

9:18-20

18 Now the sons of Noah who went out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. "And Ham was the father of Canaan. We are being prepped, as in verse 22, for the conquest of Canaan. ¹⁹ **These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was populated.**

9:21-23

Then he drank of the wine and was drunk, whether he knew what it took to be drunk or whether it was even possible before the flood, we don't know. All we know is that this first mention of **wine** in the Bible is also the first mention of **drunkenness**. We'll see more of this in chapter 19 and we just know that if you see what appears to be the entire world dying...you may do some extreme things.

and became uncovered in his tent. Here is another similarity, then, between Adam and Noah: 1. Both fell through fruit; 2. Both walked with God; 3. Both had three sons; 4. Both lived over 900 years; 5. Cursing results (the ground; Ham); 6. Both are charged with populating the earth; 7. Both had animals brought to them; and here 8. Both were shamed in nakedness; 9. Somebody else covered them (coats of skins from God; Shem and Japheth).

22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside. Since, in that Genesis 19 passage children got their father drunk to "see his nakedness", it seems like that could be the case here.

23 But Shem and Japheth 5:32 tells us Noah was around 500 years old when the boys were born and the flood came when Noah was 600. These boys were 100 years old. They were not the same age exactly, as is seen in verse 24 [Shem was 98 at the flood (11:10) which means he was probably the middle child while Ham was the youngest (verse 24)].

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.

9:24-27

So Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done to him. At the very least, he embarrassed his father; at the very most, something sexual took place (consider the parallel passage in Genesis 19 where incest took place from wine). **25 Then he said: "Cursed be Canaan;** So Ham is not **cursed**, but rather Ham's youngest son, it seems, is **cursed**. Perhaps it is because he took part with Ham's sin; perhaps it is because Ham is Abraham's youngest son.

^u Gen. 9:25–27; 10:6

^v Gen. 5:32

^w Gen. 9:1, 7; 10:32; 1 Chr. 1:4

Here is God's dictate for the general genocide of these people. **A servant of servants He shall be to his brethren.**" The conquest of **Canaan** has something to do with this cursing. There are approximately 400 years between this cursing and the settling of Abraham in **Canaan**. **26 And he said: "Blessed be the LORD, The God of Shem, And may Canaan be his the descendants of Canaan served the descendants of Shem in their own lands not far away.**

servant. This, from the perspective of the author who was to lead the children of Israel to **Canaan** (Exodus 3), makes the development of this story necessary beginning here in Genesis.

27 May God^d enlarge Japheth, ^eAnd may he dwell in the tents of Shem; Psalm 84:10 seems to interpret this as a way of taking part in another person's inheritance. So, **Japheth** will share the inheritance of **Shem** as stipulated in Genesis 12:1-3 and Galatians 3:8. This reality was first seen when the Europeans heard the Gospel from the fallout of Pentecost (Acts 2) and then later when Paul came to Europe in Acts 16.

And may Canaan be his servant."

9:28-29

And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years. 29 So all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years; and he died.

³ **I will bless those who bless you,
And I will curse him who curses you;
And in ^gyou all the families of the earth shall be ^hblessed."**

⁴ **So Abram departed as the LORD had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵ Then Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and ⁱthe ¹people whom they had acquired ^jin Haran, and they ^kdeparted to go to the land of Canaan. So they came to the land of Canaan. ⁶ Abram ^lpassed through the land to the place of**

^d Gen. 10:2-5; 39:3; Is. 66:19

^e Luke 3:36; John 1:14; Eph. 2:13, 14; 3:6

^f Gen. 24:35; 27:29; Ex. 23:22; Num. 24:9

^g Gen. 18:18; 22:18; 26:4; 28:14; Ps. 72:17; Matt. 1:1; Luke 3:34; Acts 3:25; [Gal. 3:8]

^h Is. 41:27

ⁱ Gen. 14:14

¹ Lit. *souls*

^j Gen. 11:31

^k Gen. 13:18

^l Heb. 11:9

Shechem, ^mas far as ²the terebinth tree of Moreh. ⁿAnd the Canaanites *were* then in the land. He is a descendant of Ham (see chapter 9). We are being told they **were in the land** to prepare us for events later in Moses' writing.

⁷^o**Then the LORD appeared to Abram** just as in Genesis 18:1. John 8:56-58 show us that this was probably Pre-incarnate Jesus. **and said,** ^p“To your ³descendants I will give this land.”
And there he

^m Deut. 11:30; Judg. 7:1

² Heb. *Alon Moreh*

ⁿ Gen. 10:18, 19

^o Gen. 17:1; 18:1

^p Gen. 13:15; 15:18; 17:8; Deut. 34:4; Ps. 105:9–12; Acts 7:5; Gal. 3:16

³ Lit. *seed*