



Noah

A Righteous Man in a Wicked Age

Lesson 13

Noah and His Three Sons

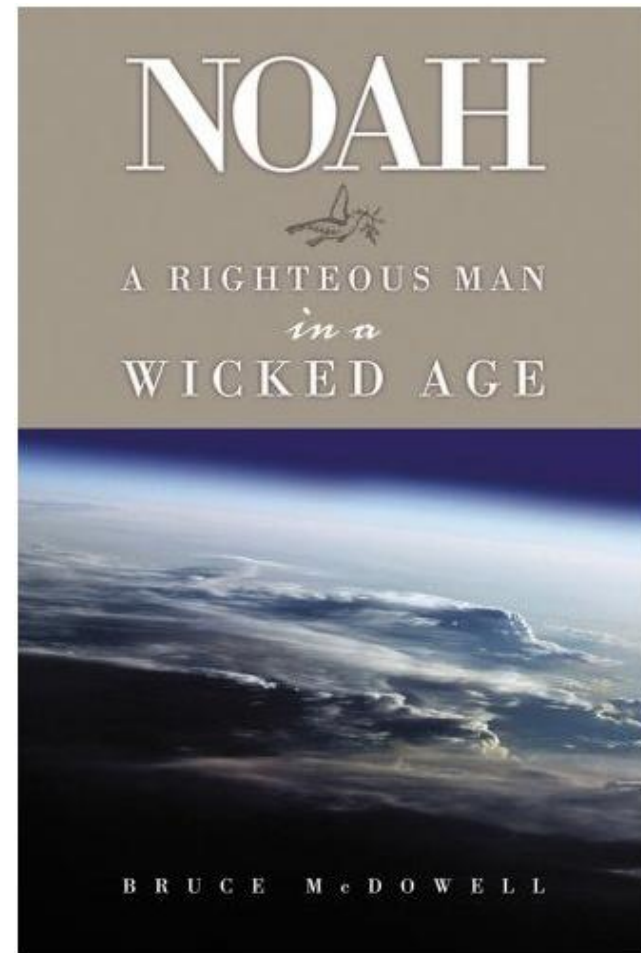
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Noah's Drunkenness

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Eber



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From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Eber (עֶבֶר, ISO 259-3 *ʿebr*, Standard Hebrew *Éver*, Tiberian Hebrew *ʿĒber*) is an ancestor of the **Israelites**, according to the "Table of Nations" in **Genesis 10-11** and **1 Chronicles 1**. He was a great-grandson of **Noah's son Shem** and the father of **Peleg** born when Eber was 34 years old, and of **Joktan**. He was the son of **Shelah** a distant ancestor of **Abraham**. According to the **Hebrew Bible**, **Eber died** at the age of 464 (**Genesis 11:14-17**) when **Jacob** was 20. The **Hebrew Calendar** synchronises this date with **1817 BCE**.

In the **Septuagint** and other **Christian Bibles** derived from it, Eber is called **Heber** and his father is called **Sala**. His son is called **Phaleg**, born when Heber was 134 years old, and he had other sons and daughters. Heber lived to an age of 404 years. (**Septuagint Genesis 11:14-17**)

In Jewish tradition, Eber, the great-grandson of **Shem**, refused to help with the building of the **Tower of Babel**, so his language was not confused when it was abandoned. He and his family alone retained the original human language, **Hebrew**, a language named after Eber (**Heber**), also called *lingua humana* in **Latin**. (There are different religious positions on this issue; :

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Children	Peleg Joktan	"division"
Parents	Salah	



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■ Noah's Sons ... Order Listed

- Shem is mention 1st
 - ✓ Father of the Jews
 - ✓ Father of the godly line of the Redeemer promised to Eve
- Ham is mention 2nd
 - ✓ Descendants played prominent role in relation to the Semites
 - ✓ Canaan is identified as the son of Ham (4th Son on Ham)
 - Mentioned to show the Hebrew readers that the race who were in possession of the land on which they were about to enter as their promised inheritance, had been accursed from the days of their father.
 - Later Canaan is cursed for Ham's misdeed

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■ Sons of Noah ... From These the Whole Earth was Populated

- Emphasizes the extent of the flood
 - ✓ Extinction of all life - except Noah, his family & the animals on the Ark
- Affirms that the whole population of the world
 - ✓ Traces it lineage to one of the sons of Noah



Genesis 9:20 - Observations

20 And Noah began *to be* a farmer, and he planted a vineyard.

■ Noah Began to be a Farmer

- Noah is referred to as a “*man of the soil*” (ESV, NET, NIV, NSRV)
- “*Noah began to cultivate the ground*” (NLT)
- Not the 1st tiller of the soil
 - ✓ Cain engaged in agricultural pursuits before (Genesis 4:1-2)

4 Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, “I have acquired a man from the LORD.”
2 Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.



Genesis 9:20 - Observations

²⁰ And Noah began *to be* a farmer, and he planted a vineyard.

■ Noah Planted a Vineyard

- Contrast
 - ✓ Noah plants a vineyard
 - ✓ LORD God plants a garden (Genesis 2:8)
- Beginning of the account of “Noah’s Fall”
 - ✓ Bible provides an honest account of its characters
 - ✓ Does not hide the flaws of its characters - all are in need of a Savior
 - ✓ Bible has two main characters of which no evil is spoken (except for Jesus)
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 - » Daniel

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Genesis 9:21 - Observations

21 Then he drank of the wine and was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent.

■ Three Things Mentioned ... Noah's Actions

1) Noah drank the wine

- ✓ Time has elapsed since departing the Ark
 - Time for Noah to plant the vineyard
 - Time for the grapes to grow
 - Time for the grapes to be harvested
 - Time for the grapes to ferment

2) Noah becomes drunk

- ✓ Noah drank to excess
- ✓ Was he aware of the dangers of drinking to excess?
 - The Bible does not say - I suspect Yes.
 - What does the Bible say about drinking and drunkenness?

3) Noah becomes uncovered in his tent

- ✓ Noah's nakedness is not in public - "in his tent"

Genesis 9:21 - Observations



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- We all sin, we all need a Savior

✓ We must acknowledge our sin

✓ We must confess our sin

✓ We must repent of our sin

Romans 5:19

19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.

John Newton

"Although my memory's fading, I remember two things very clearly: I am a great sinner and Christ is a great Savior."

1 John 1:8-10

8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.



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Ham's Shamelessness

Chapters 9:22-23



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22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside.

■ Ham, the Father of Canaan,

- Canaan was the 4th son of Ham
- There are different ways to read this phrase
 - ✓ Canaan has been born
 - And is part of the mischief of his father
 - And is not part of the mischief of his father
 - ✓ Canaan is not yet born
 - Mention is made to remind the readers of the lineage of Canaan
 - » People displaced from the promised land



Genesis 9:22 - Observations

22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside.

■ Two Things Mentioned ... Ham's Actions

1) Ham saw the nakedness of his father

✓ Noah was in his tent

- How did Ham see the nakedness of his father?
- What's implied - this viewing was not by accident

2) Ham told his two brothers outside

✓ Ham was in the tent

✓ Ham left the tent to tell his brothers - Shem and Japheth

- What did Ham say?
- What was his tone of voice? *Sorrowful of Sinful*



Genesis 9:22 - Observations

²² And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside.

■ What happened in Noah's Tent

- The Bible remains silent on just what happened

- ✓ What was done to Noah? (Genesis 9:24)
- ✓ And by whom
 - Just Ham
 - Ham and Canaan

²⁴ When Noah awoke from his wine and knew what his youngest son had done to him,

- Many speculations on specifics not recorded
 - ✓ Homosexual activity
 - ✓ Noah was castrated
- What is recorded in scriptures as Ham's *shamelessness*
 - ✓ Ham saw the nakedness of his father
 - Did not make an attempt to cover him up
 - ✓ Ham told his two brothers outside

Genesis 9:23 - Observations



23 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.

■ Actions of Shem and Japheth

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■ Actions of Shem and Japheth

- Took a garment and laid it on their shoulders
 - ✓ Reminiscent of God covering the sins of Adam and Eve (Genesis 3:21)

21 Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.



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- Went in backwards and covered Noah's nakedness
 - ✓ Garment covered Noah's nakedness
 - Type of Christ's blood that covers our sins
 - Type of the cross as it was laid on the shoulders of Christ
- Faces were turned away to not see Noah's nakedness
 - ✓ Contrast to what Ham had done
 - Ham saw Noah's nakedness
 - Shem and Japheth did not see



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Canaan's Curse

Chapters 9:24-25



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Genesis 9:24 - Observations

24 So Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done to him.

■ Noah Awoke from his Wine

- The effects of the wine have worn off
- Noah awakes and realizes what Ham has done
 - ✓ Bible is silent on
 - How did Noah know what was done to him?
 - » Told to him by Shem and/or Japheth
 - » His own memory even though he was drunk
 - What was done to Noah?
 - » Ham saw his nakedness
 - » Ham told his brothers



Genesis 9:25 - Observations

25 Then he said: "Cursed *be* Canaan; A servant of servants He shall be to his brethren."

■ Noah's Reaction

- Curse of Canaan
 - ✓ Notice Noah
 - Did not curse Ham
 - Did not curse Ham's first three sons
 - Curses Ham's 4th Son - Canaan
 - Ham's other sons escape the curse
 - Did not bless Ham in any way
 - ✓ Canaan means "the submissive one"



Genesis 9:25 - Observations

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■ Noah’s Reaction

• Specifics of the Canaanite Curse

- ✓ Canaan will be a *servant of servants* to his brethren
- ✓ “servant of servants” - lowest of the slaves
- ✓ History confirms
 - The Canaanites were partly exterminated, and partly subjected to the lowest form of slavery, by the Israelites, who belonged to the family of Shem
 - Those who still remained were reduced by Solomon to the same condition (1 Kings 9:20-21)

²⁰ All the people *who were* left of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, who *were* not of the children of Israel—

²¹ that is, their descendants who were left in the land after them, whom the children of Israel had not been able to destroy completely—from these Solomon raised forced labor, as it is to this day.



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Shem's and Japheth's Blessings

Chapters 9:26-29



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Genesis 9:26 - Observations

26 And he said: "Blessed *be* the LORD, The God of Shem, And may Canaan be his servant.

■ Blessing of Shem

- Noah blessed the LORD (Jehovah), the God of Shem
 - ✓ Not Shem directly
 - ✓ Because Jehovah is the God of Shem
 - Shem will be the recipient and heir of all the blessings of salvation
 - » Which God as Jehovah bestows on mankind.
 - ✓ May Canaan be his servant
 - Reiterated the Curse on Canaan



Genesis 9:27 - Observations

27 May God enlarge Japheth, And may he dwell in the tents of Shem; And may Canaan be his servant."

■ Blessing of Japheth

- Noah blesses Japheth directly
 - ✓ Japheth means - "widely-extending"
 - Descendants were great colonizers, spreading over Europe in one direction, over Persia and India in another.
 - ✓ Dwell in the tents of Shem
 - Share in the blessings of Shem ... spiritual blessings
 - » The Law - Moses
 - » Salvation through the Messiah, the Christ
 - » Jesus - the seed of the woman
 - » Crush the head of the seed of the serpent



Genesis 9:28-29 - Observations

28 And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years.

29 So all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years; and he died.

■ Noah's Obituary

- Noah's life is divided into two segments
 - ✓ Before the flood - antediluvian
 - ✓ After the flood - postdiluvian
- Noah lived to the 58th year of Abraham
- Lived when the tower of Babel was built
- Only four men lived longer after the flood than Noah
 - ✓ Shem, Arpachshad, Shelah, Eber
- Only two men lived longer than Noah
 - ✓ Methusaleh ... 969 [*Noah's Grandfather*]
 - ✓ Jared ... 962
 - ✓ Noah ... 950
- Noah Died
 - ✓ Completes the Story of Noah- A Righteous Man in a Wicked Age

Hebrew 9:27

27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,



