



# Genesis - Beginnings and Foundations

Chapter 9  
Feb 23, 2025

Module 5, Room 1

# Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- ✓ **Feb 2, 2025** - **Gen Ch 6B**
- ✓ **Feb 4, 2025** - **Manor Lake Daniel Ch 7**
- ✓ **Feb 9, 2025** - **Gen Ch 7 & Honduras Report**
- ✓ **Feb 16, 2025.** - **Gen Ch 8**
- ✓ **Feb 18, 2025.** - **Manor Lake Daniel Ch 8**
- ✓ **Feb 23, 2025.** - **Gen Ch 9**
- **Mar 2, 2025** - **Gen Ch 10**
- **Mar 9, 2025** - **Gen Ch 11**
- **Mar 16, 2025** - **Gen Ch 12 – Last Chapter in Gen Study**

# Quick Update ...ICYMI

## *Middle East*

- *More Hostages Released – Fierce anger in Israel, and outrage across the world at the fate of **the Bilbas children and mother**, and the parading of hostages to humiliate them before releasing them*
- *So far, the ceasefire is holding in Gaza. **BUT** the approval of phase 2 of the plan is in jeopardy, in my opinion*
- *Major Hamas Attack in Jerusalem thwarted*
- *Don't be surprised if Israel takes dramatic action after hostages returned*

## *US/World*

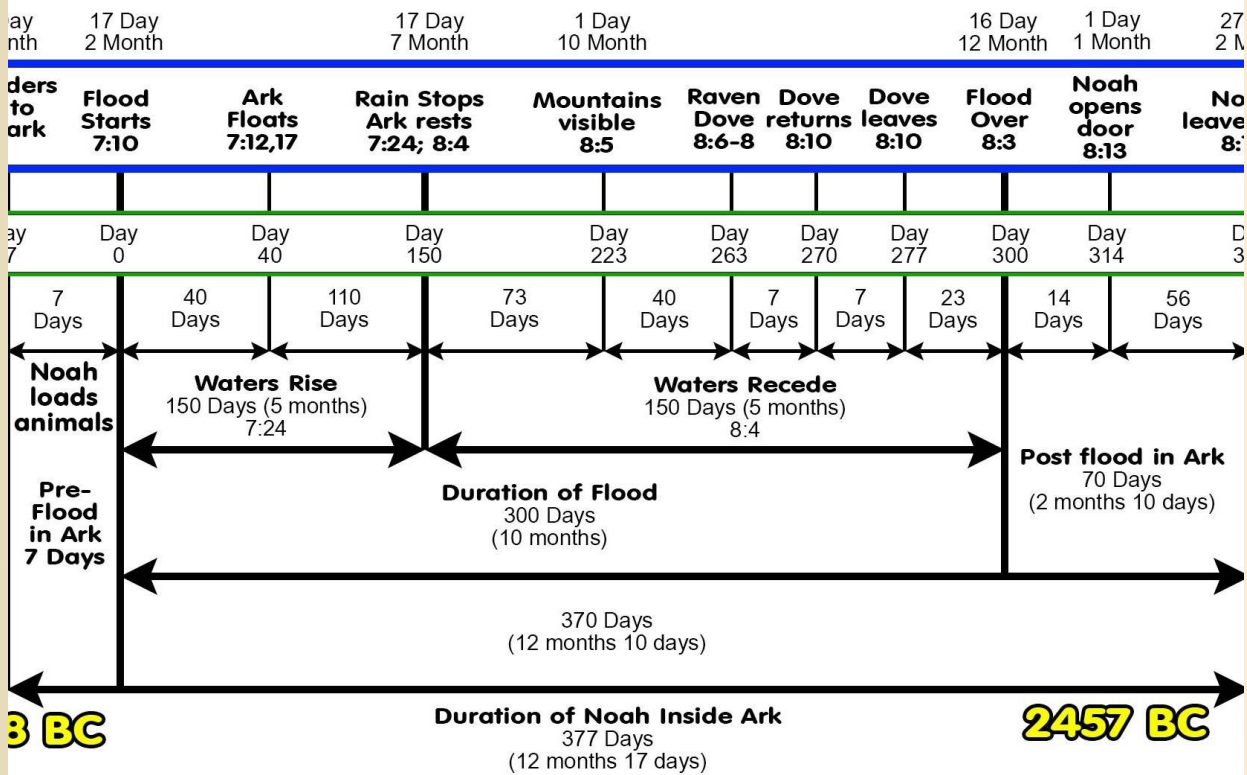
- *Battle against Trump's agenda is moving to the courts.*
- *His cabinet is nearly complete*
- *Fraud, waste, and abuse in Government is shocking and the detail and neck-deep involvement is almost unbelievable.*

# Bilbas Family



# Genesis Ch 8 Review -

## Noah's Ark Flood Chronology



Assumes a 30 day month.

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- 377 days in the Ark
- Several tests by Noah of what was outside (raven – dove 3 times)
- Ark came aground at Mt Ararat in eastern Turkey today
- Noah and his family exit the Ark with all the animals and birds
- Noah builds altar to worship the Lord

# Chapter 9:1-3 God's Covenant with Noah

*9 Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth.*

***2 The fear and dread of you will fall on all the beasts of the earth, and on all the birds in the sky, on every creature that moves along the ground, and on all the fish in the sea; they are given into your hands.***

*3 Everything that lives and moves about will be food for you.*

***Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything.***

*This is where we ended last week's discussion...*

# Genesis Ch 9:4-6 An Accounting and Lifeblood

***4 “But you must not eat meat that has its lifeblood still in it.***

***5 And for your lifeblood I will surely demand an accounting.***

***I will demand an accounting from every animal. And from each human being, too, I will demand an accounting for the life of another human being.***

***6 “Whoever sheds human blood,  
by humans shall their blood be shed;***  
***for in the image of God  
has God made mankind.***

# Genesis Ch 9:7-11 The Noahic Covenant

***7 As for you, be fruitful and increase in number; multiply on the earth and increase upon it.”***

***8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him:***

***9 “I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you***

***10 and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth.***

***11 I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.”***

# Genesis Ch 9:12-16 Rainbow – the Sign

*12 And God said, “This is **the sign of the covenant** I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come:*

*13 I have set my **rainbow** in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.*

*14 Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds,*

*15 I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life.*

*16 Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.”*

*17 So God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth.”*

# Genesis Ch 9



## Rainbows and Covenants

- The rainbow is the symbol of this covenant. **J Vernon McGee** says that *we use covenant symbols as **sacraments** because they represent visible signs of something “annexed” to certain promises of God.*
- *Passover Feasts, scapegoats, Baptism, and Communion* are all visible signs that are permanently fixed to God’s gracious covenants and promises with His people.
- One of the most common OT sacraments was **circumcision**, as a sign of the Abrahamic covenant.
- *Certainly, there are many more covenant symbols related to the cross and fruit of the Spirit.*

# Genesis Ch 9:18-22 The Sons of Noah

*18 The sons of Noah who came out of the ark were **Shem, Ham, and Japheth**. (Ham was the father of Canaan.)*

*19 These were the three sons of Noah, **and from them came the people who were scattered over the whole earth.***

*20 Noah, a man of the soil, proceeded (was the first) to plant a vineyard.*

*21 When he drank some of its wine, he became drunk and lay uncovered inside his tent.*

*22 Ham, the father of Canaan, **saw** his father naked and **told his two brothers outside.***

# Genesis Ch 9:18-22 Context for these verses

*It has been about 20 years since the Ark came to the ground.*

*Noah's 3 sons have established their own homes and families.*

*Noah returned to farming and planted a vineyard and was the first to do so after the flood*

*Noah took grapes and made some kind of wine with them and drank until he passed out in his tent.*

*The sons lived nearby and checked on their father occasionally and likely helped in the vineyard, so they were there.*

*Most likely he was flushed from the wine, got hot, and shed his cloak before falling on the bed drunk.*

*Now his youngest son Ham walks into the tent... And **SAW** his father naked and went out to tell his brothers...*

# Genesis Ch 9 *A Deeper Look*

*When the wording says he SAW his father it is the word that is translated as BEHELD in the NT, which means he studied the situation and did not just glance at him.*

*Told his brothers...the wording has the sense of being told **with delight**.*

- Perhaps Ham chafed under the strict influence of Noah, and when he saw a moral failure, he delighted in it...and assumed his brothers would feel the same way, but they did not!*
- It reminds me of the fine line of balance parents have with children as expressed in Eph 6:4*

*Fathers, do not exasperate(provoke) your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord*

# Genesis Ch 9:23-25 *The Brothers React and Act*

*23 But Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it across their shoulders; then **they walked in backward and covered their father's naked body. Their faces were turned the other way so that they would not see their father naked.***

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

*25 he said,*

***“Cursed be Canaan!***

*The lowest of slaves  
will he be to his brothers.”*

# Genesis Ch 9:23-25 Some thoughts...

- *In that day, modesty and cultural norms prevented the shame of being seen naked.*
- *If it occurred, a person was to aid in covering another up to prevent the shame*
- *Ham was giddy to find something to get back at his O-so-strict father and assumed the other brothers would be the same way. No concern for the shame of his father*
- *The older brothers acted in a proper way to protect their father and not ridicule him.*
- *How Noah found out is not said, but perhaps his wife, or perhaps he asked the brothers what happened. He probably noticed he was covered up, and not by himself so he asked about it.*
- *Lots of commentary theories about Ham, but we need to stick with the scripture*
- ***Noah reacts in anger...***

# Genesis Ch 9:24-27 Noah's Reaction and Blessings

*<sup>24</sup> When Noah awoke from his wine and found out what his **youngest son** had done to him, <sup>25</sup> he said,*

***“Cursed be Canaan!  
The lowest of slaves  
will he be to his brothers.”***

*<sup>26</sup> He also said,*

***“Praise be to the Lord, the God of Shem!  
May Canaan be the slave of Shem.***

***<sup>27</sup> May God extend Japheth's territory;  
may Japheth live in the tents of Shem,  
and may Canaan be the slave of Japheth.”***

*<sup>28</sup> After the flood Noah lived 350 years. <sup>29</sup> Noah lived a total of 950 years, and then he died.*

# Genesis Ch 9:24-27 Deeper thoughts

- *In today's morality, it seems like a strange set of verses*
- *Ham was the one who saw Noah, why did he curse Ham's youngest son Canaan, and not Ham?*
  - *Perhaps he was with Ham and added his own comments*
  - *Perhaps Noah could not bring himself to curse Ham*
  - *Perhaps Canaan was a symbol of all his brothers who were also being cursed*
  - *Ham was Noah's youngest son, and Canaan was Ham's youngest son*
  - *If we just stick to the scripture, we see...*

# Genesis Ch 9 The Curse of Canaan

- *Noah cursed the **youngest** son of Ham, Canaan*
  - *The curse of Canaan was in relation to his uncle's progeny, and his own brothers*
  - *Some interpreters assign this curse to all of Ham's sons, not just Canaan*
  - *We'll talk further about this in Chapter 10*
- *Noah blessed each of his other sons: **Japheth and Shem***
- ***Noah did not bless Ham, nor did Noah curse Ham***
- *Japheth will live in the tents of Shem (friendly, brotherly relations)*
- *Canaan and his descendants will be slaves to Canaan's brothers and to the line of Japheth and Shem*
- *We will see more of what this means in Ch 10 discussion*

# Genesis Ch 9 The Three Brothers

*Many commentators assign these traits to each brother.*

- *Oldest – Japheth – The most intellectual brother*
- *Middle – Shem – The most Spiritual brother*
- *Youngest – Ham – the most practical and physical of the brothers.*

*These traits I think have been assigned due to the historical things each of these families or tribes have done. Ch 10*

# Genesis Ch 9:28-29 and 10:1 What's Next?

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## ***The Table of Nations***

***10*** *This is the account of Shem, Ham, and Japheth, Noah's sons, who themselves had sons after the flood.*

*Next week we will look at the genealogies of each of them  
and the countries they populated*

## *Next time, we will Pickup at Gen Ch 10 – Table of Nations*

*We will study one of the most pivotable chapters in the Bible as it relates to the future, the time of the end, and the nations*

- Pray for the US, Israel, and the Peace of Jerusalem*
- Pray for First Redeemer Pastors, staff, teachers, and all who lead*
- Pray for your family and friends inside and outside the church.*
- Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to fill the land*
- Pray that the New buildings at FRC will be the base for amazing things the Lord will do here in 2025 and beyond*