

Lesson Three: Drunkenness, Division and Divine selection

Three very important events.

1. Noah **Got drunk!**

a. The deed: Gen 19:18-28

- i. Noah and his three sons went out of the arks with their families.
- ii. Noah planted a vineyard and from the grapes he made wine and got drunk. Drunkenness is a **sin**.

1. *Ro 13:13* Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.

2. *1 Co 5:11* But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner— not even to eat with such a person. (for many the only thing in the list that is not a sin is the drunkenness)

iii. Drunkenness is seldom a **solo act**.

b. The disgrace:

- i. Noah woke up and knew that his grandson **had done** something to him.

1. *Ge 9:24* So Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done to him. *25* Then he said: "Cursed be Canaan; A servant of servants He shall be to his brethren."

- ii. This was more than a casual look. You might ask where Canaan came from. Well he was the youngest of Ham's 4 sons.

c. The disaster: Canaan was **cursed with servitude**.

- i. He will serve **his brethren**.

- ii. He will be a **servant of servants**.

- iii. Look at specifically at where they settled and who they were.

Chapter 10:15-20

1. I should specify that the curse had nothing whatsoever to do **with skin color** but with servitude.

2. Ham's other son's went to settle the great African continents.

a. Cush - progenitor of the **Ethiopians**

b. Mizriam – The **Egyptians**

c. Phut – **Libyans** and other African peoples.

- iv. See Deut. 12:29-31 - later

2. The Languages were **confused**: (Gen 11:1-9) Ham's sons were kingdom builders the biggest of all was **Nimrod**. The dirty deed was When God said spread out They said no let's stay together.

- a. Notice the materials of their Kingdom. (11:1-3)

- i. "Let us **make brick**." Verse 3 – Dan 2:34-35;44-45

- ii. They had not only the material of bricks and mortar but also **cultural** unity and **idiomatic** unity.
- b. Notice the method of their Kingdom. (11:4)
 - i. Let us build a city – stay together in **political** unity.
 - ii. And a Tower whose top is the heavens. They were looking for **religious** unity.
- c. Notice their Motive. (11:4)
 - i. Let's make a **name for ourselves**. Humanity was to be glorified and not God.
- d. Notice their mistake – (11:5-9) They planned as if there was **no God**. They didn't consider Him.
 - i. BIG LESSON: Romans 1:28 says that even though man does not like to think about God that doesn't mean he ceased to exist! (They did not like to retain God in their knowledge.)
 - ii. Ultimately God plan ruled!
 1. *Ps 115:3 But our God is in heaven; He does whatever He pleases.*
 2. *Da 4:35 All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; He does according to His will in the army of heaven And among the inhabitants of the earth. No one can restrain His hand Or say to Him, "What have You done?"*
 3. *Job 9:12 If He takes away, who can hinder Him? Who can say to Him, 'What are You doing?'*
- 3. A divine selection was made for God's ultimate solution to man's sin. (Gen 12:1-9)
 - a. A man was chosen - Abraham was not chosen because he was good or godly but because of God's on choosing.
 - b. A nation was born
 - c. A covenant was given (repeatedly)
 - i. I will bless thee – and how!
 - ii. I will make your name great
 - iii. You will be a blessing.
 - iv. I will bless those that bless you.
 - v. I will curse those that curse you.
 - vi. In thee will all families of the earth be blessed.
 1. *Mt 1:1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:*
 - d. A **pattern** was established: **Faith** for righteousness Gen 15:6.