

NOAH'S LEGACY
(Genesis 9:18-29)

- I. The SONS of Noah (9:18-24)
 - A. The ancestors of ALL MANKIND (9:18-19)
 - B. The SHAME of Noah (9:20-21)
 - 1. His DRUNKENNESS
 - 2. His NAKEDNESS
 - C. The CHARACTER of Noah's sons (9:22-23)
 - 1. Ham REJOICED in his father's SHAME
 - 2. Shem and Japheth helped COVER their father's SHAME (cf. 1 Cor. 13:4-7; 1 Pet. 4:8)
 - D. The AWAKENING of Noah (9:24)
- II. The PROPHECY of Noah (9:25-27)
 - A. The CURSE upon CANAAN, Ham's youngest SON (9:25)
 - 1. "Servant of servants" is more a statement of STEWARDSHIP than of SLAVERY
 - 2. Fulfilled in a specifically NEGATIVE way in JOSHUA'S conquest of CANAAN (Josh. 9:23)

INDIANS

3. Fulfilled generally in the descendants of HAM, including EGYPTIANS, PHONECIANS, SUMERIANS, ORIENTALS, AFRICANS, AMERICAN

4. Implies an inherent tendency toward PRACTICAL or PHYSICAL interests, as opposed to SPIRITUAL or purely INTELLECTUAL

B. The BLESSING on SHEM (9:26)

1. Implies an inherent tendency to SPIRITUAL zeal

2. Fulfilled generally in ALL Semites, including JEWS, MUSLEMS, ZOROASTRIANS

C. The BLESSING on JAPHETH (9:27)

1. Implies an inherent tendency toward INTELLECTUAL pursuits, stressing SCIENCE and PHILOSOPHY

2. Fulfilled generally in ALL Japhethites, including GREEKS, ROMANS, EUROPEANS, INDIANS

III. The END of Noah's LIFE (9:28-29)

A. Lived an additional 350 years after the FLOOD

B. Lived through the events at the TOWER OF BABEL

C. Lived for 58 years after ABRAHAM'S birth