

The second half of Genesis nine focuses on the sons of Noah, specifically the ill actions of one, followed by a curse and a blessing upon the other two. We leave the story of Noah with an occurrence of sin, immediately followed by a genealogy of peoples who all came from the sons of Noah.

## Genesis 9:18-10:32

# A Genealogy of the Nations

### I. COMPARING OUR STORIES

**MY EXPERIENCE...**

**YOUR EXPERIENCE...**

In our culture today it's fairly uncommon to experience a blessing or a curse. While we see it throughout Scripture, to curse someone today would be strange, if not abhorred. A blessing, while rare, is better received, yet still not something we see very often, especially if someone comes from a secular background.

### II. CONSIDERING OUR STRUGGLES

**WHAT** is the significance of a blessing from one person to another?

**WHO** can you think of that might have the authority to call a curse down upon someone?

**HOW** might receiving a blessing or a curse affect you, or would it at all?

**DO** you think there is any merit to a blessings or curse being passed down to generations?

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### Read Genesis 9:18-10:32

#### OBSERVATION

What were the names of Noah's three sons?

According to vs. 20-21, what did Noah begin to do and what did it result in?

Describe how Noah's three sons acted upon seeing his nakedness (vs. 21-23).

Why did Noah speak a curse on Ham's son, Canaan (vs. 24)?

What did Noah specifically say to Shem (vs. 26) and Japheth (vs. 27)?

In vs. 10:2-5, who, from the line of Japheth, do you recognize?

In vs. 6-20 we see those from the line of Ham. Whose names do you are familiar to you? For what reason?

From Shem's descendants, vs. 21-32, are there any you recognize?

#### INTERPRETATION

Why is it mentioned in vs. 18 and 22 that Ham was the father of Canaan, specifically?

How does Noah's role as a "man of the soil" parallel that of Adam (see 3:23)? In what other ways do you see parallels between Adam and Noah (1:28, 9:1, 7)?

As you consider Ham's actions (vs. 22, 24) compared to that of his brothers, what seems to be different?

Why do you think Noah cursed Ham's son rather than Ham (see 9:1)?

What insight do Noah's words reveal in vs. 26? See Luke 3:23, 26.

What is significant about the blessing given Japheth and where he may dwell? What do we know about the people who came from Japheth?

When you consider the nations who came from Ham and the curse given his son, what is revealed? Consider those specifically mentioned (Canaan, the Philistines, Amorites, Sodom and Gomorrah, etc.).

#### APPLICATION

What does the population of the earth and the table of nations in chapter 10 reveal about God?

How does the promise given to Shem (and Japheth) reveal God's redemptive plan and ultimately our part of His Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20?