

The background of the slide is a deep space image featuring a bright, glowing nebula or galaxy core in the upper center, with a warm orange and yellow color palette. The surrounding space is dark, filled with numerous small, distant stars and faint, wispy clouds of cosmic dust.

Genesis

The Story of God And Humanity

A dramatic landscape featuring a body of water in the foreground, a wooden pier extending from the right side, and a range of mountains in the background. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds, and the mountains are illuminated with a warm, orange-red glow, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The water reflects the colors of the sky and the mountains.

Noah's Family: “The Rest of the Story”

*“The biographer’s problem is that
he never knows enough.
The autobiographer’s problem is that
he knows too much.”*

Russell Baker in “Life With Mother”

When God writes a story, He knows
everything about everybody
and tells the truth.
He does this for the good of those
who will read or hear the story.

The Truth Is That Noah The Man Who...

- Walked with God
- Worked for God
- Witness for God
- Waited on God
- Worshipped God

Got Disgracefully Drunk!

Genesis 9:18-29 (NIV)

The sons of Noah who came out of the ark were Shem, Ham and Japheth. (Ham was the father of Canaan.) These were the three sons of Noah, and from them came the people who were scattered over the earth. Noah, a man of the soil, proceeded to plant a vineyard. When he drank some of its wine, he became drunk and lay uncovered inside his tent. Ham, the father of Canaan, saw his father's nakedness and told his two brothers outside. But Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it across their shoulders;

then they walked in backward and covered their father's nakedness. Their faces were turned the other way so that they would not see their father's nakedness. When Noah awoke from his wine and found out what his youngest son had done to him, he said, "Cursed be Canaan! The lowest of slaves will he be to his brothers." He also said, "Blessed be the LORD, the God of Shem! May Canaan be the slave of Shem. May God extend the territory of Japheth; may Japheth live in the tents of Shem, and may Canaan be his slave." After the flood Noah lived 350 years. Altogether, Noah lived 950 years, and then he died.

What Did Ham Do?

What does it mean that he
“*saw the nakedness of his father*”?

The text hints that more than just “seeing” is involved. It says:

“When Noah awoke from his wine and knew what his youngest son had done to him”

The verb for “knew” is often used of sexual relations as in Genesis 4:1

Some Possibilities

Noah “*lay uncovered inside his tent*.” while drunk.

- It can be argued the Hebrew text reads אהלה') hlh) which may mean “*her tent*.”
- It could be that intoxication had aroused Noah’s sexual desire but he fell asleep in his wife’s tent.
- The phrase “*saw the nakedness*” is also translated as “*uncovered the nakedness*” and is used in Leviticus 18, 20, for sexual intercourse.
 - A couple of things could have happened.

Since Noah was passed out, it could be that Ham had sexual relations with Noah's wife and the result of this incestuous union is the birth of Canaan,.

Noah's curse is specifically on *Canaan* and his offspring rather than on *Ham*'s other children makes more sense.

Whatever Ham Did, It Was Probably Sexual In Nature.

- It could be that he had sexual relations with his father's wife while Noah was passed out drunk.
- Or, Ham might have raped his father. (I doubt this.)
- The curse for Ham's sin is given Canaan and his descendants for some reason.
- *"Cursed be Canaan! The lowest of slaves will he be to his brothers."* Genesis 9:25 (NIV)

The Curse On Canaan's Descendants

- They would serve as slaves to both Shem and Japheth.
- It is important to note that this record would have been being heard by the Israelites as they prepared to enter the promised land also known as Canaan.
- The inhabitants of Canaan ultimately became slaves to the Israelites, the descendants of Shem.

The Blessing of Shem and Japheth

Genesis 9:26-27

*He also said, "Blessed be the Lord, the God of Shem!
May Canaan be the slave of Shem.*

*May God extend the territory of Japheth; may Japheth
live in the tents of Shem, and may Canaan be his slave."*

This would be read as a message of hope to the
Israelites as they entered the land of Canaan.

Genesis 10 Is One Of Those Chapters We Are Tempted To Skip.

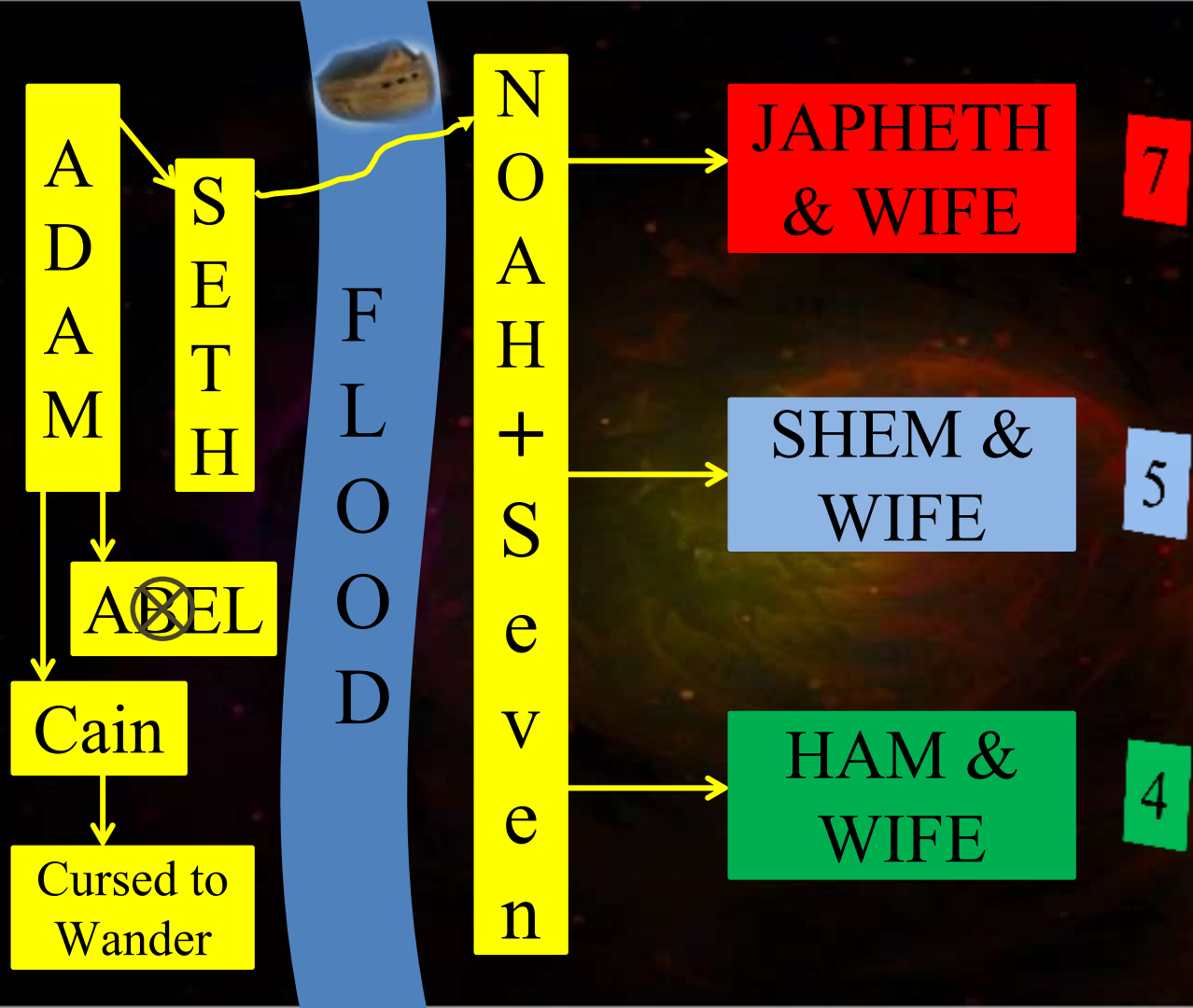
Genesis 10:1 (NIV)

*This is the account of Shem, Ham and Japheth, Noah's
sons, who themselves had sons after the flood.*

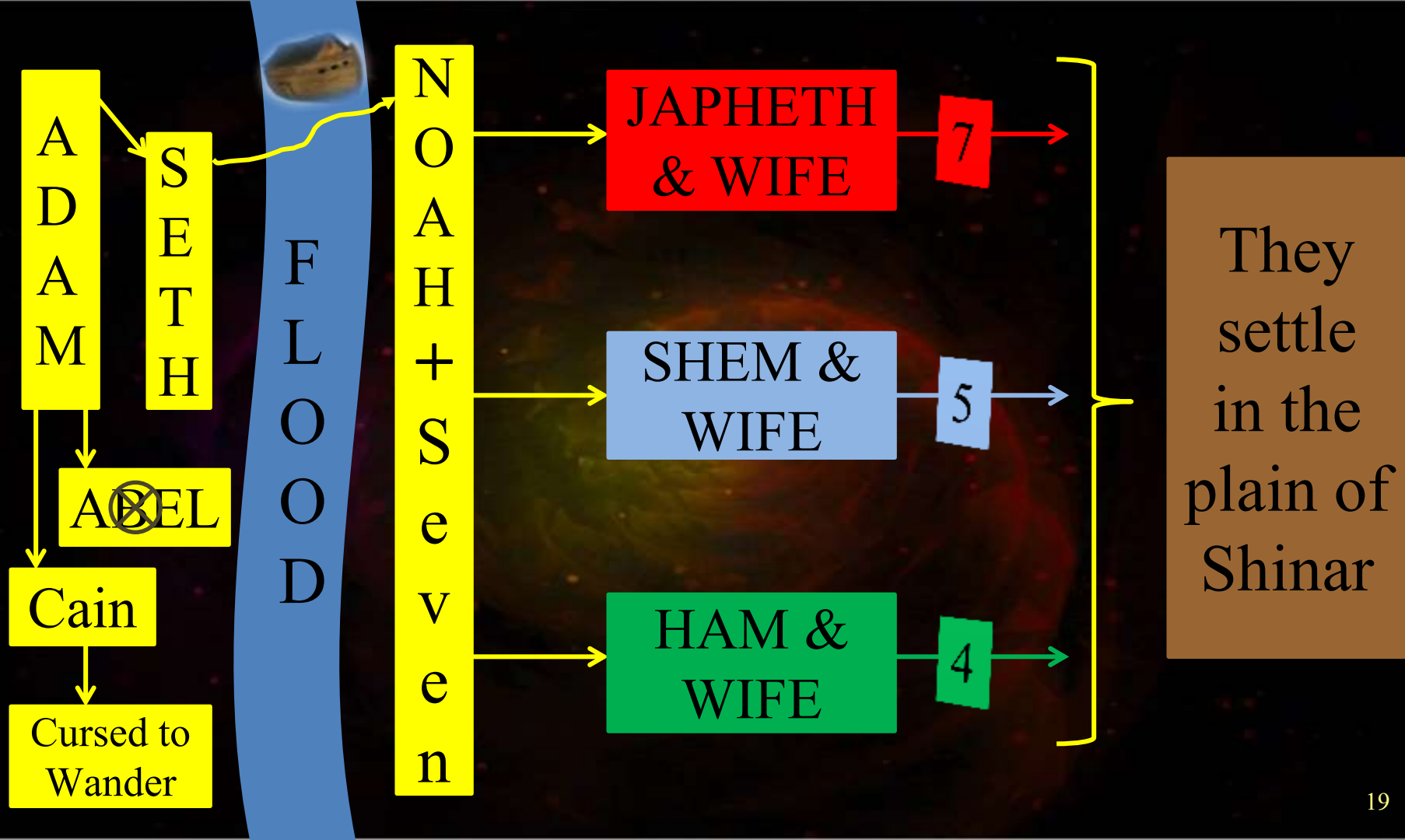
However, It Is The Story Of A Family Legacy

Some Cautions

- It is not a typical genealogy with just names of descendants; it is geographical as well.
- The listing is not complete. For instance, Edom, Moab, and Ammon are not mentioned and they are important in biblical history.
- It is difficult to identify some of these nations.
- But, we can easily get the high points.



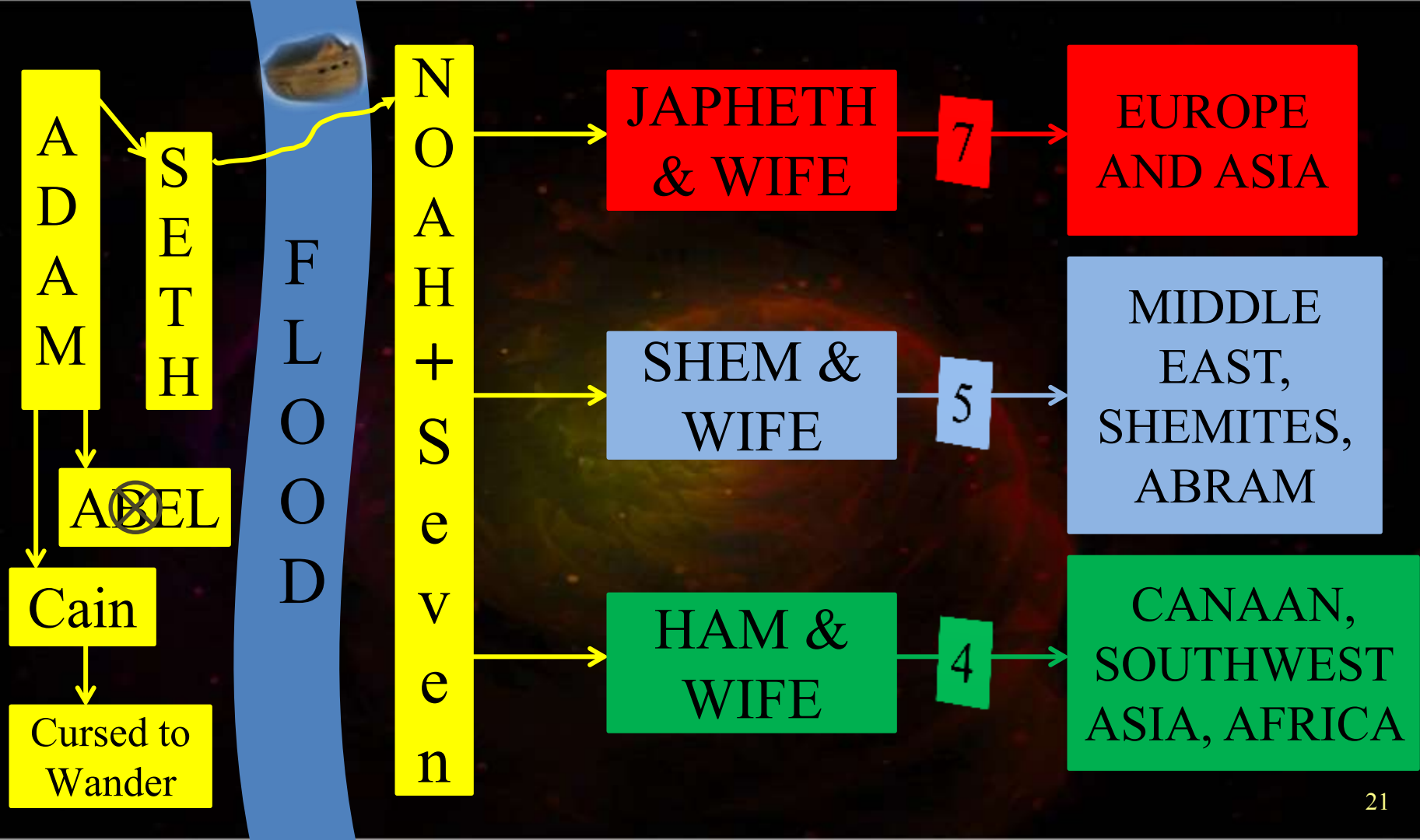
Noah's Family,
Shem, Ham, And Japheth,
Did Not Set About To Multiply
And Fill The Earth As Commanded.
Instead, They Stayed Together,
Settled In The Plain Of Shinar,
And Began To Build A City And A Tower
To Make A Name For Themselves.



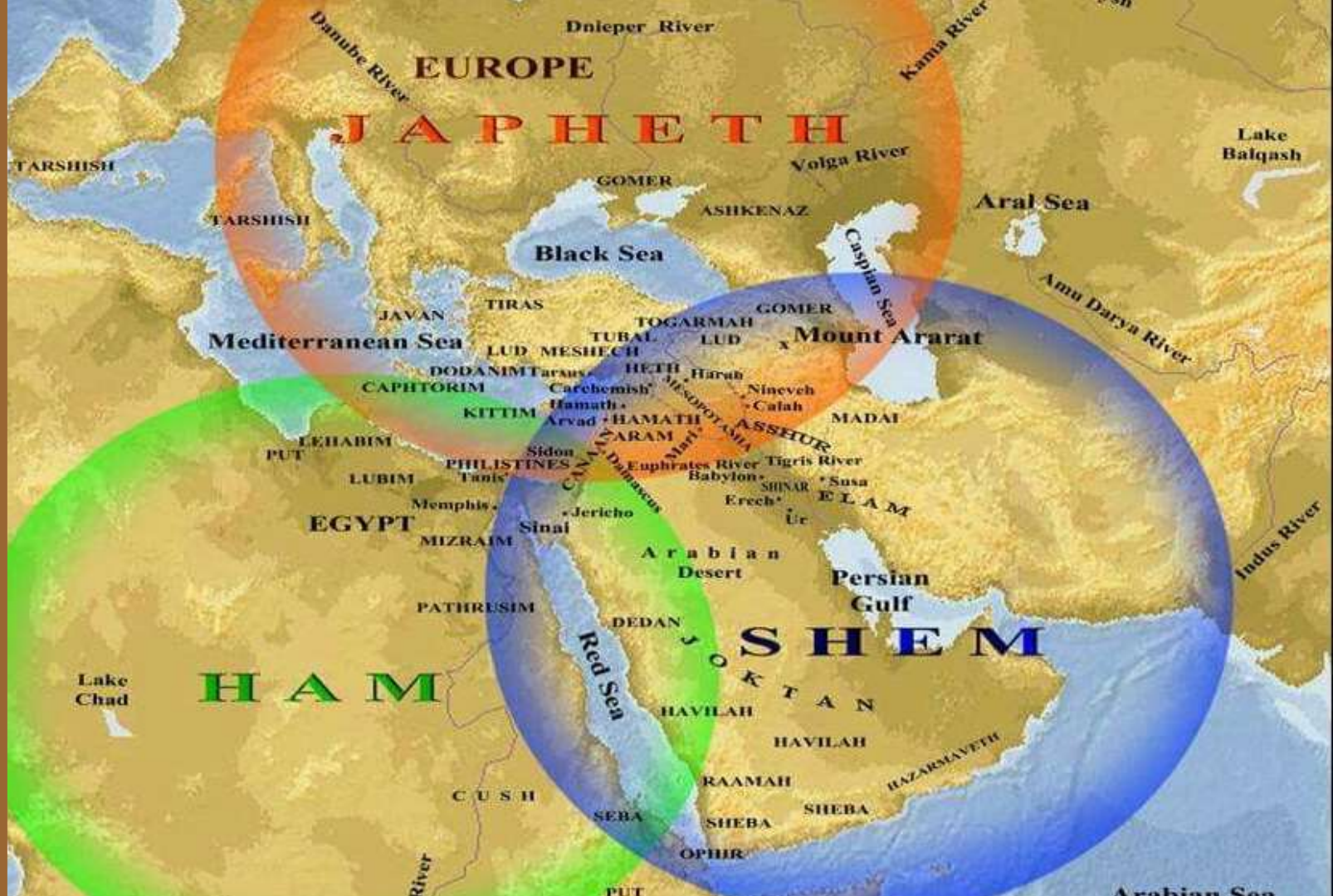
Genesis 11:7-9 (NIV)

“Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other.”

So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. That is why it was called Babel--because there the LORD confused the language of the whole world. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.



After
Babel
those
with the
same
language
migrated
together.





NATIONS IN JERUSALEM AT PENTECOST

Acts 2:9-11



ITALY

EUROPE

BLACK SEA

ADRIATIC SEA

MACEDONIA

Rome

Philippi

Thessalonica
Beroea

GRECE

Athens

Troas

GALATIA

ASIA MINOR

PISIDIA

LYCAONIA

SICILY

Corinth

Ephesus

Colossae

Iconium

Malta

Patmos

Miletus

Perga

Lystra

Derba

Tarsus

Antioch

CRETE

CYPRUS

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

Damascus

Cyrene

Sidon

Tyre

Caesarea

Joppa

Jerusalem

AFRICA

EGYPT

1st Journey

2nd Journey

3rd Journey

Voyage to Rome

High Points In The Story Of God's Rescue Of The Human Family

*Where we
have been...*

Adam

Seth

Noah

Shem

Abram (Abraham)

Isaac

Jacob (Israel)

David

Christ

*Where we
are going...*