

## Introduction

Nearly 4,500 years ago, a great Flood destroyed the Earth in the days of the man Noah. It was a catastrophic, worldwide event, as described in Genesis chapters 6–8 of the Bible. Just Noah’s family escaped the raging waters as they obediently built the Ark according to God’s design—an enormous boat—and were kept safe inside by God for just over a year. Together with the eight people, there were many animals in the Ark, that God had sent to Noah to keep them alive. These were to populate the Earth after the floodwaters had run off the newly raised land and had filled the new ocean basins. The Earth was completely different after this global Flood (geography, climate, etc.). Sadly, things were not perfect with Noah and his family, as we read in Genesis chapter 9. Yet, God helped them to have children and fill the Earth again. That’s where we pick up the story, with the biblical history recorded in Genesis chapters 10–11.





## Genesis 10

The great Flood of Noah, now back in the past, it's time to inhabit the new world at last.

Earth's crust drying up still, no longer immersed, mankind all together, but animals dispersed.

Let's closely check back, to what God decreed. In Genesis nine, verse one we can read:

"Be fruitful, increase and fill up the earth." ←  
The first part is simple, they had to give birth.

But what shall we make then, of that second part, the people dispersing, their homes to depart?

**A marriage takes two, a husband and wife, each leaving their parents to start a new life.**

So let's buckle up and study foundations.  
Ready, get set for the Table of Nations!

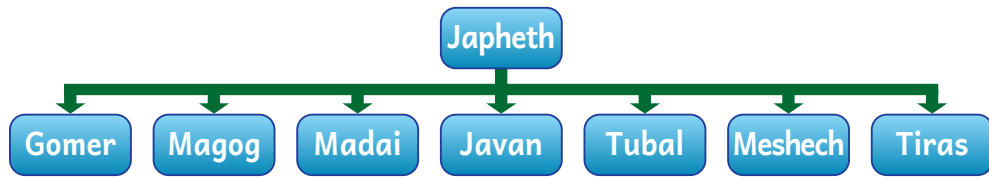
Perhaps you are thinking, "just what might this be?"  
It helps to imagine a family tree.

We'll start off with Noah, add name after name,  
the founders of nations that many became.

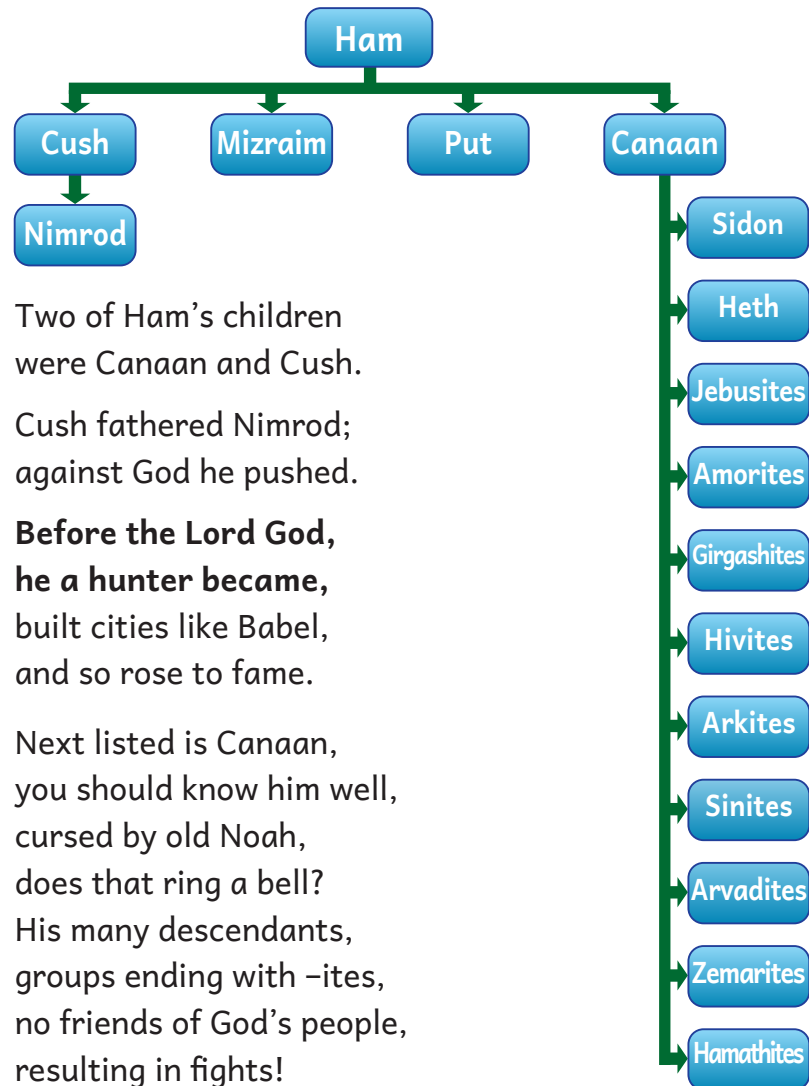
Q. Where else in Genesis can you find these words?

Noah





Among Japheth's sons, Gomer and Javan, whose sons started more than just one coastland clan.



Two of Ham's children were Canaan and Cush.

Cush fathered Nimrod; against God he pushed.

**Before the Lord God, he a hunter became,** built cities like Babel, and so rose to fame.

Next listed is Canaan, you should know him well, cursed by old Noah, does that ring a bell? His many descendants, groups ending with -ites, no friends of God's people, resulting in fights!

