

### C. The Line of Ham (30 Nations)

Mitzraim = Egypt

Zidon = Capital of ancient Phoenicia. (Lebanon)

Fact to remember!!! Genesis 10:10

According to the *Midrash*, Shinar and Babylon are synonymous.

### D. The Line of Shem (26 Nations)

Notes from *ArtScroll*:

Verse 21

And to Shem, also to him were born; he was the ancestor of all those who lived on the other side....

--He was the father of all who dwelt across the river, whence came Abraham's family (*Ramban*).

v.22

Elam-- Mentioned often in Scripture.

According to *Rav Saadiah Gaon*, their territory lay between Shushan in Persia and Media with whom they are often associated.

Asshur-- Commonly translated as referring to the Assyrians who dwelt north of Babylon.

Arpachshad-- The Chaldeans, who originally lived on the coastland of the lower Euphrates and afterwards moved inland. Abraham was later born in one of their principal cities, Ur.

Aram-- The Arameans, who lived on the fertile crescent, played an important role in the lives of the Jews during Scriptural times and later.

The main territory of Aramea was northeast of Eretz Yisrael, roughly in the area of Syria. The capital city of Aramea was Damascus (Isaiah 7:8), sometimes referred to as Aram-Damesek (2 Samuel 8:6). Aram-Zova (Aleppo) was to the northwest of Damascus (ibid. 10:6). Further to the north, across the Euphrates, was Aram Naharaim (Mesopotamia), also called Paddan Aram (28:2);

David in his conquests annexed this territory to Eretz Yisrael. Later the Greeks called the area Syria...

[Eber was one of the righteous men of that time (Midrash). Along with his grandfather Shem, he established a yeshivah.]