

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

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Class: Genesis: From Paradise to Prison

FINISHING UP (9:1-17)

1. God establishes a new _____ (9:1-3)
2. God puts forth a new _____ (9:4-7)
3. God makes a _____ with “all life on the earth” (9:8-17)
 - A. It is _____.
 - B. It is _____ with a _____.
 - C. This is the _____ covenant in the Bible.

THE “CURSE OF HAM” TEACHING (9:18-29)

This text has played a significant role throughout American church history in creating, supporting, & perpetuating the myth that _____ people are inferior to _____ people.

The bigger **context**; namely, Gen. 9:18-11:9 ... and the **theme**; namely, man's dispersal & the rise of the nations.

1. The _____ of man's dispersal (9:18-29)
2. The _____ of man's dispersal (10:1-32)
3. The _____ of man's dispersal (11:1-9)

THE _____ OF MAN'S DISPERSAL (9:18-29)

1. Noah's _____ family (9:18-19)
 - A. The concept of _____ needs to be abandoned.
 - B. The significant thing about Ham is that he's “the father of Canaan” (cp. also vs 22).
The fact that Ham was “the father of Canaan” was a prime interest to the Israelites:
2. Noah's _____ failure (9:20-23)
 - A. Noah drank wine & became drunk, and in his drunken stupor exposed himself in a shameful way, much to the amusement of Ham.
 - B. What is important is the relationship between wine, drunkenness and shameful, immoral behavior. See Proverbs 20:1; 21:17; 23:29-35; 31:1-9.
 - C. The behavior of Shem and Japheth, as well as that of Ham, in this time of sudden family crisis, provides the occasion for one of the most remarkable prophecies in the Bible.
3. Noah's _____ prophecy (9:24-29)
 - A. The curse of _____ (Ham's fourth son; vs. 25)
 - 1) We must understand the descendants of Ham (10:6-20)

- 2) It was Canaan who was cursed; not Ham nor his other three sons (Cush, Put, Mizraim)
NOTE: Scofield Refer. Bible (1909) note as compared with the NSRB (1967 edit.) on Gen. 9:25.
- 3) God's judgment on the Canaanites is spelled out in ver. 25b: "the lowest of slaves will he be."
- 4) This subjugation, enslavement, and eventual extermination of the Canaanites began to be fulfilled when Israel occupied the Promised Land under Joshua.
- 5) The 'curse' has nothing to do with black people; it's a direct prophecy of judgment against the Canaanites who later occupied the Promised Land.

B. The blessing of _____ (vs. 26). The blessing has two parts.

- 1) The LORD (Yahweh; Jehovah) was to be the God of Shem. The promise of spiritual salvation was concentrated in the descendants of Shem (Semites; Semitic peoples ... particularly Israelites).
- 2) Canaan will be the slave of Shem. Fulfilled when Israel occupied Canaan under Joshua.

C. The blessing of _____ (vs. 27). The blessing has three parts.

- 1) "May God extend the territory of Japheth."
This enlargement refers to the great geographic and numerical increase of his descendants.
- 2) "May Japheth live in the tents of Shem" = Japheth will share in Shem's blessings (Gen. 12:3).
- 3) "May Canaan be his slave."

THE _____ OF MAN'S DISPERSAL (10:1-32)

NOTE: Genesis 11:1-9 is chronologically earlier than Genesis 10:1-32.

1. Survey of the Table of Nations

Almost always listed "Shem, Ham, Japheth" (Shem receiving priority; then youngest to oldest). But in the Table of Nations the order is oldest (Japheth; 10:21); then youngest (Ham; 9:24); then Shem (who is given the place of priority/prominence). What follows 10:21-31 is "the account of Shem" (11:10-32).

A. The descendants of Japheth (vss. 2-5)

B. The descendants of Ham (vss. 6-20)

C. The descendants of Shem (vss. 21-31)

"Two sons were born to Eber: One was named Peleg (division), because in his time the earth was divided; his brother was named Joktan" (10:25). Note the drop in ages between 11:10-16 & 18ff.

2. Lessons from the Table of Nations

A. All nations are of _____ (9:18-19; 10:32; see also Acts 17:26).

"Researchers tell us that human DNA is so stable that you can take two people from any place on earth, compare their DNA, and it will be 99.8% identical. Furthermore, of the 0.2% difference, the visible characteristics (such as skin color, eye shape, & so on) account for only 0.012% of the genetic difference." [AiG]

B. All nations have _____. See Romans 3:23 and 6:23.

C. All nations have _____. See John 3:16 with Genesis 3:15.

D. All nations need _____. See 2 Corinthians 5:16-20.

THE _____ OF MAN'S DISPERSAL (11:1-9)