

~JAPHETH (197)

(Ja'pheth) [May He Grant Ample Space]

- A son of Noah, brother of Shem and of Ham. Although usually listed last, **Japheth** appears to have been the eldest of the three sons, as the Hebrew text of;
- And to Shem, the forefather of all the sons of Eber, the brother of **Japheth** the oldest, there was also progeny born. (**Genesis 10:21**)
- Refers to **Japheth** the oldest, elder, **KJ, Da, Yg, Le, AS, Footnote** Some translators, however, understand the Hebrew text here to refer instead to Shem as the elder brother of Japheth. **RS, also AT, JB, NE** Considering Japheth to be Noah's eldest son would place the time of his birth at **2470 B.C.E.**
- And Noah got to be five hundred years old. After that Noah became father to Shem, Ham and **Japheth**. (**Genesis 5:32**)
- **Japheth** and his wife were among the eight occupants of the ark, thereby surviving the Flood.
- On this very day Noah went in, and Shem and Ham and **Japheth**, Noah's sons, and the wife of Noah and the three wives of his sons with him, into the ark. (**Genesis 7:13**)
- Who had once been disobedient when the patience of God was waiting in Noah's days, while the ark was being constructed, in which a few people, that is, eight souls, were carried safely through the water. (**1 Peter 3:20**)
- Remaining childless until after the Flood, they thereafter produced seven sons, Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras.
- And this is the history of Noah's sons, Shem, Ham and **Japheth**. Now sons began to be born to them after the deluge. (**Genesis 10:1**)
- The sons of **Japheth** were Gomer and Magog and Madai and Javan and Tubal and Meshech and Tiras. (**Genesis 10:2**)

- The sons of **Japheth** were Gomer and Magog and Madai and Javan and Tubal and Meshech and Tiras. (**1 Chronicles 1:5**)
- These sons and also some grandsons are the ones from whom the population of the isles of the nations, coastland peoples, **RS**, was spread about in their lands, each according to its tongue, according to their families, by their nations.
- And the sons of Gomer were Ashkenaz and Riphath and Togarmah. (**Genesis 10:3**)
- And the sons of Javan were Elishah and Tarshish, Kittim and Dodanim. (**Genesis 10:4**)
- From these the population of the isles of the nations was spread about in their lands, each according to its tongue, according to their families, by their nations. (**Genesis 10:5**)
- And the sons of Gomer were Ashkenaz and Riphath and Togarmah. (**1 Chronicles 1:6**)
- And the sons of Javan were Elishah and Tarshish, Kittim and Rodanim. (**1 Chronicles 1:7**)
- Historically, **Japheth** was the progenitor of the Aryan or Indo-European or Indo-Germanic branch of the human family. The names of his sons and grandsons are found in ancient historical texts as relating to peoples and tribes residing mainly to the North and West of the Fertile Crescent.
- They appear to have spread from the Caucasus eastward into Central Asia and westward through Asia Minor to the islands and coastlands of Europe and perhaps all the way to Spain. Arabian traditions claim that one of **Japheth's** sons was also the progenitor of the Chinese peoples.
- As a result of **Japheth's** respectful action taken in company with his brother Shem on the occasion of their fathers drunkenness, **Japheth** was the object of his father's blessing.
- Now Noah started off as a farmer and proceeded to plant a vineyard. (**Genesis 9:20**)
- And he began drinking of the wine and became intoxicated, and

so he uncovered himself in the midst of his tent. (**Genesis 9:21**)

- Later Ham the father of Canaan saw his father's nakedness and went telling it to his two brothers outside. (**Genesis 9:22**)
- At that Shem and **Japheth** took a mantle and put it upon both their shoulders and walked in backwards. Thus they covered their father's nakedness, while their faces were turned away, and they did not see their father's nakedness. (**Genesis 9:23**)
- Finally Noah awoke from his wine and got to know what his youngest son had done to him. (**Genesis 9:24**)
- At this he said; Cursed be Canaan. Let him become the lowest slave to his brothers. (**Genesis 9:25**)
- And he added; Blessed be Yehowah, Shem's God, and let Canaan become a slave to him. (**Genesis 9:26**)
- Let God grant ample space to **Japheth**, and let him reside in the tents of Shem. Let Canaan become a slave to him also. (**Genesis 9:27**)
- In that blessing, Noah requested for **Japheth** that God, grant ample space **Hebrew**, *yapht* to him.
- This **Hebrew** expression is evidently derived from the same root word as the name **Japheth**, **Hebrew**, *Ye'pheth* or *Ya'pheth* and appears to indicate that the meaning of Japheth's name would be fulfilled in a literal sense and that his descendants would spread out over a wide area.
- His residing in the tents of Shem is thought by some to indicate a peaceful relationship between the **Japhethites** and the Semites. However, since history does not particularly present such a peaceful association, it may, rather, be connected prophetically with God's later promise to Shem's descendants Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, that in their **seed** all the families of the earth, including those descended from **Japheth**, would be blessed.
- And Yehowah's angel proceeded to call to Abraham the second time out of the heavens. (**Genesis 22:15**)
- And to say; By myself I do swear, is the utterance of Yehowah,

- that by reason of the fact that you have done this thing and you have not withheld your son, your only one. ([Genesis 22:16](#))
- I shall surely bless you and I shall surely multiply your seed like the stars of the heavens and like the grains of sand that are on the seashore, and your seed will take possession of the gate of his enemies. ([Genesis 22:17](#))
 - And by means of your seed **all nations of the earth will certainly bless themselves** due to the fact that you have listened to my voice. ([Genesis 22:18](#))
 - Reside as an alien in this land, and I shall continue with you and bless you, because to you and to your seed I shall give all these lands, and I will carry out the sworn statement that I swore to Abraham your father. ([Genesis 26:3](#))
 - And I will multiply your seed like the stars of the heavens and I will give to your seed all these lands, and by means of your seed all nations of the earth will certainly bless themselves. ([Genesis 26:4](#))
 - And Jacob continued on his way out from Beersheba and kept going to Haran. ([Genesis 28:10](#))
 - And, look! There was Yehowah stationed above it, and he proceeded to say; I am Yehowah the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land upon which you are lying, to you I am going to give it and to your seed. ([Genesis 28:13](#))
 - And your seed will certainly become like the dust particles of the earth, and you will certainly spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and by means of you and by means of your seed all the families of the ground will certainly bless themselves. ([Genesis 28:14](#))
 - At this Peter opened his mouth and said; For a certainty I perceive that God is not partial. ([Acts of Apostles 10:34](#))
 - But in every nation the man that fears him and works righteousness is acceptable to him. ([Acts of Apostles 10:35](#))
 - He sent out the word to the sons of Israel to declare to them the Good News of peace through Jesus Christ. This One is Lord of all

others. (**Acts of Apostles 10:36**)

- There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor freeman, there is neither male nor female. For you are all one person in union with Christ Jesus. (**Galatians 3:28**)
- Moreover, if you belong to Christ, you are really Abraham's seed, heirs with reference to a promise. (**Galatians 3:29**)
- Canaan's, becoming a slave to the **Japhethites** finds fulfillment in the domination of the land of Canaan during the rule of the Medo-Persian Empire, a **Japhetic** power, and in the later conquests by the Greeks and the Romans, including the conquests of the Canaanite strongholds of Tyre and Sidon.