

# *In The Beginning*

The Sin nature is still there

## *Ham's sin and the consequences... Gen.9:20-25*

What does the Scripture make perfectly clear regarding drunkenness? Prov.20:1; Rom.13:11-14

**Yielding your senses to drunkenness is very unwise, and forbidden for believers.**

Under the influence of the wine, Noah's inhibitions are dulled, with what result? 9:21

**He uncovers himself and probably passes out or falls asleep.**

Note that when Ham, Noah's son, is mentioned, it's in what context? 9:18,22; 10:6; IChron.1:8

**Ham is the father of Canaan. The Canaanites were perpetual enemies of Israel, Josh.9:1-2**

What seems to be the heart issue in Ham's actions? 9:22

**He saw (lit. 'to gaze') Noah's nakedness, and he bore ridicule of it to his brothers.**

However, instead of joining Ham's disrespect, what's the action of his brothers? 9:23 Ex.20:12

**They carefully cover Noah. True love and respect is shown. ICor.13:4-6; IPet.4:8**

And when Noah recovers his senses, what does he understand? 9:24

**Noah grasps the truth of what Ham had done and he begins to prophesy...**

Canaan, not Ham? What Scriptural truth is embodied in this judgment? Ex.20:4-6

**God's judgments may extend to our offspring. Such is the case here. Don't forget vs.6!**

And how will the curse on Canaan be carried out? 9:26; Josh.9:23; Judges 1:28, 30, 33, 35

**The descendants of Canaan (Ham) would be (800 yrs later) the basest of servants.**

## *The blessings on Shem and Japheth... Gen.9:26-28*

The greatest blessing would be upon whom? vs.26 How does this blessing culminate? Lu.3:36

**Shem was first and greatest blessed. He is in the blood line from Adam to Jesus.**

How does Noah speak of the Lord and Shem? vs.26 Heb.11:13-16 Ps.144:15 Comment??

**Noah sees the faith of Shem and God is not ashamed to be called 'the God of Shem'...**

What 'first blessed' nation will descend from Shem? Lu.3:34-36

**The nation of Israel, the Jews, will come from Shem. God's chosen and blessed nation.**

And Japheth will be enlarged as a people, eventually dwelling where? vs.26

**Japheth's descendants are usually seen as the believing Gentiles, in faith sons of Abraham.**

How long did Noah live after the flood? vs.28 Comment??

**He lived 350 years after the flood, 950 yrs total. What stories he could tell...!**