



A Conversation on Race



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The Table of Nations

the nations spread abroad on the earth after the Flood:

by their clans,
by their languages,
in their lands,
in their nations.

Table of Nations



Three Sons, Three Continents

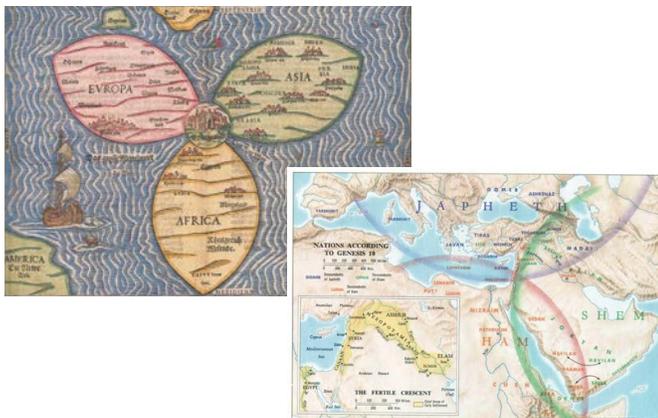


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Table of Nations



A New People in a New Land

the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country...to the land I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation... and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Genesis 12:1-3 ESV

Restoring the Kingdom

disciples: “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”

Jesus: “you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:6, 8

One People in Christ

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise.

Gal 3:28-29 ESV

One People in Christ

Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Col 3:11 ESV

One People in Christ

For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one...that he might create the two in himself into one new man, so making peace.

Eph 2:14-15 ESV

One People in Christ

behold, a great multitude that no one could number, **from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages**, standing before the throne and before the Lamb

Rev 7:9 ESV

A Segregated People

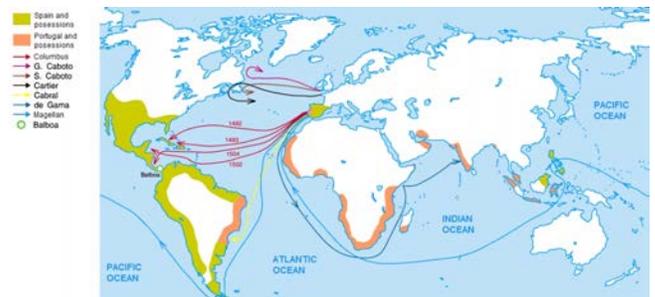
“It is appalling that the most segregated hour of Christian America is 11 o’clock on Sunday morning.”

Martin Luther King, Jr

Was Jesus White?



The Age of Discovery

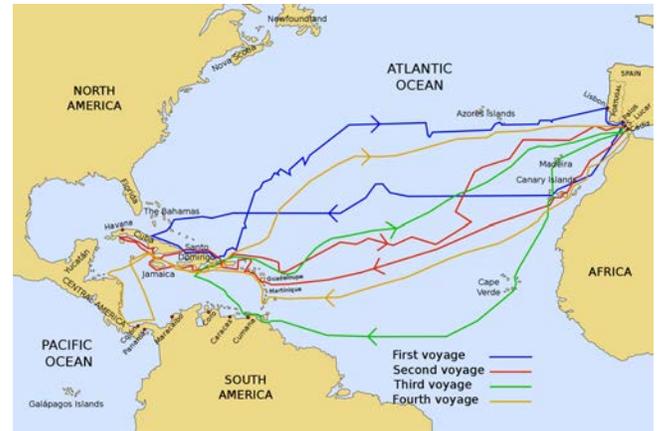


Papal Bull: Dum Diversas

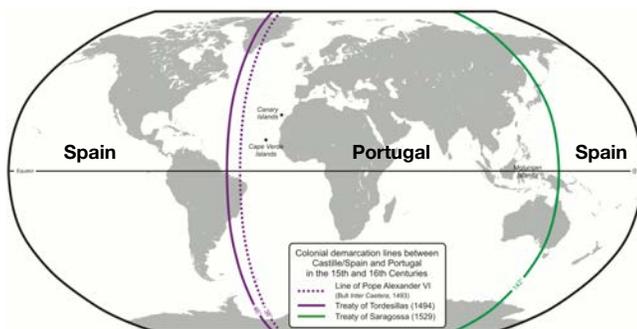
We grant you by these present documents, with our Apostolic Authority, full and free permission to invade, search out, capture, and subjugate the Saracens and pagans and any other unbelievers and enemies of Christ wherever they may be...and to reduce their persons into perpetual servitude.

Pope Nicolas V to King Afonso V of Portugal

Columbus



Dividing the World



A New Country

“We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

US Declaration of Independence

Black & White

black people “are not included, and were not intended to be included, under the word ‘citizens’ in the Constitution, and can therefore claim none of the rights and privileges which that instrument provides for and secures to citizens of the United States...a perpetual and impassable barrier was intended to be erected between the white race and the one which they had reduced to slavery.”

SCOTUS, 1857

Curse & Blessing

“Cursed be Canaan:
a servant of servants shall
he be to his brothers...

May God enlarge Japheth...
and let Canaan be his
servant.”



Gen 9:26-27

Reconstruction Amendments

13. abolished slavery
14. extended citizenship to blacks
15. prohibited obstructing citizens from voting

Why Should We Care?

Justice: civil and Biblical

Fruit of the Spirit: love,
kindness, goodness, gentleness

Compassion: for a hurting
community

Hindrances to Caring

Individualism

Fear

Power

Nostalgia

What Should We Do?

Listen

Learn

Lament

Leverage

Love