

## Genesis 9:20-29 **Noah is Violated by Ham: His Curse, Blessing & Death**

<sup>20</sup> “And Noah began to be a farmer, and he planted a vineyard. <sup>21</sup> Then he drank of the wine and was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent. <sup>22</sup> And 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, 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.

<sup>24</sup> So Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done to him. <sup>25</sup> Then he said: "Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants he shall be to his brethren." <sup>26</sup> And he said: "Blessed be the LORD, The God of Shem, and may Canaan be his servant. <sup>27</sup> May God enlarge Japheth, and may he dwell in the tents of Shem; and may Canaan be his servant."

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

Facts revealed:

- ✧ Noah began to be a farmer and planted a vineyard. Noah had been a ship builder for the last 100 years before the Flood, but now he didn't need to continue the trade. However, now food was his need, especially since God had promised no more world-wide floods.
- ✧ Noah originated the art of making wine after the flood though it was probably done before the flood and probably contributed to the degeneration of mankind which brought on the flood in the first place.

The men before the flood were very skilful in many areas.

The folly of alcoholic beverage when used to excess is demonstrated here.

- ✧ Ham took advantage of his father's condition and violated him (here it was a homosexual act).  
**“None of you shall approach anyone who is near of kin to him, to uncover his nakedness: I am the LORD. The nakedness of your father or the nakedness of your mother you shall not uncover. She is your mother; you shall not uncover her nakedness.”** [Leviticus 18:6-7]
- ✧ Shem and Japheth attempted to cover their father's shame.
- ✧ Noah awoke from his wine and knew what Ham had **DONE TO** him.
- ✧ It is interesting that Noah did **not** place a curse on Ham; that would pass down to all the descendants of Ham. So the descendants of Ham, on the whole, were never under the curse of Ham.
- ✧ But Noah **did** put the curse on Canaan, who would be the father of the Canaanites. These are those whom God would eventually call for **“their destruction because of their wickedness”** when He brought Israel out of the land of Egypt.
- ✧ In his curse of Canaan, Noah made Canaan's descendants servants to the descendants of the brothers of Ham (Shem & Japheth).
- ✧ It is revealed that Ham was the youngest of Noah's sons. [Genesis 9:24]
- ✧ In his blessing, Noah said, **“Blessed is Yahowah Elohe** (the Lord God of) **Shem** and may Canaan be his servant.”
  - ✧ Noah placed Canaan under the authority of Shem.
- ✧ May Elohiym enlarge Japheth (Japheth meaning: **“widespread, enlarge”**), and may he dwell in the tents of Shem and may Canaan be his servant.
  - ✧ Noah also placed Canaan under the authority of Japheth.

- ✧ Thus Canaan was placed in submission to both Shem and Japheth.
- ✧ Noah lived 350 years after the Great Flood, and died at the age of 950 years.
- ✧ Noah had no other children.