible speak, you pick up your

newspaper and you know exactly why it is happening, because God said it would happen.

There will be a lot more on that as we progress. But here are at least thirteen or fourteen names found in Ezekiel 38 and 39 that have their origin in Genesis 10: 'Magog,' 'Rosh,' 'Meshech,' 'Tubal,' 'Persia,' 'Put,' 'Cush,' 'Gomer,' 'Togarmah,' 'Sheba,' 'Dedan,' 'Tarshish,' 'the merchants of Tarshish,' and of course, 'Israel.' These are the nations that will invade Israel in the end times.

Let's start here with Gomer. Gomer is the first of the seven sons of Japheth. Who in the world is Gomer? You have to be careful about how you do this because people will very quickly accuse you of trying to make a scenario work: in other words, you want this nation to be that nation because it shows up in the newspaper and you are trying to sell books and you are trying to sensationalize.

I am here to tell you, as someone who has worked on this—I have tried to work on it the last three weeks—and as someone who has written a book on it called 'The Middle East Meltdown'—I am trying to tell you that you come to these names and places completely independent of what the newspapers say, and then you look at your newspapers and you cannot believe what you are reading, because exactly what God said is happening.

We have some academic classical sources that we could use to trace where these people groups settled. One of them is Josephus. Josephus was a first century historian who wrote a classic history a little after the time of Christ, and he has a section in his book 'Antiquities,' where he shows you where these people groups settled.

Who is Gomer? Josephus says,

"For Gomer founded those whom the Greeks now call Galatians [Galls], but were then called Gomerites."³

So Gomer equals Galatia. You say, "Galatia, Galatia, Galatia. I have heard that somewhere before." Wait a minute! We have a whole book in our Bible called the Book of Galatians. Wow, you guys are very, very good.

Where is Galatia? It is in what we would call north central Turkey. That is who Paul wrote to. It was his first letter, by the way. He returned from his first missionary journey into that area, and he came back to Syrian Antioch. He was very upset because his churches that he had planted had been infiltrated with legalism. So he wrote them a book from Syrian Antioch to north central Turkey—which is what we might call it today—telling them to stay away from legalism.

That is who Gomer is. You could just write in there: modern-day Turkey.

We have a second name mentioned here: Magog. That is the second of Japheth's seven sons. Magog, Josephus tells us, is the Scythians. Now, almost any encyclopedia

³ Josephus, *Antiquities*, 1.6.1.

will tell you that the Scythians migrated from Central Asia to southern Russia in the eighth to the seventh century B.C.

Remember that Ezekiel had his vision long after the Table of Nations was written. Ezekiel had his vision six centuries before Christ. We believe that the Scythians are Magog, the nations of Central Asia—the '-stan's': Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan.

Now, I want to be very careful here. God is not saying that the people within these nations are evil. Even today, in many of these nations, like Persia, or Iran, there is a great spiritual revival happening. God is not against the people. But what Ezekiel saw was the governments and the power structure that were head over these people. They are going to turn against Israel in the last days.

If you understand who these people groups are, suddenly the things happening in the headlines start making sense. I am not going to comment on every single name, but just the ones that are relevant to this. Another nation is Tubal: Meshech and Tubal.

When did Herodotus write? He wrote in 450 B.C. He wrote a famous book called 'Histories,' and he, like Josephus, is very helpful in telling us where these people groups from Noah's sons settled. In his 'Histories,' he talks about Meshech and Tubal dwelling southeast of the Black Sea.

Now, if you look at the Black Sea and you go southeast, what nation do you run into? You run into modern-day Turkey. I was going to entitle this sermon, 'Let's Talk Turkey,' because a lot of what he is saying here concerns the modern nation of Turkey.

He also mentions Meshech. Well, who in the world is Meshech? Josephus tells us that Meshech is the Cappadocians. Now you say to yourself, "Cappadocians...I have read that somewhere in the Bible."

There it is in 1 Peter 1:1. That is the group of people that Peter is addressing from Babylon in his first letter. He talks about all of these geographical areas, and in the process he mentions Cappadocia. We believe that Peter wrote to Cappadocia, also in modern-day Turkey. All of these people groups that we have looked at thus far are just ways of saying modern-day turkey.

Now the seventh of Japheth's sons—this one is a little bit more controversial—is Tiras. This is not a majority opinion, but there are a number of scholars—I do not know if I would start a new church over this necessarily—who believe that the phonetics of the word 'Tiras' changed over the course of time, which is what happens sometimes in languages, and 'Tiras' eventually changed to 'Rosh.'

You will notice that Ezekiel 38 and 39 mention Rosh. Who is Rosh? Wilhelm Gesenius—now, he was no sensationalist; he was a scholar's scholar; he is actually the father of what we call lexicography, which is the art and science of compiling definitions and dictionaries—in one of his works says that undoubtedly Rosh is the Russians, as he looked at how that name 'Rosh' began to be used through different sources.

Now, it is very interesting that you cannot accuse this man of newspaper exegesis because he came to his conclusions in 1842. That was long before the Communist Revolution in Russia, which happened in 1917. That was long before Russia became what we know it today, as a nuclear superpower. He came to this conclusion in 1842. Obviously, he is not reading current events into the Bible. He is simply saying, "This is what the Bible says." 'Rosh,' which could be derived from 'Tiras,' is Russia.

It all continues. Charles Feinberg, in his very excellent commentary on the book of Ezekiel, says this:

"The area of origin was stated as out of the uttermost parts, the farthest reaches, of the north."⁴

Ezekiel says that over and over again: this invasion, when it occurs, is coming from the remote north. Just look at a map.

Start with the nation of Israel—you always start with Israel, because Ezekiel 5:5 tells us that Israel is dwelling at the center of the nations—and go north. The first country you hit is Turkey.

But Ezekiel says it is the "remote north" and it is the "far north," so you just keep on going north. What do you run into? You run into Rosh or Russia.

Charles Feinberg says,

"The area of origin was stated as out of the uttermost parts, the farthest reaches, of the north. It is well known who has been dominant in this region of the world ever since the end of the last global conflict..."⁵

He said this in 1967.

"...an area which has actually kept the entire world in turmoil constantly. Russia is a power that must be reckoned with now, and surely will figure largely in the events that lie ahead, especially when the church is raptured to her risen Lord."⁶

Do you understand that when Gesenius said Rosh is the Russians, Russia, at the time he said that, was a Christian Orthodox country? It did not have a bad bone in its bearish body, so to speak. What Gesenius is saying is that Ezekiel is saying, "You had better keep your eye on Rosh, because Rosh, just like Turkey, is going to turn on Israel and is going to come against Israel in the last days."

Moses goes on here and he mentions three sons of Gomer.

By the way, as I am explaining this, I want you to understand what Ezekiel is seeing. Ezekiel is seeing what we call the red-green axis: green for Islam, red for communism. It

⁴ Feinberg, Charles L. *The Prophecy of Ezekiel: The Glory of the Lord*, 224.

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ Ibid.

is so interesting how the only thing Islam and the communists hate is everyone else, except the two of them get along just fine. Have you noticed that—communism and Islam cooperating in the last days to take down the nation of Israel and alienate the West? Why? Why is it that green and red, Marxism and Islam, get along so well?

Well, it is very simple. The enemy of my enemy is my friend. "We are going to unite because we have got some things in common." And once they get everything under control, then eventually they will turn on each other.

We know who is going to win that one. I am going to bet on Islam to win that one. That is just my personal opinion.

It is stunning that Ezekiel is seeing the red-green axis forming between Russia and Turkey moving in an Islamic direction 2,600 years ago. If you look at the Table of Nations and understand some of the things I have been teaching, the meaning pops out at you. It becomes crystal clear.

Now we have Gomer, and Gomer has three sons. I am not going to try to pronounce all of those names, but one of those sons is Togarmah. Who is Togarmah? Josephus in his 'Antiquities,' telling us where these people groups settled, tells us that Togarmah equals the Phrygians. You say, "Phrygia...Phrygia...I have read that somewhere in the Bible."

There it is. It is in Acts 16:6. It is an area that Paul the Apostle passed through on his second missionary journey. He went on missionary journey two through Galatia and Asia, and right in the mix is Phrygia. Where is Phrygia? It is modern-day Turkey.

Meshech, Tubal, Gomer, and Togarmah—when Ezekiel mentions those names, apparently God wants us to talk turkey, because four names relate to Turkey. It is dealing with the modern nation of Turkey.

Now, I do not know if you have followed what is happening in Turkey. Turkey is changing before our very eyes—it has been changing for quite some time actually—into an Islamic theocracy. Frank Gaffney, the president of the Center for Security Policy, said back in 2006 that Turkey is transitioning from,

"a secular democracy with a Muslim society into a state governed by a radical Islamic ideology hostile to Western values and freedoms."⁷

I want you to understand something: that if you go back in time, a decade or two, Israelis took their vacations in Turkey. Turkey had no animosity towards the nation of Israel, and Ezekiel's prophecy seemed absurd. How in the world can you say that these nations represent Turkey, and Turkey is going to become hostile to Israel in the last days?

What always happens in Bible prophecy is that history catches up with what God said, because God knows the end from the beginning and the beginning from the end. He

⁷ Gaffney, F. *War Footing*, 164.

saw, and He gave to Ezekiel in a vision the character of these nations turning against Israel in the end times.

Beloved, I am here to tell you that this is happening in our lifetime. Yet how many pulpits are even talking about this? They are too busy talking about how to be your own best friend and whatever else they are talking about. Yet the action is happening.

God is the author of the beginning and He is the author of the end, and He is saying, "Look at Ezekiel 38 and look at Genesis 10, and then read the newspaper." Don't read your newspaper into the Bible, but figure out what the Bible says, then read your newspaper. And, my goodness, He said Turkey would turn, Turkey would change—an absurd statement a few decades back—and now it is happening before our very eyes.

Here is a headline which says,

"Turkish President Assumes New Sweeping Powers."⁸

This is speaking of Erdogan.

Here is another headline that says,

"Turkish President and PM: 'We Will Gather Together All Of The Muslim World and Invade Jerusalem.'"⁹

He says,

"By Allah's will,..."¹⁰

This is the ideological force that is causing Turkey to change, because as you become Islamicized, Islam is not a religion so much as it is a political conquest ideology. People think Islam is just a religion, and yet you go through the Koran, very little of it relates to religious issues.

It is all politics; it is world conquest. It is just like Marxism: the red-green axis. That is why the Marxists and the Islamists cooperate so well with each other: because they are on the same page. Islam believes that Israel's existence—which happened, by the way, in 1948—is an affront to Allah because they believe that is where Muhammad allegedly ascended to heaven on a horse or a steed.

Oh, and let me throw this in. Do you know what the horse's name was? The horse's name was Buraq. I cannot make this stuff up. The horse goes into heaven from Jerusalem, and Islam says that is why Jerusalem, to Islam, is a "holy site."

⁸ <http://www.israelislamandendtimes.com/turkish-president-and-pm-we-will-gather-together-all-of-the-muslim-world-and-invade-jerusalem/>, July 09, 2018, accessed 01 August 2018.

⁹ <http://www.israelislamandendtimes.com/turkish-president-and-pm-we-will-gather-together-all-of-the-muslim-world-and-invade-jerusalem/>, May 30, 2015, accessed 30 May 2015.

¹⁰ Ibid.

Now, how do I know that pronunciation? Because my wife and I went on our honeymoon to Israel and we went to Jerusalem, and we went on the Temple Mount, and we were holding hands on the Temple Mount. Suddenly we hear this voice saying, "Don't touch! Don't touch!" I thought, "Don't touch what? Don't touch the walls?" "Don't touch each other" is what they meant. "Holy site! Holy site!"

Why are they saying that? Because in Islam, that is what the Temple Mount is. It is where Muhammad went back to Allah on a steed named Buraq. If that is your religious mindset, the Jews being in the land of Israel—rightfully, by the way, since 1948—and gaining back the so-called West Bank, better called Judea and Samaria, in 1967—their presence there is an affront to Allah.

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So, as Islamic ideology goes into Turkey Turkey now changes against Israel in the last days. Islam itself is the motivating force causing all of these nations that Ezekiel is mentioning, with the possible exception of Russia, to change.

God forbid, if the United States becomes more sympathetic to Islam, we would turn. We already have several people in the House of Representatives, do we not, called the 'Squad,' holding to Islamic values. The attorney general of the State of Minnesota is Islamic. As Islam penetrates our culture and our society, as God is my witness—it brings me no pleasure to say it—the United States will turn against Israel too.

That is what happened in Turkey. That is what happened in Iran. We have not even talked about Iran yet. God said it would happen. "Preposterous!" And yet it is taking place. The Turkish president and Prime Minister said,

"By Allah's will, Jerusalem belongs to the Kurds, the Turks, the Arabs, and to all Muslims. And as our forefathers fought side by side at Gallipoli, and just as our forefathers went together to liberate Jerusalem with Saladin, we will march together on the same path [to liberate Jerusalem]."¹¹

It is almost as if these guys wake up one day and open the Bible to Ezekiel 38 and say, "Hey, cool, here are some prophecies. Let's try to fulfill them."

Another entity mentioned is Javan. We have made it to Genesis 10:4, have we not?

"The sons of Javan were Elishah and Tarshish, Kittim and Dodanim"
(Genesis 10:4).

¹¹ <http://www.israelislamandendtimes.com/turkish-president-and-pm-we-will-gather-together-all-of-the-muslim-world-and-invade-jerusalem/>

Say that five times fast. Javan has four sons. Here are the names of them. Do you recognize this name here: 'Tarshish'? You should recognize it from Jonah 1:3. Jonah 1:3 says,

*"But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD...."
(Jonah 1:3).*

Where is Tarshish? Tarshish is Spain. The Ryrie Study Bible indicates that Tarshish is located in the south of Spain, near Gibraltar, 2,500 miles west of Israel, and the opposite direction from Nineveh.

Do you realize what Jonah did here? God said to Jonah, "Go east and preach to the Ninevites." Jonah said, "No, thank you, I am going to go west." He went 180 degrees—the opposite direction. I do not advise anybody doing that. When God tells you to do something, you do it. Because we know how that story ended, right?

God had to put Jonah in time out in the belly of a fish to give him an attitude adjustment and then he was vomited out on the shore. Suddenly Jonah was ready to do the will of the Lord. So, if God is calling you to do something, I would not advise you to go the opposite direction.

Tarshish is what we would call modern-day Spain. Well, there it is in Ezekiel 38:13.

""Sheba and Dedan and the merchants of Tarshish with all its villages will say to you, "Have you come to capture spoil? Have you assembled your company to seize plunder, to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to capture great spoil?"""" (Ezekiel 38:13).

This invasion is happening from the north, the red-green axis. And the Bible tells you why the invasion is happening: Israel has spoil. Do you understand that Mark Twain went to what we call 'the Holy Land' in 1867, and he wrote about it in his book called 'The Innocents Abroad' in 1869? When he went there, he said, "There is nothing here but wasteland." He said, "We did not even encounter a human being on the whole route."

There was no—contrary to what the liberal media wants you to believe—thriving Palestinian civilization in the land of Israel. Mark Twain went there. He wrote about it, and he said, "There is absolutely nothing here." At one point, they ran into a goat and he said, "It must be a kind of a goat that eats rocks to live, because we do not even see any greenery or shrubs here."

Israel was nothing but a barren expanse in 1867. But what does God say? God says, "Not only are the Jews going to go back into the land of Israel"—preposterous in 1867, ridiculous—"but also they are going to become wealthy." In fact, their wealth, called "spoil" here, is the reason that these nations, coupled with Islamic ideology, are going to invade Israel in the last days.

Of course, everybody that took that prophecy literally is written off as a fanatic. "How can you believe that God has a future for Israel? Don't you know, going back to Augustine, that Israel has replaced the church? There is no future for Israel."

They allegorized all of those prophecies, but if you just give it enough time, history catches up with what God said would happen. Not only do the Jews go back into the land in 1948, but they recapture Samaria and Judea, the so-called West Bank in 1967.

Then Ezekiel keeps saying the "mountains of Israel." See, you go through Ezekiel 36 through 39, which I have spent a few weeks doing, and it does not just say Israel, it says "the mountains." Well, with the recapture of Judea and Samaria in 1967, what do you think were their mountains? Now the mountains are in Israel to fulfill this prophecy.

Then Donald Trump comes along and he says, "You know what? We are going to give back the Golan Heights to Israel. Israel is now going to be allowed to annex within its own territory the Golan Heights."

What are the Golan Heights? They are a mountainous region, a buffer zone between northern Israel and Syria, and there are mountains there. What I am trying to show you is that God is doing this and God is doing that, moving the chess pieces around because God, at the end of the day, will not be mocked. His Word is going to be fulfilled exactly like it is written.

If you just pay attention to the details, suddenly the things happening in the world start making perfect sense. Suddenly the newspapers start making perfect sense.

What does it say here?

""Sheba and Dedan and the merchants of Tarshish..."" (Ezekiel 38:13).

That is Spain.

""...with all its villages will say to you, 'Have you come to capture spoil?..."" (Ezekiel 38:13).

In other words, Tarshish does not like the invasion, and they stage what many call a lame protest against this invasion. They do not do anything to stop it, but they raise their voice against it.

Look at the fine print here, folks. It does not just say "Tarshish." You know, for years and years and years, even when I wrote my book on this—"The Middle East Meltdown"—I, for whatever reason, did not see this. It does not say "Tarshish." It says "the merchants of Tarshish."

Charles Feinberg says,

"The young lions of Tarshish are taken to mean either the strong leaders and princes or greedy rulers of these commercial communities."¹²

It is the business leaders of Spain that do not like this invasion. Well, how does this fit with Bible prophecy? Is anybody familiar with the Abraham Accords, primarily orchestrated through President Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner, where it was basically a swap?

By the way, this Tweet came up recently:

"Jared Kushner Creates 'Abraham Accords' Foundation to Deepen Ties Between Israel and Arab World."¹³

Yeah, Trump's not in office, but the Abraham Accords are alive and well. What are the Abraham Accords? This is something that came up in the midst of the Trump administration. It caught most of us completely flat-footed. But it has to do with a swap.

Israel says to Islamic countries, "If you recognize our existence, which most Muslim countries do not, then we will open the doors to you for the Four T's: tourism, trade, technology." (I say four, and I cannot remember the fourth one, but you get the idea: trade, tourism, technology.) If someone comes up with a fourth one, just yell it out and we can merge it into the sermon.

In other words, "Recognize our existence and we will open the doors to commercial ties between our nations. We just want one thing: just recognize our existence." The Abraham Accords entered into with the United Arab Emirates, entered into with Gulf states, and who is the last country that we know of that entered into one of these Abraham Accords? Go to the far west of the map there, and it is Morocco, also an Islamic country.

So, Morocco, along with the Gulf states—and they think Saudi Arabia is next to fall; keep that in mind next week when we talk about Sheba and Dedan—says, "All right, here is the swap. We will recognize your existence, Israel. Just open up to us the Four T's: travel, trade, tourism, technology." Somebody write that down because I am going to forget it in a couple minutes.

Morocco now opens the door to Israel. Obviously Morocco will not like this invasion when it occurs because Morocco, via the Abraham Accords, is benefiting from Israel. See that? Now, whom is Morocco in a trading relationship with? Spain. So Morocco is getting rich from Israel, and Spain is getting rich from Morocco. That is why the merchants of Tarshish (Spain) speak up. They do not like the invasion.

¹² Feinberg, Charles L. *The Prophecy of Ezekiel: The Glory of the Lord*, 223.

¹³ Warren, Steve. "Jared Kushner Creates 'Abraham Accords' Foundation to Deepen Ties Between Israel and Arab World," *CBN.com*, May 6, 2021, <https://cbn.com/news/world/jared-kushner-creates-abraham-accords-foundation-deepen-ties-between-israel-and-arab>.

It is just fascinating to me that we are living in this time period when the chess pieces are being moved around to such a degree that if you pay attention to this, it is almost undeniable what is happening.

God, in this final hour of history, is leaving the human race absolutely no excuse for rejecting Him, because one of the great proofs that He has given us is His prophetic Word through something as boring as the Table of Nations with a bunch of names we do not even know and cannot pronounce.

And yet, if you learn who these people groups are and you learn who Ezekiel 38 and 39 are talking about—wow, we had better pay attention to this. This is not a time to go to sleep.

We will finish with Genesis 10:5. It says,

"From these the coastlands of the nations were separated into their lands, every one according to his language,..." (Genesis 10:5).

Ah, this happened after the Tower of Babel, which involved one language.

"...according to their families, into their nations" (Genesis 10:5).

We have a division coming from the sons of Japheth related to tongues, families, and nations: a language and a tribal and a national division. Just wait till we get to Ham in Genesis 10:6-20, because through Ham is going to come a guy named Nimrod and Nimrod is going to build an empire in Babylon—oh my goodness, we may never finish this sermon series—and Assyria, which sets the stage for the Babylonian captivity and the Assyrian deportation.

It shows you exactly why the nations of the earth are looking back to Shinar for a world capital, which is the same spot on the earth where the Tower of Babel once stood. That is a little preview into next week.

You say, "This is the weirdest sermon I have ever heard." See, that is what you get when I am stuck in a room for three weeks. You guys are the victims of the whole thing. But if you learn nothing else, learn this: God is in control.

You do not have to look at the world with fear and nervousness anymore, because you know how things are going to end, because God told you the only thing you need to do is get right with Him. Get on the right side of God. Psalm 2 says, "Kiss the Son lest He become angry" (paraphrase, Psalm 2:12).

In other words, the opportunity to kiss the Son is not something that you will have forever. You have a limited amount of time to get right with God, who is orchestrating human history.

How do you get right with God? Well, you get right with God through the gospel. 'Gospel' means 'good news.' The good news is that Jesus, through His death, burial, resurrection, and ascension, accomplished everything that was necessary to bridge the

gap between fallen humanity and a holy God. It is what the Book of Genesis is pointing towards: this descendant of Shem is going to accomplish this.

Because He accomplished it 2,000 years ago, the only thing left for us to do is to receive it as a free gift. Yet, the only way to receive a free gift from God is to trust in what He has done. That is another way of saying 'believe.' Believe, or trust, in what Jesus has done.

"Kiss the Son, lest He become angry." Because if you do not receive this truth, you have nothing to look forward to other than a fiery indignation which is coming upon this planet sooner rather than later. So, our exhortation to people is to hear the prophetic Word of God, but not let it just be some sort of Encyclopedia Britannica lesson on ancient history and Bible prophecy. Use that as evidence that God has given you to show us that He knows exactly what He is doing, and to trust Him now for salvation while the opportunity presents itself.

If the Spirit of God is convicting you today—anyone within the sound of my voice—of your need to trust God and Jesus Christ alone for salvation, we would invite you within the privacy of your own hearts and thought and mind to trust what Jesus has done for you.

It is not a matter of joining a church, walking an aisle, giving money. It is a matter of privacy between you and the Lord, where you trust in Him and Him alone for salvation. If it is something that you need more explanation on, I am available after the service to talk.

Now, next week is the Fourth of July, isn't it? So we are going to have to put off Genesis 10 for a week. We are going to have to put off political correctness for a week, because next week we are going to get even more politically incorrect: we are going to be defending the Christian roots of the United States of America.

We are going to be talking about in the Sunday school hour: the myth of the separation between church and state, which is a tool that Satan has used to drive Christians out of the public sphere. The whole thing is a lie.

In the main service, we are going to be dealing with something that is capturing the minds of your children and your grandchildren—sometimes in school, sometimes in churches, sometimes in denominations, sometimes in universities. It is something called 'Marxism,' masquerading as 'critical race theory.' We will be dealing with that next week—if anybody shows up.