

Genesis Chapter Nine

Life After The Flood

Genesis 9:1

So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.

The Blessing Of God

- After Noah made a sacrificial offering God blessed the life of Noah and his sons.
- It seems appropriate in scripture to pray for God to bless us in His work in our lives and submit our wills to Him and ask Him to use the events in life to conform our lives completely into the image of His Son (Romans 8:29).
- This blessing is the same for Noah, as it was for Adam, with the exception of dominion and subdue—(**Gen. 1:28**).

The Blessed Believer

- The Lord has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ!
- "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places **in Christ**...."- **Ephesians 1:3-4**
- We have been redeemed from the curse into the blessing of Abraham!

- “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE" in order that in Christ Jesus **the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles**, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”-**Galatians 3:13-14**
- The blessing is the hand of the Lord upon the believers life!
- God wants to supply the believer with a life of blessing but we have **to choose to live in** the blessing and not the curse!

- "If we have no appreciation for spiritual blessing, then we live at the level of *animals*. Animals live only to eat, sleep, entertain themselves, and to reproduce. We are made in the image of God and He has something much higher for us, yet many choose to live at the level of *animals*. God wants us know **every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.**"- Guzik

- “Our thanks are due to God for all temporal blessings; they are more than we deserve. But our thanks ought to go to God in thunders of hallelujahs for spiritual blessings. A new heart is better than a new coat. To feed on Christ is better than to have the best earthly food. To be an heir of God is better than being the heir of the greatest nobleman. To have God for our portion is blessed, infinitely more blessed than to own broad acres of land. God hath blessed us with spiritual blessings. These are the rarest, the richest, the most enduring of all blessings; they are priceless in value.”-Spurgeon

Genesis 9:2-3
 “And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be on every beast of the earth, on every bird of the air, on all that move on the earth, and on all the fish of the sea.

They are given into your hand. Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. I have given you all things, even as the green herbs."

Dinner Is Served



Fear and Dread Of Man Upon The Animals

- "...The fear....The dread...."; literally terror in the face of a superior being.
- It is a good thing that animals have the fear and dread of man upon them because the animals could easily overtake man.
- When animals and humans get comfortable around each other it usually becomes a dangerous situation.

Animals And Man Will Get Along Again

- It is highly possible that prior to the flood, animals were living in community with man.
- After the flood some animals are now a food source for man.
- During the millennial reign of Jesus the animals will once again live in harmony with man. (Is. 11:6-8)

Isaiah 11:6-8

"The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea."

Genesis 9:4-6

But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a reckoning; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man.

From the hand of every man's brother
I will require the life of man.
"Whoever sheds man's blood By man
his blood shall be shed;
For in the image of God He made man.

Blood Is Not Be Eaten

- God commands Noah not to eat the blood of an animal.
- This command is not just to Noah but all of humanity.
- The blood symbolizes the life source of the animal (Lev. 17:11,14; Deuteronomy 12:23)
- "Only be sure that you don't eat the blood: for the blood is the life; and you shall not eat the life with the flesh." - **Deuteronomy 12:23**
- The importance of blood in the bible is clear by the frequency of its usage: 424 times in 357 separate verses.

Blood Symbolizes Many Things In Scripture

- Blood was a sign of mercy for Israel at the first Passover (Ex 12:13)
- Blood sealed God's covenant with Israel (Ex. 24:8)
- Blood sanctified the altar (Ex 29:12)
- Blood sanctified the priests (Ex 29:20)
- Blood made atonement for God's people (Ex 30:10)

- Blood sealed the New Covenant (Matt 26:28)
- Blood justifies the sinner (Rom 5:9)
- Blood brings redemption (Eph. 1:7)
- Blood restores peace with God (Col 1:20)
- Blood cleanses the believer from sin (Heb. 9:14; 1 John 1:7)
- Blood gives us the right to enter God's Holy place (Heb. 10:19)
- Blood sanctifies the believer (Heb. 13:12)
- Blood of the Lamb overcomes Satan (Rev 12:11)

Blood In Some Religions

- In Some religions the blood of an animal becomes a superstitious ritual.
- The ingesting of the blood allows the person to take the soul of the animal into his being.
- Somewhat like transubstantiation for Catholics in drinking of wine every time they take communion.

No Blood No Remission

- The shedding of blood solved man's problem of sin before God.
- We should be more focused on the solution that God has provided for man than the problem
- Some people believe that sin is forgiven either by *time*, by doing good works, or by living a good life.
- However we are told in scripture there is no forgiveness without the shedding of blood and there is no perfect forgiveness without a perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ (Hebrews 9:22).

Capital Punishment

- "I will require the life of man;" is a judicial term.
- The penalty is death by judgment on whoever takes the life of another man.
- Judgment needs to decide whether or not it was an accident or premeditated.
- God even requires the judgment on any beast who takes a man's life (Exodus 21:28)
- Notice it is delegated to man for Judgment: "...by man shall his blood be shed"
- This is the first time in Scripture a government under divine authority was established for the purpose to exercise authority over those who live under its jurisdiction.

Submit To The Government

"Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake." -**Romans 13:1-2;3-5**

- "Sheds" is *shaphak* in Hebrew and literally means "to pour out"
- The Messianic Psalm 22:14, speaks of Jesus being "poured out like water"
- The reason we are not to kill man is because man is made in the image of God and being created in the image of God has a particular value in God's creation.
- We need to respect the image of God in man no matter who they are or how we feel about that person.

Genesis 9:7

"And as for you, be fruitful and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth and multiply in it."

- The Hebrew word for “abundantly” used here is “sharats” which literally means “bring forth in swarms”.
- Mankind has come from 8 people to over seven billion in roughly 4400 years
- “Forty years ago, the founder of the Institute for Creation Research, Dr. Henry Morris, published a study showing how just eight survivors of Noah’s Flood around 4,400 years ago could easily give rise to the seven billion people living on the planet today. If, in fact, humans had been on earth for hundreds of thousands of years, we should have reached this milestone long ago.” [Answers In Genesis](#)

World Population

- 1 billion in 1804
- 2 billion in 1927, (123 years later)
- 3 billion in 1960, (33 years later)
- 4 billion in 1974, (14 years later)
- 5 billion in 1987, (13 years later)
- World Population may reach:
- 6 billion in 1998, (11 years later)
- 7 billion in 2009, (11 years later)
- 8 billion in 2021, (12 years later)
- 9 billion in 2035, (14 years later)
- 10 billion in 2054, (19 years later)
- 11 billion in 2093, (39 years later)

Data from the Population
Division, Department for
Economic and Social
Information and Policy
Analysis

Genesis 9:8-11

“Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying: “And as for Me, behold, I establish My covenant with you and with your descendants after you, “and with every living creature that is with you:

the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you, of all that go out of the ark, every beast of the earth. “Thus I establish My covenant with you: Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

- If this was not a global flood then the size of the ark itself would have been a serious waste of time and totally unnecessary.
- If this were only a local flood then God's promise to never again bring a flood to destroy the earth would have been a lie (Genesis 9:11).
- If this were only a local flood then the Bible is misleading by suggesting that all of humanity is from Noah and his sons (Genesis 10).
- "If Moses had meant to describe a partial deluge upon only a small part of the earth, he used very misleading language; but if he meant to teach was that the deluge was universal, he used the very word which we might have expected that he would use." -Spurgeon

The Noahadic Covenant

- God speaks to all of creation: Noah and his sons, and all the animals, "...from all that go out of the ark..." (Vs.10)
- He makes a "covenant" "...with you, and your seed after you..." .
- So the covenant is with us as well because we are of Noah's seed.
- Notice that it is God's covenant: "I will establish my covenant...."
- God cannot lie so this covenant will be as He has said.

The Covenant Relationship

- The Hebrew word for "Covenant" is "b(e)rit which literally means: "A dividing or cutting"
- We would say between.
- Between equals, which is a human contract.
- Between God and man.
- When God is involved in a covenant relationship only He can break the covenant but since He cannot go back on His promise or lie He never breaks the covenant relationship.
- The covenant is always binding no matter how man behaves.

- The New Testament makes a distinction between covenant of law, and covenants of promise
- The covenant of law requires death and condemnation, and cannot be obeyed because of human weakness (Gal 4:23-26; 2 Cor. 3:7,9; Rom. 8:3-4).
- The covenants of promise guarantee salvation in spite of man's weaknesses towards sin (Ephesians 2:1-13)
- Notice it is "Covenants" plural.
- Abahamic, Davidic, New, and Land Covenants

God Swears To Himself

- “For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, “Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you.” And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.” - **Hebrews 6:13-18**

- God by swearing to Himself gives us a solid foundation of hope because He binds His Word to His character.
- When God promised Abraham He gave Abraham and us a double insurance policy that He will do what He has promised.
- We have the assurance of the promise of the God who does not lie and the assurance that God specially guarantees that particular promise.
- The “two unchangeable things” are God’s promise and His oath.

God’s Promise

God Cannot Lie

God Secures Promise Through An Oath To Himself



The Confirmation of the Promise by God in an oath to Himself gives us assurance!

God Promises Never To Destroy The Earth Again by A Flood

- Does God feel like He has done something wrong?
- This is a tender act by God demonstrating that He does not want man to be living in constant fear that whenever it rains it is going to flood.
- However, when things become similar to the days of Noah, God will destroy the earth again—but with fire (2 Peter 3:1-7).

Genesis 9:12-17

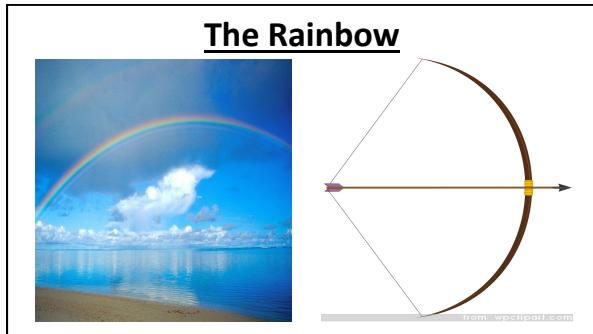
And God said: "This is the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth.

It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud; and I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." And God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth."

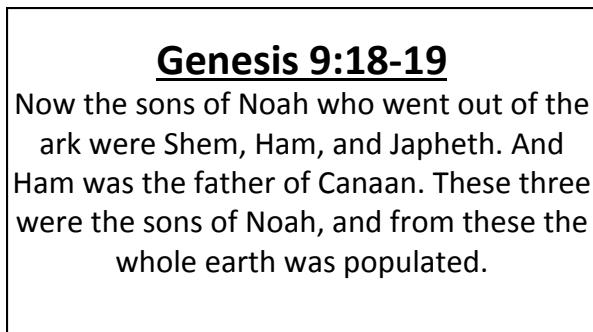
The Sign Of The Covenant

- "Sign": A sign or a mark which symbolizes, something for greater understanding.(Gen. 1:14; Gen 4:15)
- This sign is to be "...for perpetual generations:"
- God's covenant would have a sign for all people in all societies to see for ever and ever.



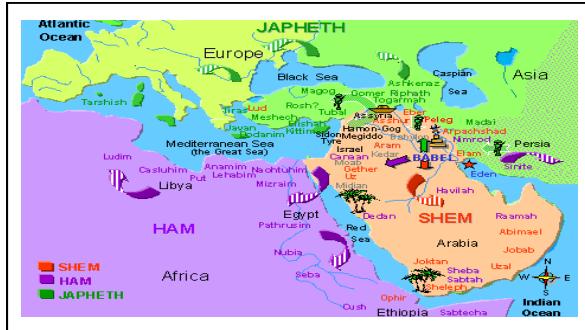
A Weapon Of War

- “I do set My bow...” It is God’s beautiful rainbow for all generations to see
- The Hebrew word for bow is “qesheth” which is an archer’s bow
- God is placing His bow, shaped as a weapon of war, as a sign of peace to all generations.
- In Rev. 10:6, Jesus comes with “the rainbow” upon his head. Jesus bore the wrath of God upon himself and bridged the gap completing peace between man and God. (Eph. 2:11-18)



The Sons Of Noah

- The sons of Noah make up the three distinct people groups that populate the whole earth.
- Shem: Semitic people, Hebrew, Chaldean, Aramaic, Assyrian, Arabs.
- Ham: Hamitic people, African, Mongols, Egyptian, Canaanites, some Arabian.
- Japheth: Japhethic people, primarily European, Indo Aryan.
- Acts 17:26, says that God has made all the nations of the earth from one blood



Dispersion Of The Peoples

- “God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. Nor is He worshiped with men’s hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. **And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should seek the Lord**...”-Acts 17:24-27

United We Fall

- “And as for you, be fruitful and multiply; **bring forth abundantly in the earth and multiply in it.**”-- Gen 9:7
- Man was supposed to spread out and fill the earth in order that **“they should seek the Lord”**
- This implies that when man is united it will not seek God
- Nimrod unites the people against God in order that they not, **“be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.”**- Gen 11:4

God Is Sovereign

- God is sovereign over the political and military affairs of nations.
- He has not only created the “...world and everything in it...” but has also predetermined the boundaries of the nations and has predetermined the time and place each person would be born into their various people groups descended from Adam through Noah and his sons.
- We like to think that we determine our own destiny.
- God’s purpose in regulating times and boundaries was that people would realize His sovereignty and “seek . . . Him”.

Genesis 9:20-21

And Noah began to be a farmer, and he planted a vineyard. Then he drank of the wine and was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent.

Noah Plants A Vineyard

- "In a recent article in the *Journal of Archaeological Science*, archaeologists from a joint Armenian, American and Irish expedition, codirected by Gregory Areshian of UCLA, announced the discovery of the earliest known wine-making operation in an Armenian cave near the southern border with Iran. This site, which lies about 60 miles from Turkey's Mt. Ararat, the traditional site of the Biblical ark's grounding, contained well-preserved ancient remains." - biblicalarchaeology.org

Noah Gets Drunk

- Scripture does not hesitate to call attention to the failures of the most saintly of men.
- This is the first mention of drunkenness in the bible.
- Some say that it was only after the flood that man was able to make intoxicating drink.
- Morris says: the process of fermentation is a decay process and the effect of drinking the alcoholic product of this decay is likewise, in several respects a breaking down both physically and morally.

- However, what about fruit in heaven, does it not need to die to plant a seed so that it will grow another tree?
- Man was to cultivate in the garden before the Fall. (Gen 2:15)
- Jesus says He will drink of the fruit of the vine in the kingdom of God
- Assuredly, I say to you, I will no longer drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." - **Mark 14:25**

Be Sober And Clear In Judgment

- "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour."-**1 Peter 5:8**
- "And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit....**Ephesians 5:18**
- "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is a brawler, and whoever is led astray by it is not wise".- **Proverbs 20:1**
- Alcohol in volume causes people to lose their sense of judgment and self control, whereas the Spirit of God elevates the senses of a person to recognize dangerous situations.

No Condemnation For Noah

- The Scripture just makes a statement of what Noah did.
- The Scripture does not condemn Noah for being drunk.
- It simply states that he was uncovered in his tent which was probably a result of his drunkenness.
- Ham became unwise in his lack of honor towards his father.
- This will result in Ham's son being cursed.

Genesis 9:22-23

And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside. But Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were turned away, and they did not see their father's nakedness.

Ham Mocks His Father Noah

- Honor your Father and Mother are important Biblical virtues.
- "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who ...[are] disobedient to parents..."-**Romans 1:18,30**
- Ham goes into his father's tent and looks at his father's nakedness and tells his brothers.
- Literally, the Hebrew says that Ham "told with delight" what he had seen in his father's tent.
- It seems based on the context that Ham was determined to mock his father and undermine his father's authority as a man of God.

- "The sin lay not in seeing, which might be unintentional, but in telling, especially if his purpose was to ridicule his father".-Elliott
- "It is difficult for someone living in the modern world to understand the modesty and discretion of privacy called for in ancient morality. Nakedness in the OT was from the beginning a thing of shame for fallen man [Genesis 3:7] . . . the state of nakedness was both undignified and vulnerable. . . . To see someone uncovered was to bring dishonor and to gain advantage for potential exploitation."-Ross

Genesis 9:24-27

So Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done to him. Then he said: "Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants he shall be to his brethren."

And he said: "Blessed be the LORD, the God of Shem, and may Canaan be his servant. May God enlarge Japheth, and may he dwell in the tents of Shem; and may Canaan be his servant."

The Prophecy Of Noah

- This is Noah's great prophecy about his three sons and the movement of God's word throughout history.
- The Hebrew word for "knew" here it implies "knowing as a result of inquiry," i. e., "he learned," or "found out." Something struck Noah as unusual when he woke up perhaps that the robe was placed upon him.
- Some have used this prophecy as a reason for slavery against the black people; However the son's of Ham involve more than black people; in particular Canaan was a middle eastern product, and was conquered by Joshua.

- Noah awoke from his drunkenness and with a terrible hangover....."knew what his younger son had done to him."
- Some commentators believe that the phrase "..Done to him" implies a possible homosexual act by Ham.
- His older brothers did not share in Ham's pleasure and covered their father with respect and honored him by walking backwards.
- The mocking of Noah by Ham resulted in the cursing of Ham's son Canaan. Perhaps Canaan was involved in some way not mentioned in the text.

- Ham, via his son, is called "**A servant of servants**". The Hamitic lineage is to be servant of the servants.
- Shem and Japheth are both called servants as well.
- The descendant's of Shem, Japheth, and Ham will ultimately fulfill in service the greatest of man's responsibilities from God to multiply and fill the earth.

The Hamitic Curse

- "Cursed be Canaan" -**Why Ham's son?**
- The cursing of the Canaanites resulted in a group of people fascinated with the worship of the moon and stars. The Israelites struggled and have continued to struggle with the Canaanites.
- What is the curse? Ham's descendant's would never rule over his brothers but in reverse Ham's brothers would rule over him and his descendants.
- However, Ham's people through history including the original Empires of the Sumerians and the Egyptians have been great and successful Empires.

- "There are no grounds in our passage for an ethnic reading of the 'curse' as some have done, supposing that some peoples are inferior to others. Here Genesis looks only to the social and religious life of Israel's ancient rival Canaan, whose immorality defiled their land and threatened Israel's religious fidelity (cf. Lev 18:28; Josh 23). It was not an issue of ethnicity but of the wicked practices that characterized Canaanite culture."-Matthews

- The Hamitic religion is messed up (astrology, worship of the dead, child sacrifice, etc.) These false religions eventually spread into the Semitic people of Babylon and eventually throughout the world.
- Man was not only to fill the earth with physical bodies but, “ with the knowledge of the Lord” (Is. 11:9; Habakkuk 2:14); preserving and passing along to each generation the promises of the Lord.
- In the final day all the descendants of Shem, Japheth, and Ham will bow down to the greatest descendant of Shem: **Jesus**

DEITY	COUNTRY	POSITION	REFERENCE
PALESTINE DEITIES IN SCRIPTURE			
Baal	Canaan	Young storm god	1 Kings 16:31;18:18-46 Judges 2:13;10:6
Ashtoreth	Canaan	Mother-goddess; love; fertility	1 Samuel 12:10; 1 Kings 11:5
Chemosh	Moab	National god of war	Numbers 21:29; Judges 11:24
Molech	Ammon	National god	1 Kings 11:7, 33; Jeremiah 48:7
Dagon	Philista	National god of rain	Zephaniah 1:5; Jeremiah 49:1
Queen of Heaven	Canaan	Same as Ashtoreth	1 Kings 18:21; 2 Kings 7:33 Judges 16:23 1 Samuel 5:2-7
PALESTINE DEITIES IN SCRIPTURE			
Marduk	Babylon	Young storm god; chief god	Jeremiah 50:2
Bel	Babylon	Another name for Marduk	Isaiah 46:1
Nebo (Nabu)	Babylon	Son of Marduk	Jeremiah 50:2; 51:44
Tammuz (Dumuzi)	Sumerian	Young storm god	Isaiah 46:1
			Ezekiel 8:14

EGYPT	MESOPOTAMIA	CANAAN - SYRIA
ORISIS	ANU	Head of Canannite Pantheon
ISIS	ENIL	Storm
HORUS	EA-ENKI	Fresh Water
HATHOR	SIN	Moon
RA	ISTAR	Fertility
SETH	NINURTA	War
PTAH	TIANAT	Salt Water

Why Ham's Son?

- In Exodus 20:5, God declared that he would "visit the iniquities of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generations." Sometimes the sins of the father are reflected in their children.
- Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "**Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.**" -John 9:1-3
- Ham and his people would reveal God's determined purpose to the glory of God.

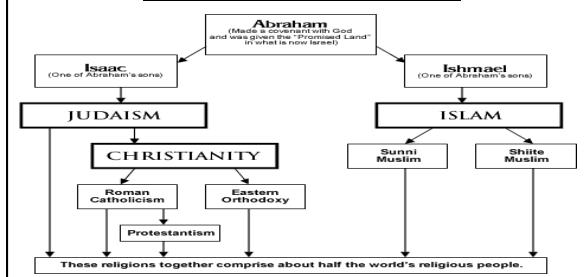
God's Determined Purpose Through Noah's Three Sons

- Spiritual: Receiving, preserving, and teaching the knowledge of the Word of God
- Intellectual: Expanding and teaching the knowledge of the Word of God
- Physical: Providing the material means for man's bodily needs and comfort so that the Word of God can spread.

Shem: Spiritual Service

- The Semitic people would be the keepers of the Word of God.
- The Semitic people produced the Messiah, Jesus.
- The Semitic people make up the three largest religious groups tied to Abraham: Jews, Christians, and Islam
- "Blessed be the LORD, the God of Shem"-v. 26

The Semitic Religions



Japheth: Intellectual Service

- The Aryans in India (Buddhist philosophy), The Greeks, The Romans, and The New World philosophers are the major intellectuals of man
- The Japhethic people are the largest conversion of people to the Word of God.
- The Japhethic people will one day dwell in the tents of Shem during the Millennial Kingdom.
- "May God enlarge Japheth, and may he dwell in the tents of Shem"-v. 27
- As the Gospel era of the Jewish people began to fade in the second century it made its way into Europe and eventually to America and the world through the sons of Japheth.

The Japhethic People Expanded The Gospel Message

"Our principle intent in the discovery of new lands is that the inhabitants and natives who are without the light... may come to the knowledge thereof and become Christians and be saved, and this is the chief motive you are to bear and hold...."

King Charles V of Spain,
Mandate to explorer
Vásquez de Ayllón, 1523

Ham: Servant Of Servants

- They were the original explorers and settlers of practically all parts of the world following the dispersion at Babel.
- They were the first of the great empires through the Sumerians, Egyptians, and Babylonians.
- They were the first cultivators of the most basic food supplies of the world: potatoes, corn, beans, cereals, and others, as well as the first to domesticate most animals.
- They developed most of the basic types of structural forms and building tools and supplies.

- They were the first to develop most of the usual fabrics for clothing and the various sewing and weaving devices.
- They discovered and invented a wide variety of medicines and surgical practices and instruments.
- They invented most of the concepts of basic practical mathematics, as well as surveying and navigation.
- The machinery of commerce and trade---money, banks, postal systems, and so forth.
- They developed paper, ink, block printing, moveable type, and other writing and communication systems. [Taken from Arthur C. Custance, Noah's Three Sons]