



THE BOOK OF  
**GENESIS**

# **NOAH'S SONS**

## **GENESIS 9:18-28**

*Here in **Genesis 9**, we find the beginning of races, nations, and unfortunately, racism!*

- The Genesis record gives us the only fully reliable account of matters relating to nations and races; and it is thus urgently important for Christians that we also believe what the Bible says.
- The Bible clearly states that 100% of all humankind is literally related to one another.

***There is a single brotherhood of all mankind.***



WHAT'S YOUR STORY? #IDefineMe

Millie and Marcia are fraternal twins and best friends. The fact that one is black and the other is white has never been an issue for them.

Marcia says, "When they learn that we're twins, they're kind of shocked because one's black and one's white."

## ***FIRST MENTION OF WINE***

The tragic story of Noah's drunkenness and the sudden unveiling of Ham's rebellious heart provides graphic evidence that, despite the cleansing judgment of the Flood, man was still a sinner and Satan still is *"the spirit that now works in the sons of disobedience."* **Eph. 2:2**

- Here we have the first time wine is mentioned in the Bible and it occurs here in connection with the drunkenness and shame of Noah.
- The first member of the alcohol hall of shame is Noah.

# ***SIN ALWAYS DESTROYS***

Noah thought he was alone while he was savoring the tasty wine he had made.

- This is the way all sin works; we think nobody will see, but Scripture is true—your sin will find you out because God sees. **Num. 32:23**
- **Ham's sin was rebellion** against his father's authority, resentment against the moral standard that had been taught and lived by Noah in his family, now tainted by Noah's hypocritical compromise!

# ***NOAH'S PROPHECY***

The basic outline of the function of each of the three major streams of nations is given in the remarkable prophecy of Noah here in **Genesis 9:25-27**.

**First**, the curse of the descendants of Ham which included the Phoenicians, Sumerians, Egyptians, Ethiopians, and other great nations of the past; and there is a good possibility they include some of the great Asian nations of the present as well.

# ***THREE NATIONAL GROUPS***

In these three sons we see three fundamental types of duties to perform as God's stewards over the world:

- 1. *SPIRITUAL RECEIVING***, preserving, and teaching the knowledge of the Word of God
- 2. *INTELLECTUAL EXPANDING*** and teaching the knowledge of the world of God
- 3. *PHYSICAL PROVIDING*** the material means for man's bodily needs and comforts, thus enabling him to fulfill his intellectual and spiritual functions more effectively

***THESE FIRST THREE PROGENITORS OF ALL MODERN NATIONS*** were recognized by their father to have characteristics representing these three national groups.

- ***SHEM*** was mainly motivated by spiritual matters
- ***JAPHETH*** by intellectual aptitude, pursuits, and interests
- ***HAM*** by physical talents, skills, and abilities

These characteristics would pass, in a very general way, to the nations descending from them by reasons of both genetic inheritance and parental example.

# ***NO RACISM IN GOD'S KINGDOM***

Note that these three streams of nations are *not* three “races;” these three sons of Noah were actually brothers.

- Though some have postulated the Semites, Japhethites, and Hamites are three races—Asian, Caucasian, and African—this is not what the Bible teaches, nor is it what modern anthropology and human genetics teach.
- ***Racism was and is satanic.*** God loves and Jesus died for all people of all colors and creeds; and we should seek to love, fellowship with, and serve all His people!