

RACE FROM A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

All Races Have a Common Earthly Father

God created Man in His Image

Genesis 1:27. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. (KJV)

The first man was named Adam and the first woman was named Eve.

Adam and Eve Are the Parents of all Human Beings

Genesis 3:20. And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living. (KJV)

The Three Sons of Adam and Eve where:

Abel

Cain

Seth

Cain slew his brother Abel because God accepted Abel's sacrifice and rejected his sacrifice. Cain became a fugitive and wanderer on the earth. He later married and all of his descendants who were alive during the great flood perished because the bible says only the family of Noah survived the flood and Noah trace his bloodline through Seth
Genesis 5: 1- 32

The Sons of Noah

Shem

Ham

Japheth

Genesis 9:18-19. And the sons of Noah that went forth of the ark were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth: and Ham is the father of Canaan.19. These are the three sons of Noah: and of them was the whole earth overspread. (KJV)

As mentioned the entire earth was populated by the three sons of Noah

Shem Ham and Japheth are The Progenitors of All Three Major Races

Descendants of Shem

- Elam,
- Asshur,
- Arpachshad
- Lud
- Aram

Genesis 10: 22. The children of Shem; Elam, and Asshur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram. (KJV)

The bible says in Genesis 10:30 that Shem's descendants settled in Mesha toward Sephar in the eastern mountains and according to the New Unger's Bible Dictionary this is the Arabian area. (It appears that Shem's descendants later spread to other Far East and Middle East locations and from there migrated to other areas. Based on the scripture and the migration pattern of Shem's descendants, it appears that Shem was the progenitor of most Asian, Far East and Middle Eastern People.

Descendants of Ham

- Cush - Ancient historians referred to Ethiopia as Cush
- Mizraim - According to *Unger's Bible Dictionary* Mizraim is used in conjunction with Egypt
- Phut - The great Hebrew scholar Josephus says that Phut was the founder of Libya
- Canaan - According to Unger's Bible Dictionary Canaan settled in the ancient land of Palestine not to be confused with modern day Palestinian people. Canaan is the only son of Ham whose descendants do not exist as a nation today. Genesis 10:6

Descendants of Ham Continued...

And the sons of Ham; Cush and Mizraim and Phut and Canaan (KJV)

Based on the present location of the descendants of Ham it appears that Ham's sons originally settled in Northern African, South West Asia and Palestine and later migrated to Southern Africa and other locations in the world.

The modern day African nations that continue to bear the name of Ham's son indicate that Ham is the father of the Negroid or Black Race.

Information on the Curse of Ham's son Canaan

It is important to note that according to Genesis 9: 20-26 Canaan the youngest son of Ham was cursed because Ham looked upon his father Noah's nakedness. We must understand that Canaan was Ham's only son who was cursed. Ham was not cursed nor was his other sons. Canaan is the only son of Ham whose descendants do not exist as a modern day nation.

The Descendants of Japheth

- Gomer
- Magog
- Madal
- Javan
- Tubal
- Meshech
- Tiras

Listed in Genesis 10: 2 (KJV)

The Descendants of Japheth Continued

Based on the scripture and information from *The New Unger's Bible Dictionary*, it appears that the descendants of Japheth migrated to parts of Europe and Central Asia (which is considered the location land of Magog which at one time was a part of the old Soviet Union). Meshech is identified as modern day Turkey. Javan is said to be modern day Greece. Scholars are less sure of the migration routes of the other Japheth descendants.

Based on the scripture and the areas where the descendants of Japheth migrated to, it is generally accepted that Japheth is the father of the Caucasoid or White Race.

Let Us Work Together

Based on the scripture all human beings are brothers and sisters regardless of race, color or creed. The bloodline of all human beings is traced back to one mother and father Adam and Eve. Everyone is made in the image of God but at the same time all men and women are subject to failure because of the sin of Adam and Eve. When Adam and Eve ate of the tree of good and evil the law of God was broken which caused an infection of sin which is passed on to all human beings.

We as a people may not share the same hair texture, the same skin color or the same physical features but there is one thing that we all share is a need for salvation which is only found in Jesus. The bible says confess with your mouth and believe in your heart that Jesus is your Lord and Savior and you shall be saved. In Jesus we all are made more humane. Let us strive to find ways to work in harmony with our brothers and sisters of all racial or ethnic backgrounds.