

In Order of their Appearance The Nations, the Jews, the Church

The Nations

Introduction: Creation and the Fall

See *The Blood and the Glory* by Billye Brim

The Flood

Judgment: Genesis 6:1-4

I. The Nations Hebrew: *Goyim*

A. The Seventy Nations (Genesis 10)

- 1) Notes from *Artscroll*:

The *Talmudic* tradition that there are seventy nations...is based upon the ensuing list of Noah's descendents. This tradition is deep rooted.

...the most common system of ascribing 14 nations to Japheth; 30 to Ham; and 26 to Shem, totaling 70. Shem, Ham, and Japheth themselves are omitted as are the Philistines who, are designated as a mixed race (v.14).

The seventy bullocks sacrificed on Tabernacles were offered to atone for the seventy nations.

God wants all nations to rise to their greatest spiritual potential.

B. The Line of Japheth (14 Nations)

- 1) Genesis 9:27 *“May God extend Japheth,”*
i.e., May God extend Japheth’s boundaries, and may he inherit many lands (*B’chor Shor*).
- 2) Genesis 10:5
“From these the islands of the nations were separated in their lands.”

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i.e., From these sons of Japheth are descended all those who dwell in the coastlands, each one in his own land (*Hoffmann*).

As Ramban explains, the children of Japheth each dwelt separately and spread far apart on the isles of the sea. This was the blessing of their father Noah who said [9:27] God expand [the boundaries of] Japheth which means that his descendants would be spread over a wide area of the earth.