

**Wednesday Workshop**  
*Foundations for Living—An Inductive Study of Genesis 1 - 11*  
April 14, 2021  
“The Oracle of Noahic”  
Genesis 9:18-29

**Introduction:**

The story of Noah and his vineyard and the curse of Ham

- A perplexing narrative!
- Why is it in the Bible?
- Why tell us of Noah’s failure?
- What exactly did Ham do?

II. The \_\_\_\_\_ to the Narrative (vv.18-20)

The \_\_\_\_\_ of history

- One interesting detail:  
\_\_\_\_\_ v.18 repeated in v.22
- How would the original audience have heard this?

III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Noah and the \_\_\_\_\_ of Ham (vv.18-23)

- a. Noah’s Fall is like the fall of \_\_\_\_\_
  - i. \_\_\_\_\_ of all men
  - ii. Called to \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. Sinned with \_\_\_\_\_
  - iv. Sin brought \_\_\_\_\_

v. Had to be \_\_\_\_\_

b. Ham's actions in \_\_\_\_\_ to his brothers

i. Ham \_\_\_\_\_

ii. Ham \_\_\_\_\_

IV. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Noah and the Judgment of \_\_\_\_\_. (vv.24-27)

a. Noah functions as God's \_\_\_\_\_

b. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Canaan

V. How would this have been heard by the Original Audience?

VI. How does this Speak to us?

## **Genesis 9:18-29**

<sup>18</sup> Now the sons of Noah who came out of the ark were Shem and Ham and Japheth; and Ham was the father of Canaan.<sup>19</sup> These three *were* the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was populated.

<sup>20</sup> Then Noah began farming and planted a vineyard. <sup>21</sup> He drank of the wine and became drunk, and uncovered himself inside his tent. <sup>22</sup> Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside.<sup>23</sup> But Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it upon both their shoulders and walked backward and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were turned away, so that they did not see their father's nakedness. <sup>24</sup> When Noah awoke from his wine, he knew what his youngest son had done to him. <sup>25</sup> So he said,

“Cursed be Canaan;  
A servant of servants  
He shall be to his brothers.”

<sup>26</sup> He also said,

“Blessed be the Lord,  
The God of Shem;  
And let Canaan be his servant.  
<sup>27</sup> “May God enlarge Japheth,  
And let him dwell in the tents of Shem;  
And let Canaan be his servant.”

<sup>28</sup> Noah lived three hundred and fifty years after the flood.<sup>29</sup> So all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years, and he died.

## Descendants of Noah

**10** Now these are *the records of* the generations of Shem, Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah; and sons were born to them after the flood.

<sup>2</sup> The sons of Japheth *were* Gomer and Magog and Madai and Javan and Tubal and Meshech and Tiras. <sup>3</sup> The sons of Gomer *were* Ashkenaz and Riphath and Togarmah. <sup>4</sup> The sons of Javan *were* Elishah and Tarshish, Kittim and Dodanim. <sup>5</sup> From these the coastlands of the nations were separated into their lands, every one according to his language, according to their families, into their nations.

<sup>6</sup> The sons of Ham *were* Cush and Mizraim and Put and Canaan. <sup>7</sup> The sons of Cush *were* Seba and Havilah and Sabtah and Raamah and Sabteca; and the sons of Raamah *were* Sheba and Dedan. <sup>8</sup> Now Cush became the father of Nimrod; he became a mighty one on the earth. <sup>9</sup> He was a mighty hunter before the Lord; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the Lord." <sup>10</sup> The beginning of his kingdom was Babel and Erech and Accad and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. <sup>11</sup> From that land he went forth into Assyria, and built Nineveh and Rehoboth-Ir and Calah, <sup>12</sup> and Resen between Nineveh and Calah; that is the great city. <sup>13</sup> Mizraim became the father of Ludim and Anamim and Lehabim and Naphtuhim <sup>14</sup> and Pathrusim and Casluhim (from which came the Philistines) and Caphtorim.

<sup>15</sup> Canaan became the father of Sidon, his firstborn, and Heth <sup>16</sup> and the Jebusite and the Amorite and the Girgashite<sup>17</sup> and the Hivite and the Arkite and the Sinite <sup>18</sup> and the Arvadite and the Zemarite and the Hamathite; and afterward the families of the Canaanite were spread abroad. <sup>19</sup> The territory of the Canaanite extended from Sidon as you go toward Gerar, as far as Gaza; as you go toward Sodom and Gomorrah and Admah and Zeboiim, as far as Lasha. <sup>20</sup> These are the sons of Ham, according to their families, according to their languages, by their lands, by their nations.

<sup>21</sup> Also to Shem, the father of all the children of Eber, *and* the older brother of Japheth, children were born. <sup>22</sup> The sons of Shem *were* Elam and Asshur and Arpachshad and Lud and Aram. <sup>23</sup> The sons of Aram *were* Uz and Hul and Gether and Mash. <sup>24</sup> Arpachshad became the father of Shelah; and Shelah became the father of Eber. <sup>25</sup> Two sons were born to Eber; the name of the one *was* Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided; and his brother's name *was* Joktan. <sup>26</sup> Joktan became the father of Almodad and Sheleph and Hazarmaveth and Jerah <sup>27</sup> and Hadoram and Uzal and Diklah<sup>28</sup> and Obal and Abimael and Sheba <sup>29</sup> and Ophir and Havilah and Jobab; all these were the sons of Joktan. <sup>30</sup> Now their settlement extended from Mesha as you go toward Sephar, the hill country of the east. <sup>31</sup> These are the sons of Shem, according to their families, according to their languages, by their lands, according to their nations.

<sup>32</sup> These are the families of the sons of Noah, according to their genealogies, by their nations; and out of these the nations were separated on the earth after the flood.

**11** Now the whole earth <sup>1</sup> used the same language and the same words. <sup>2</sup> It came about as they journeyed east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup> They said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and burn *them* thoroughly." And they used brick for stone, and they used tar for mortar. <sup>4</sup> They said, "Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top *will reach* into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name, otherwise we will be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth." <sup>5</sup> The Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. <sup>6</sup> The Lord said, "Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they began to do, and now nothing which they purpose to do will be impossible for them. <sup>7</sup> Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, so that they will not understand one another's speech." <sup>8</sup> So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of the whole earth; and they stopped building the city. <sup>9</sup> Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of the whole earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of the whole earth.

## **Descendants of Shem**

<sup>10</sup> These are *the records of* the generations of Shem. Shem was one hundred years old, and became the father of Arpachshad two years after the flood; <sup>11</sup> and Shem lived five hundred years after he became the father of Arpachshad, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

<sup>12</sup> Arpachshad lived thirty-five years, and became the father of Shelah; <sup>13</sup> and Arpachshad lived four hundred and three years after he became the father of Shelah, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

<sup>14</sup> Shelah lived thirty years, and became the father of Eber;<sup>15</sup> and Shelah lived four hundred and three years after he became the father of Eber, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

<sup>16</sup> Eber lived thirty-four years, and became the father of Peleg;<sup>17</sup> and Eber lived four hundred and thirty years after he became the father of Peleg, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

<sup>18</sup> Peleg lived thirty years, and became the father of Reu;<sup>19</sup> and Peleg lived two hundred and nine years after he became the father of Reu, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

<sup>20</sup> Reu lived thirty-two years, and became the father of Serug;<sup>21</sup> and Reu lived two hundred and seven years after he became the father of Serug, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

<sup>22</sup> Serug lived thirty years, and became the father of Nahor;<sup>23</sup> and Serug lived two hundred years after he became the father of Nahor, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

<sup>24</sup> Nahor lived twenty-nine years, and became the father of Terah; <sup>25</sup> and Nahor lived one hundred and nineteen years after he became the father of Terah, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

<sup>26</sup> Terah lived seventy years, and became the father of Abram, Nahor and Haran.

<sup>27</sup> Now these are *the records of* the generations of Terah. Terah became the father of Abram, Nahor and Haran; and Haran became the father of Lot. <sup>28</sup> Haran died in the presence of his father Terah in the land of his birth, in Ur of the Chaldeans. <sup>29</sup> Abram and Nahor took wives for themselves. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai; and the name of Nahor's wife was Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah and Iscah. <sup>30</sup> Sarai was barren; she had no child.

<sup>31</sup> Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife; and they went out together from Ur of the Chaldeans in order to enter the land of Canaan; and they went as far as Haran, and

settled there. <sup>32</sup> The days of Terah were two hundred and five years; and Terah died in Haran.