Gleanings from the Pentateuch

"The Dark Ages" (Genesis 4-11)

The Post-Flood Era

A New Beginning:

- the renewal of creation "be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth"
- restatement of man's dominion over the creation
- a covenant promise never to destroy the earth again

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The Same Ending:

➤ Noah's drunkenness and nakedness

Lessons:

- 1. Man's righteousness is not enough to secure the kingdom he always fails!
- 2. There must be someone else someone of a superior nature to Adam and Noah

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The Same Ending:

- ➤ Noah's drunkenness and nakedness
 - the disrespect of Ham is contrasted with the respect of Shem and Japheth
 - the respective curse and blessing are indicators of the future

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The Same Theme:

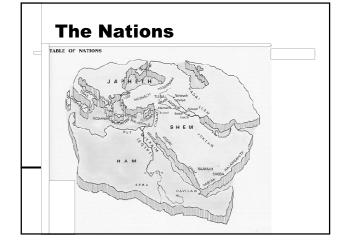
- 1. A new progression of sin, corruption and rebellion against God
- 2. The continued preservation of the line of the promised "seed"

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Purposes:

- 1. Provides essential background for the rest of the Pentateuch
- 2. Shows the common origin and unity of all the nations of the earth
- 3. Shows that the distinction of the nations is due to rebellion against God

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The Scattering of the Nations

- 1. Their Rebellion
 - a desire for self-exaltation and fame
 - a desire not to be scattered abroad

An attempt to establish a kingdom/blessing independent of and in defiance of God

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The Scattering of the Nations

- 2. God's intervention
 - He confused their language to prevent further cooperation
 - He scattered them over the whole earth

This is a preventative act by God to keep man's wickedness in check

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The Line of the "Seed"

- The promise of the "seed" of the woman continues through Shem
- The line of Shem divides at "Eber's" sons and leads to Abram (Abraham)

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Conclusion

- In Christ, God is reversing the scattering of the nations
- God's kingdom will consist of peoples from every tribe, tongue and nation through faith in Jesus