

Sons of Eber: Peleg(Divided) & Joktan(Diminished) [updated April 2012](#)¹

[also titled 'BRAIN PICKERS: Genesis 10 (part 3)']¹

This is a continuation from

'Genesis 10: The names are describing Mt Ararat (putting it all together)'

http://www.w-rocs.org/stones/GENESIS_10_names_describe_Mt_Ararat.pdf and

'Genesis 10 The Names Tell A Story: volcanic activity!'

http://www.w-rocs.org/stones/Genesis_10_Names_Describe_Volcanic_Activity.pdf

and...this is also a continuation of the 'Brain Pickers' for Genesis 10.

Please accept my apologies for such a complicated title.

Introduction:

When I first put this together, I had the notion that the first migration from Ararat was directly to Shinar, but after translating the earliest names of the Irish & British genealogies found in 'After The Flood' by Bill Cooper, (See http://www.w-rocs.org/stones/Magog_and_Javan_Descendants.pdf) I've come to the conclusion that they migrated in groups of ten couples chosen by some kind of lot in which some were exempt. The 1st settlement after Ararat was around the southern end of Lake Van, somewhere above 5600 feet, within sight of Nimrut Dagi (Mount Nimrod) & from there each successive generation sent out groups of 10 couples to start new settlements, & Babel began to be developed by the 3rd & 4th generation. **At that point in time, Shinar would have been east, instead of south of Ararat because the earth was still rolling**¹. The following is a comparison between the two sets of genealogies: (Keep in mind that people were still living to be 3 or 4 hundred years old & siblings could have a lot of years in-between the birth order.)

Genesis 10

Cush, Mitzraim, Canaan,

Gomer, Javan, Aram

Their sons' names describe volcanic activity

Location: Armenian side of Mt Ararat

(see above links)

3rd Generation babies 2nd Migration

Eber (to overflow)

Sheba (broken entrance)

Dedan (breast judgment)

Philist (to wallow in the dust)

Irish & British Genealogies

Magog,

Javan (after he leaves Ararat)

Their sons' names describe volcanic activity

Location: Southern end of Lake Van

(see above links)

3rd Generation babies

Feninsa Farsa (divided to extend & disperse)

Fraimaint (exempt from the numbering)

Parthoian (to rebel /dispute the division)

Baath (to trample down)[volcanic?]

Was the next settlement somewhere between Lake Van & Shinar or was it Babel?

4th Generation babies 3rd Migration

Peleg ('to be divided' by channels of water)

Joktan (diminished)

(Eber had other sons Gen11:17)

4th Generation babies

Niul (he ties/latches his sandals)

Easru (tenth)

Izrau ('to spread, scatter, disperse'. **British**)

1st brother **Er** (fortified & guarded city

{The danger was predatory animals})

2nd brother **Orbha** (4, or 4-sided, or 4-square)

Ezra ('to help, aid, assist'. **5th gen. British**)

3rd brother **Fearon** (successfully embellishing!!)

4th brother **Feargna** (beautiful garden)

Rea ('irrigation'. **6th generation British**)

5th Generation

Peleg's son Rue (friend)

Born when he was 30

(131 years after the Flood)

Joktan's sons (5th Generation)

1. **Almodad** (nothing shaking)

2. **Sheleph** (to be plucked up like grass)

3. **Hazarmaveth** (settlement dies) ㄱㄱ

2nd witness to Babel incident.

4. **Jerah** (a month or a moon cycle) ← →

5. **Hadoram** (thanks/praise be lifted up)

6. **Uzal** (to go away, to depart)

7. **Diklah** (to make into nothing by one of the following methods: crushing, crumbling, beating, bruising, pulverizing, threshing, or grinding)

8. **Oval** (to be leafless)

9. **Abimael** (A Father is God)

10. **Sheba** (broken entrance)

11. **Ophir** (to be covered in ashes)

12. **Havilah** (circular)

13. **Jobab** (a type of shrill howling noise)

From this point on, it's a wild guess as to how the 2 lists line up with each other.

6th Generation Genesis 11

Peleg's grandson Serug (branch)

7th Generation Genesis 11

Serug's son Nahor

(a snort as in a horse in battle)

5th Generation

Gadelas (great tower rising up)

Sru (they depart from the way/rebel)

Abir ('to be strong'. 7th gen. British)

Fathochta's descendants disappear from genealogy at this point.

6th Generation European Genealogies

Oth (monument 8th generation British)

Heber (to separate morally)

[The 'Table of Nations' Map¹⁰ indicates that Magog continued to live in 'Armenia' between Lake Van & Lake Urmiah. There's 3 volcanoes on the western side of Lake Van & 2 on the eastern side of Lake Urmiah, plus Mt Ararat & several others north of the area. See 'Google Earth']

Seara (to be scattered via a terrifying tempest)

→ **Eremon** ('light-refused' Heber's brother 6th gen.)

7th Generation European Genealogy

Ogamhan (a marshy pool or caldron)

[Might be describing 'Nimrut Dagi' a caldera Volcano, now partially filled with water on the southwest side of Lake Van]

Tait (fall upon with fury)[volcanic?]

Javan's descendants names can't be translated

8th Generation European Genealogy

Adhoim 'to rule'

Paim 'to impel, urge, move'

8th Generation Genesis 11

Terah (Terrifying Wind)
He doesn't start having
sons until he is 70!

9th Generation European Genealogy

Laimfinn 'Nation/people divides'

Adnamhain 'Eden is hidden from my eye/face'

10th Generation European Genealogy

Heber (Glumm Fionn) 'divide (mantle divided)'

Nemedius-Macha I'm not able to translate this one.

Heber's genealogy continues to the 20th generation in 'Hebrew'.

The next point that I would like to make is that **Peleg & Joktan were probably twins** with their names describing the same geological event. Their Dad also had *other* sons & daughters (see Genesis 11:17). And although the scriptures say when Peleg had Reu (Genesis 11:18) it does not indicate how old Joktan was at the birth of his first son.

Here's other probable twins in Genesis 10:

Phut & Canaan (afflicted & humble)[Ham's sons]

Madie & Javan (from what is sufficient & wine effervesce)[Japheth's sons]

Asshur & Arphaxad (happy/blessed & set free from your enemies)[Shem's sons]

Lud & Aram ("If only I could fly/soar" & to be high)[Shem's sons]

Anam & Lehab (2-fountains & flame/to-burn)[Mizram's sons]

Heth & Jebus (terror & to tread underfoot)[Canaan's sons]

Seba & Havilah (surrounds entrance & circular)[Cush's sons]

Ark & Sin (to flee & mire)[Canaan's sons]

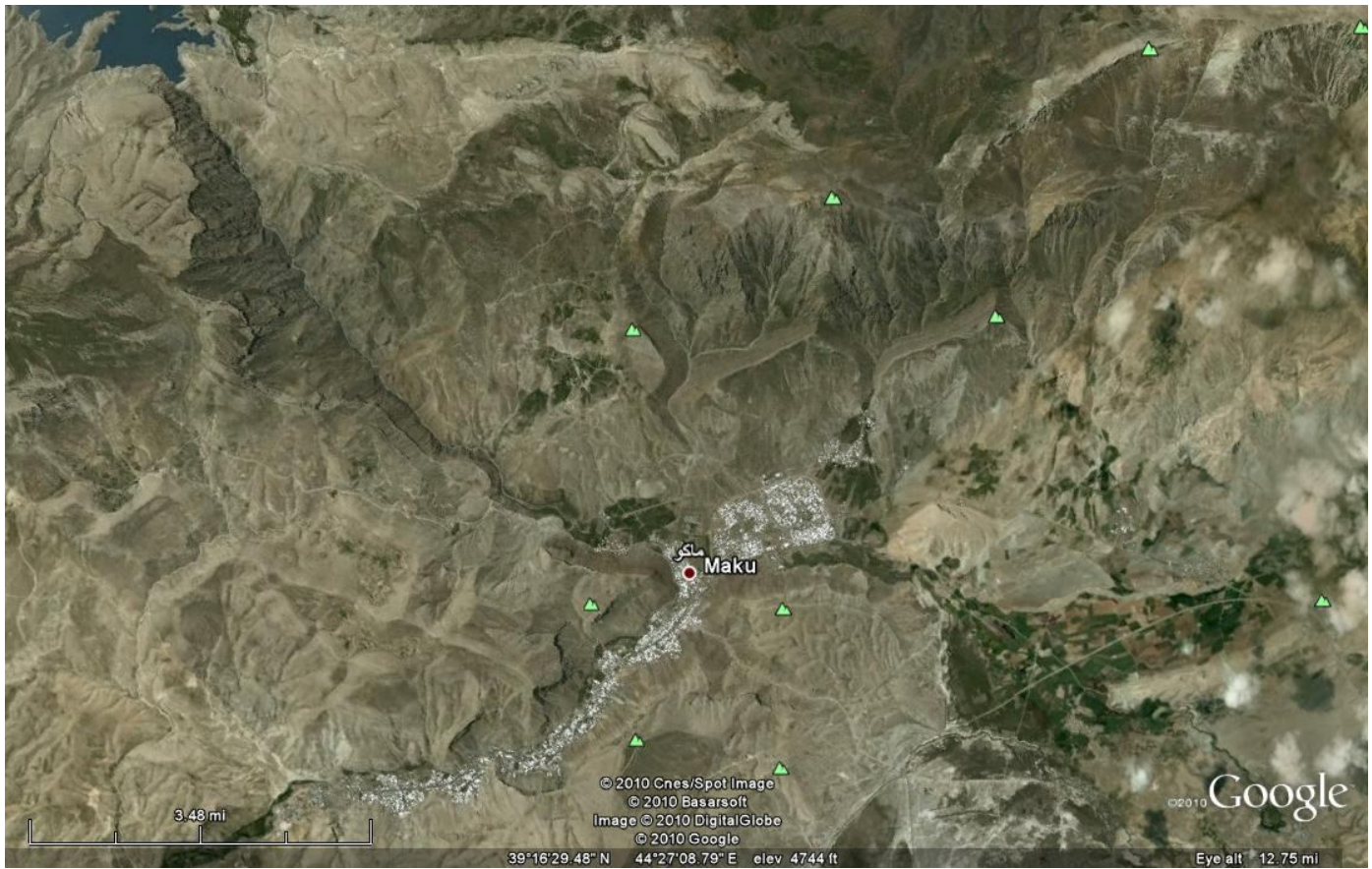
Sheba & Dedan (broken/consumed entrance & breast judgment) [Raamah's sons]

Sheba & Ophir (broken/consumed entrance & to be covered in ashes) [Joktan's sons]

Havilah & Jobab (circular & a type of shrill howling noise)[Joktan's sons]

Possible scenario: { [Google Earth](#)³ is a wonderful tool for viewing this!}

Peleg & Joktan's Grandfather **Shelach** may have travelled back and forth between the new settlement (located somewhere around the present southern end of Lake Van) & the area of Ararat, for a variety of reasons, besides visiting family. One possibility is that the new settlement may not have had its own resources of copper & iron ore, but the area around Ararat did. Another one might be to obtain salt. There are ancient salt mines northwest of Ararat. Whatever the case may be, when Shelach was 30 years old, the 'Eber event' occurred. **'Eber' means to 'overflow' or 'pass over', & it involves water overflowing or passing over something.** There are several places between Lake Van & Mt Ararat where this could have happened; however, one place that stands out is Maku. The formation of the canyon at Maku was a result of water overflowing from at least 3 different directions. The event that Eber was named after could have been it's beginning. The overflow could have been caused by mega snow-melt, or it could have been caused by the magma pushing upwards underneath the lake that was situated below Mount Ararat on the side that faces Turkey. To add to this, the other 3 names mentioned in Genesis 10 for Eber's generation are describing volcanic activity. They are Raamah's sons **Sheba** (broken/consumed entrance) & **Dedan** (breast judgment), and Casluhim's son **'Philist'** (to wallow in the dust)[volcanic ash?]. Also, from the British genealogy Javan names one of his sons 'Baath' (to trample down)[volcanic ash?] There's at least 14 volcanoes in that area. Each of them have their own peculiarities, but the only thing that could possibly be singled out here is that water had to overflow from a lake. Large volumes of water overflowing lakes tend to cut steep canyons, & based on that scenario, Maku seems to be the best fit between Ararat & Shinar.



Then, 34 years later (Genesis 11:16) Eber names 2 of his sons 'Divided' (by channels of water) aka '**Peleg**', & 'Diminished' aka '**Joktan**'. By then a huge volume of dirt & rock had been washed away (diminished!) in the process of the canyon being formed. The water in the lake that overflowed (the 'Eber event') had also been 'diminished'!

Originally I had thought that the reason Eber named his sons Peleg & Joktan was because his generation was beginning to realize that the ocean level was rising⁴ & the land was diminishing, & in order for Eber to realize this, he must have either done some traveling, or encountered others who did. Well... I have since decided that that probably wasn't the case **at the time Peleg & Joktan were born**. First of all, pioneering is not an easy thing to accomplish. Those pioneers had to start from scratch. They would have had to clear the land of rocks & brush, & debris left over from the Flood. They also would have had to build houses & all kinds of other things. People stuck together in order to help each other. The women didn't want to get too far away from other women who would help them with giving birth & raising children. The guys needed each other to help in all sorts of ways. They probably didn't go any further than hunting expeditions. It was probably the youth & young adults who did most of the exploring, & only after their chores were done, so I doubt that they would have gotten very far at that time.

Here's some other things to consider when estimating what was going on **at the time of Peleg's birth**: #1 is that recently, post flood camp sites have been found at the bottom of the English channel⁵, & there are post flood archeological sites in the Persian Gulf⁶ as well as other places around the globe. Those campsites would have been made **after the exodus from Babel**, so I'm convinced that the ocean level rising to where it is today didn't happen at the time of Peleg's birth. Also keep in mind that God would have kept the ocean level lower long enough for animals & people to migrate around the world. I've heard lots of ancient stories that would attest to this. Some of them are on Dr Walt Brown's web site⁷, & some are on the 'Out of Place Artifacts' website⁸.

Prophetic of Eber's life span

Although Eber named his sons after an event that happened prior to their birth, their names were prophetic of geological events that happened across Peleg's life span. (See Genesis 11:15-10)

aretz ha nēf-lā-gāh yamav va key pēlāg echad ha shem vaniym shēnay yūlād ěvāir lā oo 10:25
אֶרֶץ הַנְּפִלְגָה יָמָיו כִּי פֶלֶג אֶחָד הָיָה שֵׁם בְּנֵי שְׁנַי יוּלָד עֵבֶר לְ 10:25
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yāk-tān āchēv shem v
יָקָטן אָחִיו שֵׁם ו
Joktan brother-his name &

פֶּלֶג Peleg 'brook', 'stream', 'river', 'a small channel of water as in irrigation ditch';

comes from root word פִּלַּג that means 'to be divided' or split.

נְפִלְגָה was-divided (Niphal(something that is acted upon) preterite(complete action) 3rd person singular feminine.

It's referring to אֶרֶץ 'land' or 'earth' which is a feminine word) The dividing has to do with being divided by water. See 'Joktan' next.

יָקָטן Joktan from קָטַן 'diminished':

It's a reference to the land becoming smaller, & not the man himself. Joktan had 13 sons & that's one of the most numerous accounts of sons listed in the scriptures. Also note that Yaktan walked with the LORD, indicated by the names of some of his sons. The LORD is the one who gave him the sons. It seems to me that through Joktan's name, the LORD is pointing out that the land was diminishing because of erosion caused by breaching post flood lakes cutting canyons, & later, as a consequence the water rose in the ocean, along with the mountains sinking into post flood isostatic balance (which also caused the ocean floors to rise) & so towards the end of Peleg's life low spots (English Channel, land between England & Ireland, the area between Papua New Guinea & Australia, Red Sea, Persian Gulf, etc, etc,) began to be separated by channels of water, which increased until they became seas.

Eber lived to be 460. (He lived until Abraham was 175, Isaac was 75, & Jacob was 15.) **Peleg lived to be 239.** (He died when Terah was 118, 12 years before Abram(Abraham) was born. To get a grasp of how long that is, here's a comparison: I am writing this in the year 2012. If I subtract 239 years I get the year 1773, which was the year of the Boston Tea Party. A vast amount of history has happened between 1773 & 2012! We went from the Revolutions of the 1700s to sending the Hubble Telescope & using cell phones & lap-tops! That's all in a mere 239 years, which were full of incredible changes!! Think of what you could accomplish if you lived to be 239 years old! How many generations could have been born in that period of time? Well, in my own family tree on my Father's side I can count 8 generations, & on my Mother's side I can count 9 generations. And although my son doesn't have any children at this time, his cousins do, so one more generation could be added, so.... There's a possible 10 generations in a 239 year period of time! Imagine living through 10 generations of children, & your father still out lives you!

Then, around 30 years later: Wherever Joktan is living at the birth of his first born son (probably somewhere in 'old' Armenia) the ground is continually shaking, which they had learned by previous experience, was an indication of an upcoming volcanic eruption, so they leave the area, possibly with Shem accompanying them, apparently with the

intention of setting out for what is now the area around Southern Yemen. (I wonder who else left the area at the same time because of the ground continually shaking. Was there a mass exodus from the region? Who accompanied them? My guess is that it's Raamah & his sons Sheba & Dedan, because their names are intertwined with Joktan's descendants on 'Table of Nations' Bible maps⁴.) When they get down to Shinar, there are no earthquakes, so Joktan names his 1st born son 'Nothing Shaking' ('Almodad', son #1) & the next son 'To Be Drawn Out' ('Sheleph', son #2). [This name also means 'to be plucked up like grass', so there's also the possibility that it's describing weather phenomena or a geological event. Got any suggestions?] Then they witness that the building of Babel has stopped, & the city has been abandoned, so then the next son is named 'Settlement Dies' ('Hazarmaveth', son #3). {2nd witness to Babel incident} [Apparently Arphaxad didn't live in the city of Babel because the line of his descendants of whom Abraham comes from continued to speak Hebrew. The Hebrew translation of locations in Genesis 11 all translate from the Hebrew! See also the research on what the Hebrew Text says happened at Babel in the Genesis 11 research found at http://www.w-rocs.org/stones/GENESIS_11_updated.pdf]

Right after this there is some kind of event that blocked the sunlight for a whole month, so Joktan names his next son 'a lunation' ('Jerah', son #4). 'A lunation' is a month or a moon cycle. At first I thought this was some kind of solar eclipse; however, now I'm convinced that it was due to volcanic activity. Recently I had a conversation with someone who lived in Montana when Mt Saint Helens erupted. They said that it started getting dark in the middle of the day even though the weather was good, & they didn't understand at first as they had not been listening to the news. Imagine what that would be like if there were no news stations to get the latest updates from? There's also 2 names in the 6th generation of the European genealogies that apparently describe the same phenomena....

'Seara' (terrifying tempest) & 'Eremon' (light-refused). Back to the Montana story: The ash from Mt Saint Helens closed down the western side of Montana for days. The ash can still be seen along the sides of some mountain roads. From my house to Mount Saint Helens is 520 miles & it can take over 10 hours to get there with a vehicle on the freeway. The jet streams carried the ash over Western Montana. In a similar way, the jet streams over the Middle East back then would have carried the ash from Armenia to Yemen, because that was still 'west to east' due to the slow process of the earth rolling. (At that time the **earth was also still rolling**. Babel is 'East' & not 'South' of Ararat. The **jet streams** over the Middle East would have been **quite different than they are today**.)⁵

(See notes on Yarach/Jerah in the Genesis 10:26 Hebrew research at http://www.w-rocs.org/stones/Genesis_10_Names_Describe_Volcanic_Activity.pdf

Apparently because he survived the ordeal, the next son is named 'Thanks/praise be lifted up!' ('Hadoram', son #5). Then they leave the area (of Shinar?) & name the next son 'To depart' ('Uzal', son #6). The trail is going to end up in Yemen, possibly in Sana'a or Marib. Bible maps show that Joktan's descendants settled in the Arabian Peninsula. Local folklore has it that Shem left Ararat after Noah died, migrating to Yemen & then founding both Sana'a & Marib. Is that possible? Well, in all probability he's the one who kept the record of Joktan's sons, so he must have been around them as they grew up. Shem lived for 500 years after the Flood, so he had plenty of time to do all kinds of things on his 'bucket list'! Joktan obviously kept the original language, & from what he names some of his sons, he also had a close relationship with God, so there would have been a comradeship there between him & Shem. The Ancient Biblical Hebrew way of pronouncing God's NAME as 'YAHWEH' is Yemenite, & not Sephardic or Ashkenazi pronunciation. Also, apparently Marib was the idea location for control of the trade route in that section of the globe. **To add to this, at that time the Arabian peninsula was between the 40th & 50th parallels** instead of being at the current location between the 13th & 35th parallels. At that time, there was no desert, & the 'Empty Quarter' was a huge lake.

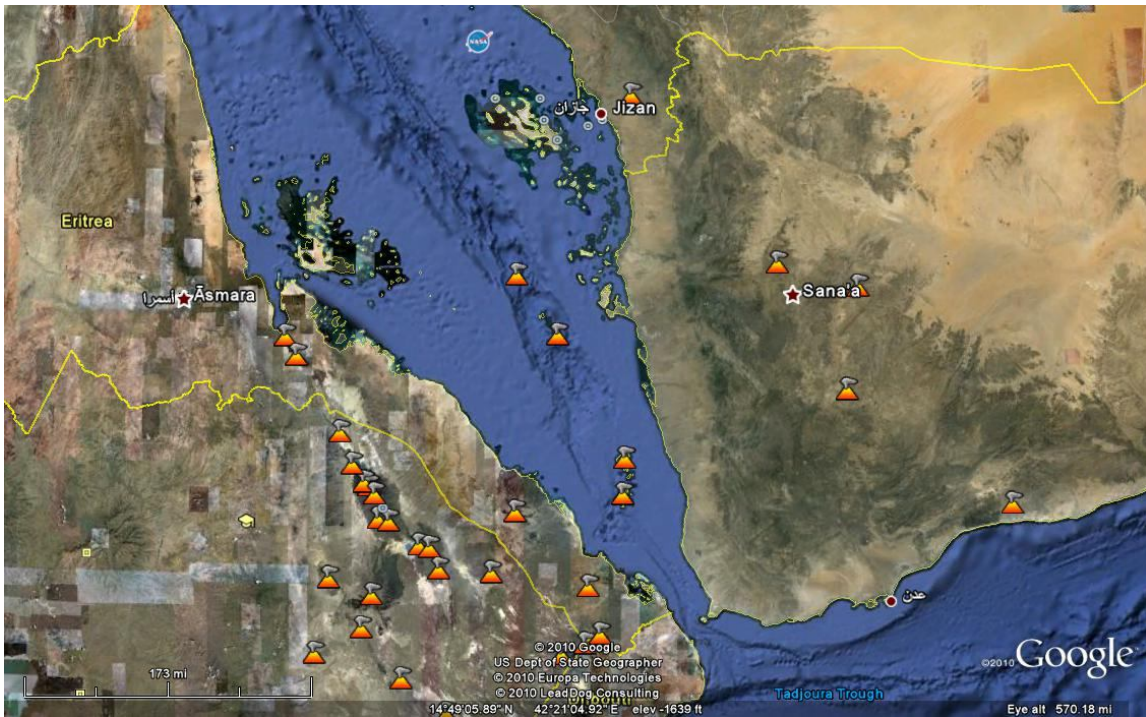
The following is a portion of a stylized map⁹ of the Arabian Peninsula. It demonstrates the layout of the mountains, etc. See how they formed at the edge of the Mid Ocean Ridge?



My guess is that they followed the water courses towards what is now Yemen. They may have been looking for the Pison or the Gihon rivers mentioned in Genesis 2: 11-13 [See 'Brain Pickers']

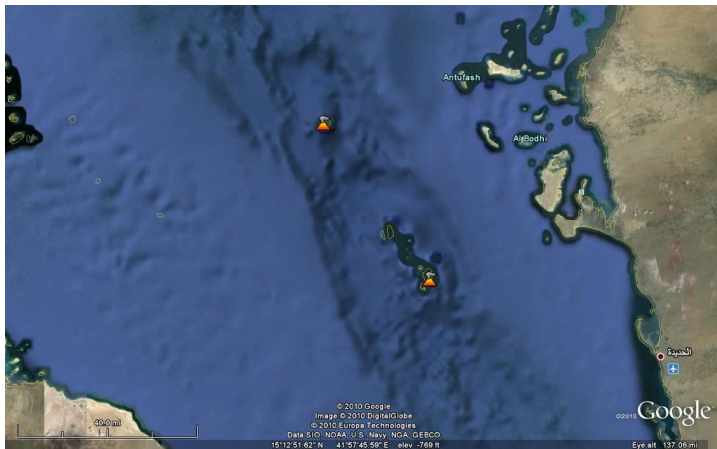
(Imagine migrating with at least 6 small children, & all your belongings, & the food you need to survive with. When you start out, your wife is pregnant with the first son, & when you get to where you plan to go, she's pregnant with the 7th son! Oh man!!)

Apparently at that time the Red Sea also did not exist, because of the ocean level being lower. Instead, there were lakes blocked by volcanic mountains. The next son is named 'Diklah', son #7, which means 'to make into nothing' by one of the following methods: crushing, crumbling, beating, bruising, pulverizing, threshing or grinding... possibly a 'Krakatau' event where a volcano blows up. If it's describing a volcano, those types of volcanoes in the Middle East happen to be at the entrance to the Red Sea.



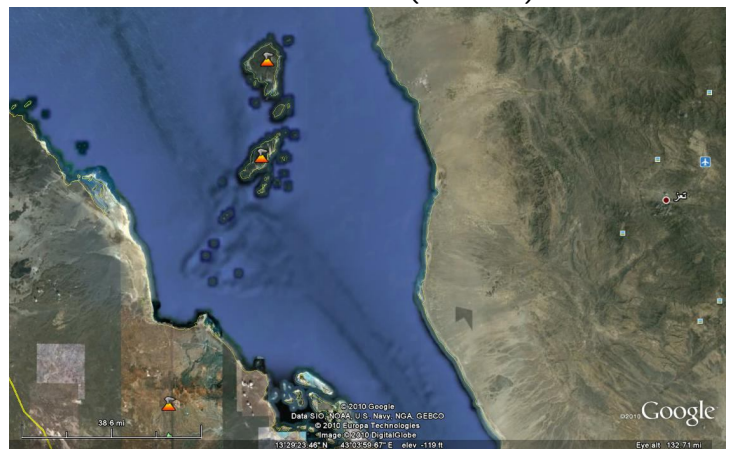
My guess is that the thing that blows up is one of the volcanoes below that are located at the entrance to the Red Sea from the Gulf of Aden. All 4 of them are known to be explosive in former days (Smithsonian info on Google Earth).

Jebet at Tair ↓



Jebel Zubair ↑

Zukur ↓ & Hanish (below it)



Apparently they retreat up the Arabian coast. Then they end up somewhere where the trees have all died & dropped their leaves, so the next son is named 'leafless' ('Oval' #8). This happens when there is an overload of CO₂ in the soil, caused from magma coming in contact with limestone. The overload of CO₂ blocks off the oxygen intake at the roots of the trees, thus suffocating them. (Trees produce carbon dioxide through photosynthesis through their leaves, but they take in oxygen through their roots. See <http://pubs.usgs.gov/dds/dds-81/Intro/facts-sheet/GasKillingTrees.html>) The only volcanic field that I can find on the Google Earth for Yemen that lists limestone as one of its characteristics is the first one on the Yemenite coast just past the port of Aden (Shaykh Uthman) called 'Harra es Sawad' (Smithsonian info on Google Earth).



'Harra es Sawad' ↑

Looking at the above map, my guess would be that from there they head inland to higher ground, & away from trees that are dead! God keeps them safe, so Joktan names the next son '**Abimael**' #9, 'A Father is God'.

After that, the next son is named '**Sheba**' #10, which means 'breaks up entrance' or 'consumes entrance'. {There's 2 other genealogies in scripture where a son is named 'Sheba' (Genesis 10: 7 & 25: 3) & both times the names closest to it are describing volcanic activity.} So... apparently something that they already know is a volcano, erupts, & everything gets covered in ash, so then the next son is named '**Ophir**' #11, which means 'to be covered in ash'.

It sounds to me like those guys were twins! Afterwards a cone (volcanic) is formed, so the next son is named '**Havilah**' #12 ('circular'). All 5 volcanoes in Yemen have produced several 'cone shaped' volcanoes as by-products of their eruptions, so there's no exact location like there is with the situation back up in Mt Ararat, that I have found while doing this research. (If you find something specific, please let me know.) And then the youngest son is named '**Jobab**' #13, which is a wailing or howling sound. My guess is that it's the sound they hear from a volcano, instead of somebody who is wailing. (Apparently some volcanoes produce a sound that is similar to the way a jet engine sounds at take-off, only much more intense.) **Apparently Havilah & Jobab were also twins!** (unless they were quads with Sheba & Ophir!)

kēdēn hă hăr sfărăh ächäh bō mēshā mē shă-vām mō y'hē vā
 10:30
 East the mountain Sephar you-go in Mesha from dwellings-theirs from is &

[KJV] And their dwelling was from Mesha, as thou goest unto Sephar a mount of the east.

sfărăh ספּרָה Sephar 'book', 'scroll', 'bill', register', 'letter', 'evidence'.

from ספּר The idea is to write a record of something along with the action of being able to recount it.

We would say, 'a documentation by writing'. It's a witness to the fact that they could both write & count & record things.

mēshā מִשָּׂא Mesha 'burden', 'loan', 'anything burdensome' from נשא 'to lift, carry, take'

Those locations are unknown to me at this time.

Footnotes:

¹The earth was still rolling: See 'Brain Pickers Genesis 10, Part 2' in the 'Brain Pickers' section at www.w-rocs.org

²'Table of Nations' Map: Map IV The Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia of The Bible, Volume 5, 2nd printing, 1977

³Google Earth. To download 'Google Earth', go to www.earth.google.com

⁴the ocean level was rising: see www.creationscience.com for info on the subject.

⁵Key words to research this on the internet are '*submerged ancient camp sites in English Channel*'

⁶Key words to research this on the internet are '*submerged archaeology in Persian Gulf*'

⁷Dr Walt Brown's web site: www.creationscience.com

⁸'Out of Place Artifacts' website. www.s8int.com/sophis1.html

⁹THOMPSON, D. (1980). The Arabian Peninsula. a stylized view. Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, Aramco.

¹⁰The Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia of the Bible, volume 5, 2nd printing 1977

[And by the way, God says in the scriptures that everything should be established by 2 or 3 witnesses. That's a Biblical principal. Look it up! When Jesus rose from the dead, Thomas didn't believe the ones who had seen Him, even though there were more than 2 or 3 witnesses! He wasn't going to believe unless He saw the LORD himself & put his fingers in the holes in His hands & put his hand in the hole in His side (John 20:24-29). In a similar way, there are also some 'doubting Thomases' in the Creation Science Ministry. Even though God provides a number of credible witnesses, they will be skeptical until they can put their hands on something! God's way is to have 2 or 3 credible witnesses to validate something. And He usually establishes more than that. For example, did you know that there are over 40 documented eye-witness accounts of the Ark being up on Mt Ararat & a large number of them describe it as box shaped with something that looks like a cat walk (air vents/sky-lite) on top? (see www.noahsarksearch.com) That fits the Hebrew Text! The names of the 1st & 2nd generation born after the Flood also describe Mt Ararat & the location around it.]

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