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Historical Study of the Bible.

6.1 THE Bible is the most accurate and complete history in the world. It is the history of the beginning of things, and contains the prophecies touching the end of all things. The Bible is the only history that chronicles the creation of our world, that records the origin of life, of nations, of sin, and of salvation. While secular histories have their place, in the study of history, yet no one can be a thorough historian without knowing Biblical history. And the discoveries and researches of modern times, year by year, tend to confirm, more and more, the Bible records of past events.

I: ORIGIN OF NATIONS. (Jones 1)

6.2 For example, in the historical study of the Bible, let us take the tenth chapter of Genesis.

2. In the tenth chapter of Genesis there is a catalogue of the sons and sons' sons of Noah, and the catalogue and chapter close with these words: “These are the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations: and by these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood.” In this chapter there is given us the origin of nations;

Here we have the origin of nations, through the three sons of Noah—

Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

SOURCE

and from these have come all the races and nations of men (J 1).

II: THE SONS OF JAPHETH. (Jones 6)

GOMER. (J 6)

MAGOG. (J 8)

9. ... It is evident ... that the country north of the Black Sea was the place of the **Cimmerians**, the people of Gomer;

and the **Crimea** still bears testimony to the fact: *Comer, Gomerin, Gimir, Cimmerii, Crimea* (J 8).

[UNTITLED] (J 21)

54. ... [T]he Irish, the Scotch Highlanders, and the people of the Isle of Man, are **Gallic Celts** descended from Riphath, the son of Gomer; the **Welsh** are Cimric Celts, descended through the Cimmerians from Gomer himself;

and the **English** proper, the Anglo-Saxons, are descended **through the Teutons**, from Ashchenaz, the son of Gomer (J 22).

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And the descendants of these sons of Noah can be traced, by reference to other parts of the Bible and to history, until the origin of all the nations in the world to-day can be quite accurately worked out.

Let us first examine

The Sons of Japheth.

6.3 1. *Gomer*.—

From Gomer came the ancient **Cimmerians**

who lived in the region of the **Crimea**,

and from whom came the **Welsh** of to-day.

Through one of his sons, Ashkenaz, down **through the Teutons**, came the **English** people;

while **another son of Gomer, Riphath, is the ancestor of the Celts**

SOURCE

51. The Gauls (Celts) also peopled Britain, Ireland, Scotland, and the islands roundabout: it is not known at what date (J 21).

53. Somewhere about two or three hundred years before Christ, another great migration from the East brought to the coast of the Baltic the *Teutons and Scandinavians*, the descendants of Ashchenaz (J 22).

The Teutons remained on the south coast of the Baltic, and became the *Teutsch, Deutschen*, the Germans (J 22).

From these Germans came the Franks, the Alemanni, the Burgundians, the Lombards, the Suevi, and the Anglo-Saxons, who participated in the ruin and division of Western Rome (J 22).

[Note: Sadler mentioned the Celts who peopled Ireland earlier in the sentence.]

55. **Togarmah**, the last of the sons of Gomer, is found in the country and the nation of the Armenians (J 23).

MAGOG. (J 8)

9. This name, like that of Gomer, is not mentioned in the Scriptures, apart from its genealogical relation, except in Ezekiel 38 and 39, and Rev. 20:8 (J 8).

10. The Scythians ... who inhabited the vast regions to the north of the Caspian Sea, and who drove out the Cimmerians and took possession of their country, were the people of Magog (J 9).

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who peopled Britain, Ireland, and Scotland;

also some of the Scandinavians,

as well as the ancient Germans,

the Franks, Anglo-Saxons,

Irish etc.

And still from a third son of Gomer, Togarmah, came the Armenians.

6.4 2. *Magog* (See Eze. 38:2, 3).

From this second son of Japheth, came the ancient Scythians,

SOURCE

20. ... In truth, the region of the Altai Mountains was about the center, from east to west, of the widespread people of Magog; for they extended from Europe to the Pacific Ocean. Of the principal divisions of the races that sprang from these, we may name at least nine (J 10).

[contd] 21. (1) The ancient *Mongols*, or **Mongolians**,

from whom came the **Chinese** and Indo-Chinese,

the **Siamese**, the **Anamese**, the **Burmese**, the **Thibetans**, the **Japanese**,

and the **aborigines of North and South America**, from Alaska to Patagonia (J 10-11).

22. (2) The **Malays** ... (J 11).

23. (3) The **Huns**, whose “ancient and perhaps original seat” was in the country now called Mongolia, immediately north of the Great Wall of China ... (J 11).

24. ... Their modern representatives are the **Bulgarians** proper, numbering about 1,500,000 people (J 11).

25. (4) The modern *Mongols*, or Moguls ... (J 12).

26. (5) The **Tartars** ... (J 12).

27. (6) The **Turks**, Turkmen, or Turcomans ... (J 12).

28. (7) The **Finns** ... (J 12).

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from whom came

the **Mongolians**,

Chinese,

Siamese, **Burmese**, **Thibetans**, **Japanese**,

and **aborigines of North and South America**;

the **Malays**,

the ancient **Huns**

(the **Bulgarians** of to-day),

the **Tartars**,

Turks,

Finns,

SOURCE

29. (8) The *Sarmatians* ... From the Sarmatians are descended the Slavonians, who have peopled Russia, Poland, Bohemia, Moravia, Servia, and other provinces of lesser note, in those regions (J 13).

[contd] 30. (9) The *Parthians*, who gave name to the country of Parthia, in central Asia (J 13).

[Note: This comment was put here prematurely, since Sadler was not finished naming the nations arising from the descendants of Noah.]

MADAI. (J 14)

32. From Madai came the Medes, whose country lay immediately southeast of the Caspian Sea ... (J 14).

JAVAN. (J 14)

33. From Javan came the Greeks ... (J 14).

TUBAL. (J 17)

MESCHECH. (J 17)

43. In the Scriptures Meshech and Tubal are always mentioned together, with a single exception (J 17).

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and the *Sarmatians* (from whom descended the people of Russia, Poland, Bohemia, and Servia),

and the *Parthians*.

The foundation of all this history is found in the tenth chapter of Genesis.

Take your concordance and look up these descendants of Noah, in other parts of the Bible where numerous mention is made of them.

6.5 3. *Madai*, the father of the Medes.

6.6 4. *Javan*, from whom came the Greeks.

6.7 5. *Tubal*,

whose offspring became more or less blended with his brother, Meshech,

and continued as the Russian nation,

SOURCE

[A]bout 650 B. C., the Cappadocians ... forced their way into the country of the Moschi [Meshech] and Tibareni [Tubal], and pressed them back to narrow limits on the Black Sea and about the foot of the Caucasus Mountains, and some of both peoples crossed the Caucasus into the steppe country on the north—Scythia, now the Russian possessions. There the *Moschi* become known as *Muskovs* and then “*Muskovites*, who built Moscow

and who still give name to Russia [Muscovy] throughout the East.”—*Rawlinson* (J 17).

TIRAS. (J 18)

44. Tiras was the ancestor of the *Thracians* (J 18).

47. ... It was from ... Gothland, and about the beginning of the Christian era, that a large body of *Goths* crossed the Baltic, and as *Ostro-(Eastern) Goths*, *Visi-(Western) Goths*, *Gepidæ*, ... and perhaps the Heruli and Vandals, settled about the mouth of the River Vistula, whence they spread to the Black Sea and overwhelmed the Roman Empire (J 20) .

III. THE SONS OF HAM.

[contd] EGYPT is the land of Ham.

“Israel also came into Egypt, and sojourned in the land of Ham” (J 24).

“They forgot God their Saviour, which had done great things in Egypt; wondrous works in the land of Ham, and terrible things by the Red Sea.”

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6.8 6. *Meshech*, the *Muscovites*, who built Moscow,

now found in Russia.

6.9 7. *Tiras*, the ancient *Thracians*,

from whom came the *Ostrogoths* and the *Visigoths*.

The Sons of Ham.

6.10 *Africa* is called the land of Ham

(see Psalms 105:23,

and 106:22).

SOURCE

All of the sons of Ham except Canaan established themselves in Africa. The first named of these is—

CUSH. (J 24)

2. The land of Cush is Ethiopia (J 24).

[The historian Josephus] says of them, “The Ethiopians . . . are said to be the tallest and handsomest men in the whole world.” This agrees with Isa. 45: 14: “The labor of Egypt, and merchandise of Ethiopia and of the Sabeans, *men of stature*, shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine” (J 25).

THE SONS OF CUSH. (J 25)

[*Note:* One son, Seba, settled in Ethiopia; the other five “settled in Arabia.” See J 25-26.]

10. The last named but the greatest of the sons of Cush is—**Nimrod**,

the mighty hunter, who began to be a mighty one in the earth. He was the founder of the first kingdom on earth (J 26).

MIZRAIM. (J 27)

12. The place of Mizraim is Egypt itself, both Upper and Lower, extending from the cataracts of Syene about the twenty-fourth parallel north latitude, over all the valley of the Nile to the Mediterranean Sea (J 27).

PHUT. (J 28)

14. The country of Phut is Libya (J 28).

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6.11 1. *Cush*—the Cushites were the Ethiopians

(see Isa. 45:14).

Cush had many sons, who settled in all parts of Africa.

the greatest of whom was Nimrod,

the founder and organizer of the first earthly government.

See Gen. 10:8.

6.12 2. *Mizraim* settled in and peopled Egypt.

6.13 3. *Phut*, the country of ancient Libya.

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CANAAN. (J 29)

[See J 28-33.]

6.14 4. *Canaan*, whose many sons founded the various tribes found in the land of Canaan when Joshua led the children of Israel over Jordan.

The Sons of Shem.

IV: THE SONS OF SHEM.

ELAM. (J 34)

3. The **Persians** were children of Elam (J 34).

6.15 1. *Elam*, from whom came the **Persians**.

ASSHUR. (J 35)

[contd] 4. Asshur was the **father of the great Assyrian nation** and kingdom, whose kings are so often mentioned in the Bible ... (J 35).

6.16 2. *Asshur*, **father of the great Assyrian nation**.

ARPHAXAD. (J 35)

[contd] 5. Arphaxad was the father of the Chaldeans, who before the days of Abraham migrated in such numbers to the country about Babel, that the land of Shinar became equally the land of the Chaldees, or Chaldeans; for the Bible says that Haran died “in the land of his nativity in *Ur of the Chaldees*,” and that Terah took **Abram** and Sarai and Lot, and “went forth with them out of *Ur of the Chaldees*” ... (J 35).

6.17 3. *Arphaxad*, from whom descended **Abraham**.

LUD. (J 37)

[contd] 12. Lud settled on the borders of Mesopotamia, north of Syria, whence his descendants spread into Asia Minor, took possession of the country, and founded the **kingdom of Lydia** ... (J 35).

6.18 4. *Lud*, the founder of the **kingdom of Lydia**.

SOURCE

ARAM. (J 37)

13. The country of Aram was Aramæa, or Syria, and northern Mesopotamia, that is, the country north of Palestine and Phenicia, and the north country between the Euphrates and the Tigris below Armenia (J 37).

Damascus was the capital of Syria (Aramæa), and Isa. 7:8 says, "The head of Syria is Damascus" (J 37).

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6.19 5. *Aram*, who settled in Syria

and founded Damascus.

6.20 Now if you will look up, with the aid of the concordance, the kingdoms of Babylon, Egypt, Assyria, and other nations of ancient history, and gather together the matter found in the Bible, in connection with works of reference, and history, the Bible will be found to be the pivot, around which all history turns; and one consoling thing about Bible history is, that when you read it, you know it is true; it is authentic; it is inspired.