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Introduction

Recently, when studying Ezekiel 38, God called out the family names of the sons of Raamah, Sheba and Dedan, who is a son of Cush (a son of Cham), and the merchants of Tarshish, a son of Javan, a son of Japheth. It is thought, according to my Scofield King James Version of the Bible, that Tarshish may be Tartessus, a once flourishing seaport in ancient Spain.¹ God seldom calls out family names, for no reason at all, but in Ezekiel, especially chapter 27 (where He, chastises the prince of Tyre’s sense of *superiority*, pointing out that his vaunted “perfect beauty” comes from every other *people* or *nation* of the known world), and after chapter 30 (in which He uses the downfall of Egypt to describe events in the latter days), in each God draws attention back to Genesis 10, the “table of nations”, through the use of these *family names*².

God wants the reader to understand that the world as it is during the end of the Gentile times, is just as it was at the times of Tyre and Egypt – a great market place that enriched the particular world power and wealthy merchants being the power brokers, practically kings, of the time. The wealthy could procure anything needed or wanted at these market places, which were stocked with products and services from less wealthy, but *aspiring*, nations from all around the world.³

Nimrod was *another* son of Cush. Scripture goes into some detail about Nimrod in that he was the beginning of the *mighty ones* in the earth, being described as a “...mighty hunter before the Lord.” The Bible continues on to describe the kingdoms he founded in the land of Shinar: Babel (AKA Babylon), Erech, Accad, Calneh. Nimrod’s son, Asshur⁴ (founder of the Assyrian kingdom), left the family in Shinar and went on to build Ninevah (of Jonah and the whale fame), Rehoboth, Calah, and Resen.

Interestingly, understanding the ethnicity of the ancient Ninevites might cause one to further question Jonah’s hatred for the people, such that he would willingly disobey *God* and attempt to escape to Tarshish⁵ – in the exact *opposite* direction of Ninevah.

If one looks at the cities founded by the sons of Cush on a map, not one of them is located on the continent of Africa, in the nation said to be the ancient kingdom of Cush today, *Ethiopia*⁶. Each of the cities built by Nimrod and his children are located in Asia, in what was

¹ English, E. Schuyler, Litt D (Editorial Committee of the New Edition), (1998). The New Scofield Study Bible, Authorized King James Version, Gen 10:4.

² Genesis 10:4 and 7, notes.

³ Ezekiel 27:5-27; Revelation 18:11-24.

⁴ Micah 5:6.

⁵ Jonah 1:1-3.

⁶ Genesis 10:6, note.

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once called Mesopotamia. The Bible even speaks of God giving the children of Israel into the hands of the king of Mesopotamia for a time, when the nation had given themselves over to idolatry. The very name, *Chushan-rishathaim*⁷, the noted king of Mesopotamia, designates him of the tribe of Cush.

These facts raise certain questions, was Cush once in Mesopotamia and then up and *moved* to Africa? Or, was the tribe and its area once so expansive and vast that it encompassed parts of Mesopotamia *and* Africa, and all that is left of it today is in the continent of Africa? After all, the Hindu Kush mountain range is named after this tribe of Cham, and has served, seemingly forever, as a natural barrier between ancient nations⁸. Apparently, the people of Cush and their influence are not gone from Asia, only from our memories.

The revisit to Genesis 9:27 (as part of processing the 2024 US election, and the meaning and significance of the *Black* vote⁹), brought to remembrance these discoveries of the sons of Cham who, according to the Bible, are civilization *builders*, scattered throughout the whole earth¹⁰. Those who build civilizations do true *service* to all the children of Adam in being “...fruitful, multiply...” and fill the earth with knowledge as well as numbers.¹¹

Yet, for all the good done for humanity, the children of Cham, in all the places they had gone, have been and continue to be abased, abused, despised, and marginalized, lending credence to the adage, *No good deed goes unpunished!*

But the story of Cham also exemplifies a cosmic truth (John 12:24): Unless a seed dies and is buried there can be no growth. This concept is repeated throughout scripture in the story of Abraham – who, in service for the whole family to receive an inheritance, had to be willing to sacrifice himself, his first born son, Isaac; in the story Moses – who, in service to the children of Israel moving from being just a *family* or *tribe* to being a *nation*, had to be willing to sacrifice himself in bringing his family out of slavery into its own nation; in the story of Jesus Christ (son of Adam through Mary) – who, in service to Adam taking *everlasting dominion* in the earth, had to sacrifice Himself, pay the price *in blood*, to remit Adam’s sin.

The Cosmic Truth and the Example of the Children of Cham

“...Thus sayeth the Lord God; I have lifted up mine hand, Surely the heathen that are about you, they shall bear their shame.” (Ezekiel 36:7)

⁷ Judges 3:8-10.

⁸ Ünal, Ali, and Gültekin, Harun. *The Prophet Promised in World Scriptures* (2013), Page 237.

⁹ www.hollyelise.com/my-work/study-notes/interpretations/110524WhatIsNext

¹⁰ Genesis 10:6-20.

¹¹ Genesis 1:28; 9:1, 7.

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In Ezekiel 36, God announces that He lifted up His hand. Well, *when* and *where* did He *first* put His hand *down*, and what does it mean? Reading the subsequent verses in this chapter, after God lifted His hand, all of *creation* was affected, leading readers *back* to the Garden of Eden, in Genesis 3:14-19, and prompts a review of the origin of *substitutionary sacrifice*.

Notice that God, when dispensing punishment for disobedience, touched the serpent personally (causing him to crawl on the ground and eat dust), and Eve personally (causing her to have pain in conception and in her relationship with her husband); however, when it came to Adam, God *laid His hand* upon the ground, instead of upon Adam *personally*, when, according to Genesis 2:17, Adam was worthy of death in his day.

What is interesting about this is that nowhere in the story of the transgression in Eden did the *ground* itself sin, yet the *ground* received in itself the punishment rightfully deserved by Adam. What does this beautiful exemplification of Jesus Christ have to do with the children of Cham?

Noah, the patriarch of his family, instead of directly cursing Cham to servitude, made Canaan (Cham’s first-born) the substitutionary sacrifice to serve during the time of Shem *and* the “enlarged” or expanded time of dominion of Japheth also¹². This would make the very law of God *accursed* for Cham, this is not *just* and, in fact, defiles the very *name* of God¹³ – King of *righteousness* – who upholds the vows of those He places in leadership.

And what exactly was *Cham’s* “sin”? Seeing his father passed out drunk and naked in his own tent and telling his brothers about it... maybe even *joking* about it? Which of the 10 commandments does *this* break? And does the breach warrant *perpetual servitude*? Noah had the *greater* responsibility of protecting his *own* honor, treating *his* crown with more respect.

God’s *righteousness* does not hold with perpetual servitude. This is evidenced by the Law of Jubilee, which is based upon seven times seven sabbath years of the *land*. The 50th year, being the *sabbath* rest for the *land*, is declared to be *holy* and *liberty* is proclaimed throughout the land to *all* its inhabitants¹⁴. The *weekly* sabbath rest was intended to be a similar reset for *man*.

Even the earth, which continues as a *substitutionary* sacrifice on behalf of Adam, sees release and freedom from service in that role during the end times, when God lifted His hand from the ground, calling a halt to the *substitutionary* aspect of sacrifice. *Now* the law, the

¹² Genesis 9:27.

¹³ Exodus 34:5-7.

¹⁴ Leviticus 25:8-55.

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sacrifice, will be meted out directly upon those of Adam himself, a *fully grown adult*, who has *chosen* to sin against God.

With this understanding, analyzing the meaning and results of the 2024 US election, and how the largest ethnic groups voted, as a *group*, African Americans have shown themselves to be the largest proponents and defenders of the multi-racial, constitutional democracy, just looking at the numbers¹⁵.

In service to the whole of Adam’s family, the children of Cham have *sacrificed* to move his family from slavery to liberty, just as prior leaders performed *service* to the *cosmic truth*. African-Americans, as a *group*, have shown themselves to be *true* believers in *Jubilee*. Perhaps, such a predictive response is based upon a history of *servant* leadership, in building civilizations.

So, *What’s Next?*

In the writing, *November 5th, 2024, What’s Next?*¹⁶, the majority *choosing* to believe in lies and to trust in dissimulation and distractions (in *alignment* with the nation’s *own* attitudes and heart) resulted in the *abomination* of the heart being established as *the government*, therefore, *desolations* follow. The *Bible* prophesies a time of *great* tribulation for the land.¹⁷

To those who have done service as substitutes, this sounds like more of the same, but to those choosing to believe in lies, choosing to *sin*, the law stands, *There is no remission of Adam’s sin without the shedding of blood* – a *sacrifice* is *still* required. However *now*, Adam is finally *fully grown* and has operated in the fullness of his dominion in the earth through all seven horns, and even an eighth¹⁸, and he has chosen to take the punishment that he so richly deserves on himself¹⁹.

Understand, the nations (including the eighth or “little horn”²⁰) and all the wicked, blasphemous leaders will seek to return to the *well* of “substitutionary sacrifice”, attempting to drag those who chose *liberty* down to their own sorry level, *especially* targeting the children of Cham, but the time of *substitutions* is past, and those who have blasphemed God are *on the menu*.²¹

¹⁵ <https://apnews.com/article/election-harris-trump-women-latinos-black-voters-0f3fbda3362f3dcfe41aa6b858f22d12>

¹⁶ Ibid 9.

¹⁷ Daniel 9:26-27; 11:31-35; 12:1-3.

¹⁸ Revelation 17:11-13.

¹⁹ Ezekiel 36:7.

²⁰ Daniel 7:8; 8:9-14, 23-25.

²¹ Ezekiel 39:17-20; Revelation 19:17-19.

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Daniel 11:32-35 describes what will happen to those with knowledge, the “woke”:

“...But the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits. And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil many days.

“Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries. And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for a time appointed.”

Conclusion

In Exodus 23:29-33, God gives Moses a peek into how *He* does things, explaining *how* He will bring the children of Israel into the land of Canaan – the *promised land*.

“...I will not drive them out from before thee in one year; lest the land become desolate, and the beast of the field multiply against thee. By little and little will I drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased, and inherit the land. And I will set thy bounds from the Red sea even unto the sea of the Philistines, and from the desert unto the river; for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand; and thou shalt drive them out before thee.

“Thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor with their gods. They shall not dwell in thy land, lest they make thee sin against me: for if thou serve their gods, it will surely be a snare unto thee.”

God is bringing Adam (the children He created) into the *fullness* of his own dominion, the earth, and has provided the understanding of *how He* works in the example of the children of Israel coming into the promised land – such an undertaking is not accomplished in *one week*, nor even *one year*, but rather *little by little*, over time.²²

In this scripture, God provides an explanation for *why* it is being done in this manner – to give Adam time to increase (in knowledge, as well as numbers) until he is strong enough to step into his inheritance, and keep it forever. He even advises Adam to not allow the prior inhabitants of the land to live alongside him in his land, but rather to drive him out, for he is a snare that will cause Adam to sin against God. Furthermore, the Bible warns Adam, multiple times, of *when* he will arrive at his destination of dominion – at the *visitation* of Adam, the *pinnacle* of day-6 creation, at the *pinnacle* of the 6th Gentile world power, and

²² Zechariah 4:10.

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during the sounding of the 6th trumpet, i.e., at the *pinnacle* of the noisy *little horn’s* reign, speaking “...great words against the most High...”²³

God Almighty responded to the choice the children of Adam *voiced* in that 2024 US election by lifting His hand and declaring *liberty* to all the *freedom-loving* inhabitants of the earth, and *especially* the children of Cham, who have *proven* Adam to be fully grown and ready to step into dominion – *exactly* what the enemies of Adam did *not* want!

So much can be learned from the experience of Black people who have been *faithful servants* and *stewards* of justice (or righteousness). They have withstood displacement, enslavement, ignominy, murder, torture, and attempted genocide on multiple occasions throughout the world, even at the hands of their very own children.

And *still, we rise*.²⁴

²³ Daniel 7:25; Revelation 13:5-6.

²⁴ <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/46446/still-i-rise>. Source: The Complete Collected Poems of Maya Angelou (1994).

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