

G.G. Rupert was a Church of God minister in the late 1800s and early 1900s. He preached before the Radio Church of God came into being. He died in the 1920s, I believe. He wrote a series of books called *The Inspired History of the Nations*. Volume 1, *The Future of the Nations*, is about 400 pages and it is one of about seven volumes.

Breaking into a thought on page 45, he wrote:

*"The lands of the grandsons of Noah are mentioned throughout the world's history, and especially is this true of the land of Magog, Meshech and Tubal, as mentioned in the 38th chapter of Ezekiel. In order to understand the inspired history or prophecy concerning the latter days, it is necessary to understand or know to what regions these grandsons of Noah immigrated. The next in order of this chapter is to trace the descendants of Ham. One of his descendants was the mighty hunter or persecutor of God's people, Nimrod, who became the founder of the Babylonian Empire over 2,000 years before Christ."*

What Rupert did was go through the Bible in order and write it down in words that people could understand.

*"Shem was the next in order and the location of his sons was as follows:*

*'And their dwelling was from Mesha as thou goes unto Sephar a mountain of the east.'— Genesis 10:30. Gomer, the son of Japheth and the grandson of Noah, located both north and south of the Black Sea, the latter part being now the land of the Turks. Togarmah, another descendant of Noah, located east of Gomer, and southeast of the Black Sea – now the land of Armenia. Meshech settled between Togarmah and the Black Sea. Magog, another grandson, settled in the land now called Russia. Ashkenaz, the great-grandson of Noah, located south and west of the Black Sea. This is a country lying east of Greece. Tubal was another grandson of Noah. His country was directly east of the Black Sea.*

*Ham's sons – Cush, Mizraim, Put, Canaan – located in northern Africa and also in Arabia. Nimrod, as before stated, was the founder of the Babylonian Empire. The sons of Shem are Elam, Ashur, Arphaxad, Lud and Aram. These settled in Arabia, adjoining the northern and eastern borders of Palestine.'*

He has included in his book a map of Ashkenaz and Europe. He has colored in the areas in which the tribes are located. The tribe of Japheth covers the largest area. It covers nearly all of Asia, including Indonesia, the Pacific islands, Japan, China and Mongolia. Magog covers the area of Russia. Ham covers Africa and part of the Arabian Peninsula between the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf. Ham had some of the southern parts of the Arabian peninsula. Ham was originally given the western coastal areas of India.

Shem had the smallest area at that time. We know that God enlarged the borders of all three.

Rupert says, *"Let the reader study the attached map and fix these names and countries in mind. These names and the countries they represent will be spoken of relative to the closing events of the world's history. It is for this reason we give the ancient map representing these countries. Without it we would be very much in the dark regarding the prophetic statements made in regard to them."*