

WALK THE TALK //////////////////////////////////////

This page is designed for you to apply what you have learned from the Scriptures. Our goal is not just "to know" but to "act upon what we know." (His Word, Our Walk!) We encourage you to discuss the following questions with family, friends and your group.



FOR DISCUSSION:

1. What are your thoughts on Noah's drunkenness and how do you support your thoughts?
2. What did you learn about Canaan and the curse?
3. The map below and the Scripture that we studied indicates the dispersion of the three sons. What do you make of it?
4. What did you learn about God from this study and how would you apply that to your own life?



<http://www.bible-history.com/old-testament/table-of-nations-genesis-10.html>



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KEY THOUGHTS FOR THIS SERIES:

1. God is the SUBJECT of Gen 1-11 even though He is often forgotten as we talk about the FOUR incredible events of this section of Scripture.
2. These four events are given as NARRATIVE, and according to other portions of the Bible, they happened just as they are TOLD. We need to determine HOW to respond.

THE WINE AND NOAH

Gen. 9:18 The sons of Noah who came out of the ark were Shem, Ham and Japheth. (Ham was the father of Canaan.) 19 These were the three sons of Noah, and from them came the people who were scattered over the whole earth. 20 Noah, a man of the soil, proceeded to plant a vineyard. 21 When he drank some of its wine, he became drunk and lay uncovered inside his tent. 22 Ham, the father of Canaan, saw his father naked and told his two brothers outside. 23 But Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it across their shoulders; then they walked in backward and covered their father's naked body. Their faces were turned the other way so that they would not see their father naked.

1. The writing style in Genesis remains the SAME as a main thought is given and the following verses SUPPORT it. In this case, Noah had THREE sons (*Ham was the father of Canaan*) and from these sons came ALL people on the earth who were SCATTERED.
2. This account begins with a RIGHTEOUS man acting in an apparently unrighteous MANNER.

3. Noah, a FARMER, was anxious to get back into the soil and so he planted a VINEYARD. He had been on the ark for over a year, but now another LONG period of TIME passes.

4. When Noah DRANK some of the wine he became drunk and lay NAKED in his tent. What does this mean?

a. It could be that Noah just drank TOO MUCH even though he knew better. He was a SINNER too.

b. It could be that the world was now very DIFFERENT than before the flood and fermentation happened much more QUICKLY, therefore surprising Noah.

— Remember that with all the pre-flood sin, ALCOHOL is never mentioned.

— Nowhere is Noah CONDEMNED for this action.

Ezek. 14:14 even if these three men—Noah, Daniel and Job—were in it, they could save only themselves by their righteousness, declares the Sovereign LORD.

5. Noah's YOUNGEST son, Ham, "saw his father naked." This action could be as SIMPLE as it reads or could imply some sexual EVIL. Verse 24 says that when Noah "found out what his youngest son had done to him," possibly indicating MORE than just looking. There is also a CURSE involved.

6. The other two sons COVERED their father with a cloth (or robe) and were careful not to LOOK upon him.

THE WORDS OF NOAH

Gen. 9:24 When Noah awoke from his wine and found out what his youngest son had done to him, 25 he said, "Cursed be Canaan! The lowest of slaves will he be to his brothers." 26 He also said, "Praise be to the LORD, the God of Shem! May Canaan be the slave of Shem. 27 May God extend Japheth's territory; may Japheth live in the tents of Shem, and may Canaan be the slave of Japheth." 28 After the flood Noah lived 350 years. 29 Noah lived a total of 950 years, and then he died.

1. The words of Noah in verses 25-27 are the ONLY recorded words SPOKEN by him in all the Bible.

2. When Noah realized what his son Ham had "done to him," he CURSED Canaan. What? Why curse his GRANDSON?

— It is possible that since God had BLESSED Ham (Gen. 9:1), he also couldn't be CURSED.

— It is possible that the way to bring the MOST PAIN upon a man would be to curse his SON.

— In any case, Canaan would be the FATHER of a people who would become very WICKED and would live in the areas around God's CHOSEN LAND.

Gen. 17:8 The whole land of Canaan, where you now reside as a foreigner, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; . . .

3. Shem received a BLESSING with the COVENANT name of God (JHWH) and his descendants would become overseers of the line of Canaan, and even LEADERS of the line of Japheth.

4. Japheth's territory would become very LARGE. He would also RULE over the line of Canaan and "live in the tents" of Shem, which may indicate a RELIGIOUS connection.

5. Noah DIED at the age of 950 years.

THE WAVES OF PEOPLE

1. Beginning with chapter 10, Moses CLOSES the account of Noah and moves on to his DESCENDANTS. This is the LAST use of his name in Genesis.

Gen. 10:1 This is the account of Shem, Ham and Japheth, Noah's sons, who themselves had sons after the flood. . . . 32 These are the clans of Noah's sons, according to their lines of descent, within their nations. From these the nations spread out over the earth after the flood.

2. God gives us the BASIC genealogy and STORY of each of the sons and their descendants.

Gen. 10:2 The sons of Japheth: . . . 5 (From these the maritime peoples spread out into their territories by their clans within their nations, each with its own language.)

Gen. 10:6 The sons of Ham: Cush, Egypt, Put and Canaan. . . . 20 These are the sons of Ham by their clans and languages, in their territories and nations.

Gen. 10:22 The sons of Shem: Elam, Ashur, Arphaxad, Lud and Aram. . . . 31 These are the sons of Shem by their clans and languages, in their territories and nations.

3. But the point of Genesis 10 is that all of the DISPERSION happened under the direct GUIDANCE of the Lord.

Deut. 32:8 When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance, when he divided all mankind, he set up boundaries for the peoples according to the number of the sons of Israel.

Acts 17:26 From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands.