## Gene Study Suggests Native Americans Came From Siberia

## [Excerpts]

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[The Berean Call: This article does a number of things. One, it is another nail in the Book of Mormon's coffin, dismantling further the idea of a semitic origin for American Indians. Secondly, it also would support the Bible's account of the dispersion from Babel.]

Note from Pastor Kevin Lea follows this article.

A US genetic study bolsters claims that Native Americans are descended from one migrant group that crossed a lost land link from modern Siberia to Alaska -- not waves of arrivals from Asia, as rival theories say.

The new study by the University of Michigan, published Monday, examined genes of indigenous people from North to South America and from two Siberian groups, the university said in a report introducing the research.

Analysis found one unique genetic variant widespread across both the northern and southern American continents -- suggesting that all Native Americans were descended from a single group, not various ones as the rival theory holds.

This variant "has not been found in genetic studies of people elsewhere in the world except eastern Siberia," the report said.

"If there were a large number of migrations, and most of the source groups didn't have the variant, then we would not see the widespread presence of the mutation in the Americas," Noah Rosenberg, a geneticist who worked on the study, was quoted as saying.

The study also found that genetic diversity increased the further away people were from the Bering Strait -- as would be expected if the migration were "relatively recent," the report said, citing the authors of the study.

Note from Pastor Kevin Lea: For those wondering how the land bridge between Siberia and Alaska existed but is now gone, I recommend that you read Dr. Walt Brown's hydroplate theory explanation for the flood of Noah at www.creationscience.com. Dr. Brown makes a very strong Biblical and scientific case for how the flood of Noah occurred and explains in detail how the earth changes shortly after the flood caused sea level to rise and the land bridges between continents to disappear.