

“The Descendants of Noah” Genesis 9:18-29

THOSE WHO CAME OUT OF THE ARK, AND THEIR DESCENDENTS. v.18-19, 28-29

1. Noah and his sons: Shem, Ham & Japheth. v.18

- This story also records the death of Noah. v.28-29

2. The whole earth was eventually populated from the descendants of Noah’s sons. v.19

- This story is the link between the flood, the Noahic covenant and how all the earth became populated.
- “Table of Nations” in Genesis chapter 10

NOAH’S SIN. v.20-23

- Noah farmed the soil and planted a vineyard. v.20

1. Noah sinned—he drank wine from the vineyard and got drunk. v.21

2. Noah’s drunkenness led to his nakedness. v.21b

→ The sin of drunkenness. Ref. Eph 5:18; 1 Tim 5:23; Lamentations 4:21; Habakkuk 2:15-16

3. Noah’s sin provoked Ham’s scoffing or mocking of his father. v.22

- Ham saw his father naked and told his two brothers.

4. Noah’s other two sons, Shem and Japheth, covered their father’s nakedness. v.23

- Shem and Japheth intentionally protected their father’s dignity and covered him with a blanket.

→ The priority and importance of modesty and protecting the dignity of others.

→ Protect LIFE (Genesis 9:4-6). Protect DIGNITY (Genesis 9:23).

NOAH’S PROPHECY—AND THE NATIONS DESCENDED FROM HIS SONS. v.24-27

1. When Noah discovered what Ham had done to him, he cursed Canaan (Ham’s son). v.24-25

- Noah’s response was not unjust. Exodus 20:5 speaks of the father’s sin being visited on his children.
- Canaan would be a “servant of servants” to his brothers. Listed in Gen. 10:6-20
- Canaan fathered tribes whom Israel would encounter in the Promised Land.

2. Noah blessed his other two sons: Shem and Japheth. v.26-27

- Shem fathered the Jews (line of Abraham) through whom came... v.26. Listed in Gen. 10:21-31
 - God’s Word** – God spoke through Hebrew language to Abraham & his descendants
 - God’s Covenant** – God worked his plan of redemption through the covenant with Abe & his descendants
 - God’s Messiah** – the Savior Jesus Christ through Abraham & his descendants

→ “and let Canaan be his servant”

- Japheth fathered the Gentile nations who “enlarged” to cover the globe. v.27. Listed in Gen. 10:2-5

→ “and let Canaan be his servant”

APPLICATION

1. The absolute trustworthiness of God’s Word: History, Honesty, and Prophecy.

2. The application to the original audience for whom/to whom Moses wrote Genesis.

- Original audience of Genesis was the 2nd generation of Israel after leaving Egypt & 40 years in the desert.
- Moses wrote Genesis to show that leaving Egypt and possessing Canaan was God’s plan for Israel.

3. The faithful and consistent showing the need for and showing the way of SALVATION.

- Sin → Exposure & Shame → Covering. Ref. Exodus 12; John 19:23; Hebrews 12:2

→ A re-telling of the creation account, but in a fallen world. Adam sinned → naked → covered.

4. The remarkable promises to every sinner: Come to Christ and you will be saved.