

## SECTION OUTLINE THREE (GENESIS 6–10)

### III. THE PARTICULARS FOLLOWING THE FLOOD (8:1–10:32)

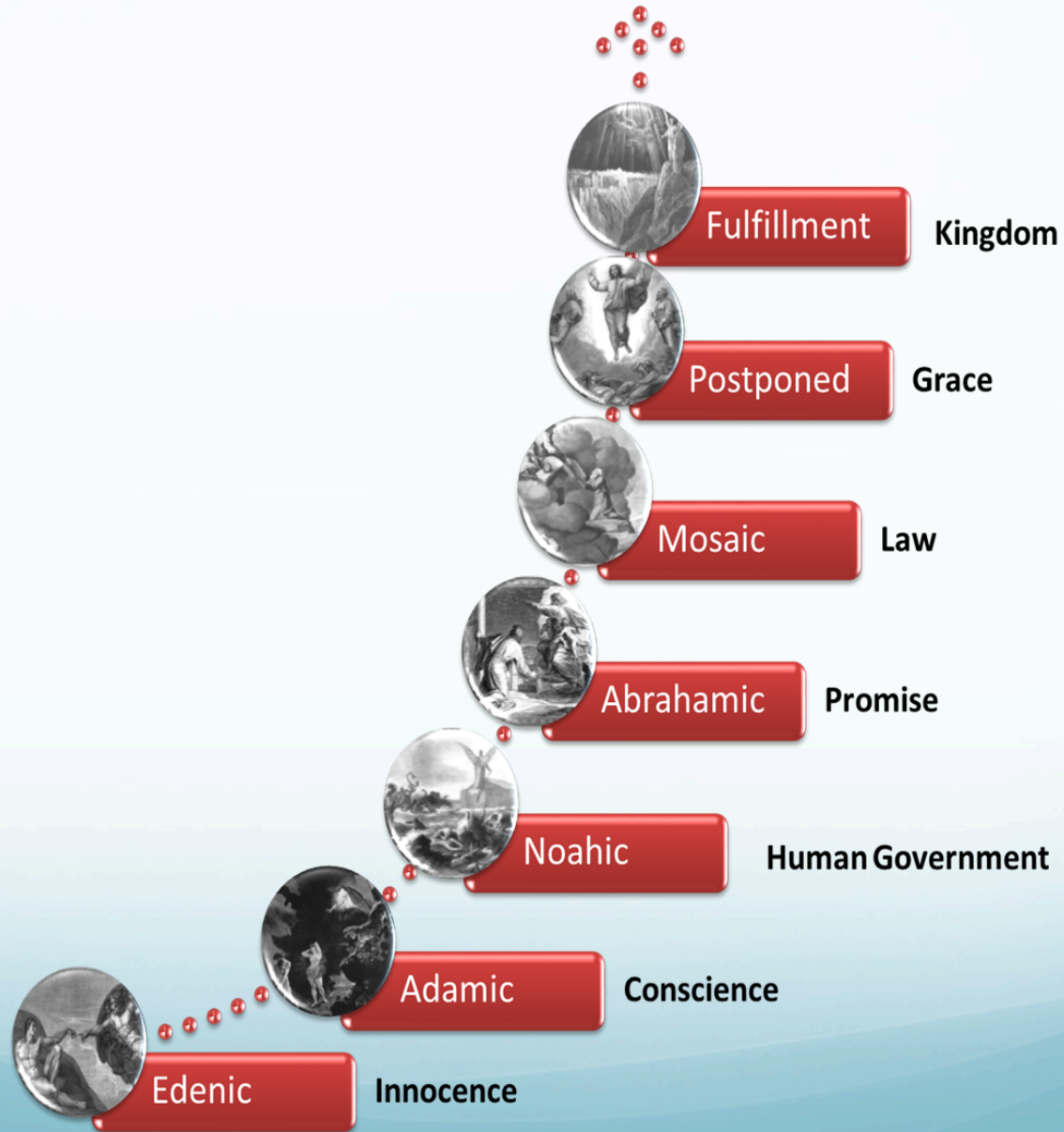
#### f. Noah's sign (from God) (9:1–17)

- i. Concerning the animals of the earth (9:1–10): They will fear people and provide food for them, but their blood is not to be consumed.
- ii. Concerning the rainbow in the sky (9:11–17): It will serve as a sign of God's promise that he will never destroy the earth by water again.

#### g. Noah's shame (9:18–29)

- i. The failure (9:18–24): Noah becomes drunk with wine and exposes himself.
- ii. The foretelling (9:25–29): Noah curses Canaan and his descendants and blesses Shem and Japheth and their descendants.

# Review of Covenants in the Bible



# Review (Cont.)

## Noahic Covenant (Genesis 8:20 – 9:17)

### Parties to the Covenant

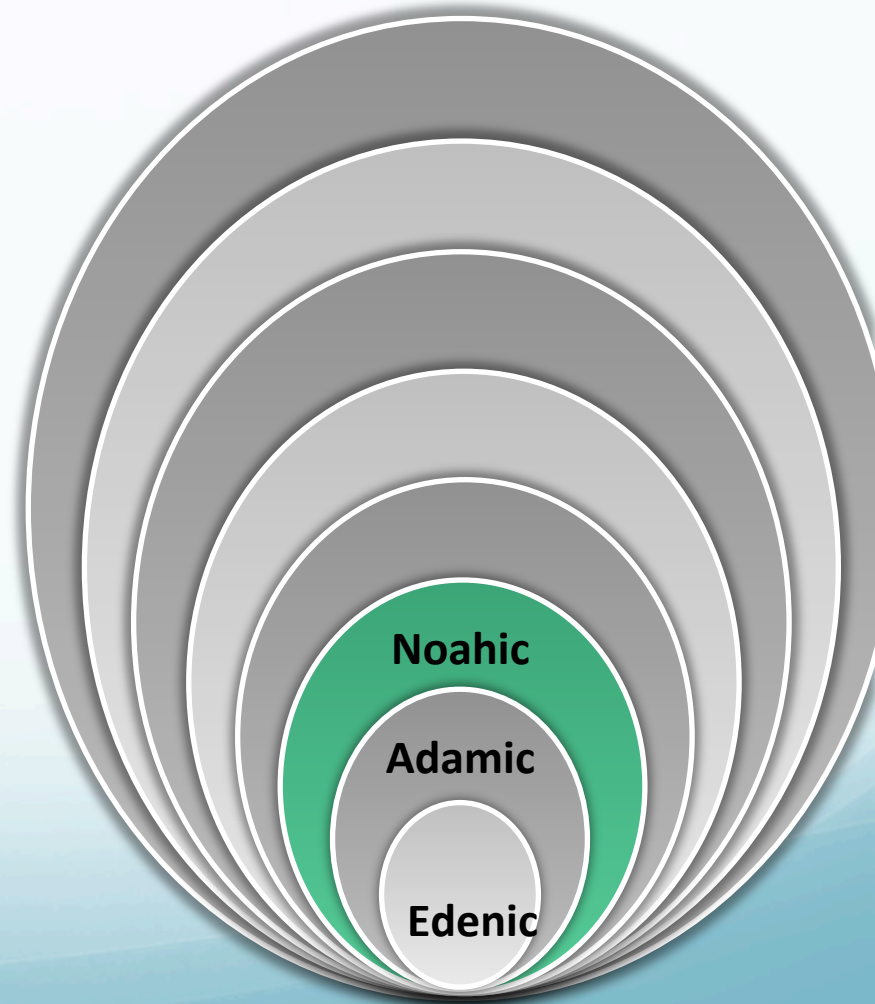
- God and Noah as the representative for mankind

### Conditions of the Covenant

- Be fruitful, multiply and fill the earth
- Man to be feared by animals
- Mankind allowed to eat meat
- Mankind not to eat or drink blood
- Institution of capital punishment
- Never again a universal flood

### Token of the Covenant

- Rainbow



# Expectations of Covenants

## Edenic responsibility

Be fruitful and multiply

Women to help man

Subdue harmonious Earth

Rule over animals

Every plant for food

Serve God and guard Eden

Not to eat of tree

## The curse for unbelief

Pain in childbirth

Authority struggle

Earth antagonistic to man

Man irresponsible to animals

Plants of field for food

Expelled from Eden

Spiritual death to physical death

## Noahic responsibility

Be fruitful and multiply

Institute government

Seasons are introduced

Man feared by animals

Meat for food

Fill the earth

Capital punishment

# Explanations of Gen. 9:21-27

- Noah “**became drunk**, and uncovered himself inside his tent.”
- Planting vineyards was likely well know to the antediluvians
- Noah “began farming & planted a vineyard” prob. not Noah’s first time planting & farming (**despite most commentators** say farming new)....Lamech was farmer/planter Gen. 5:29
- Fermentation was well known from ancient times as a means of sterilizing sweet juices (Sarfati, p.616-617)
- Wine/drinking wine not condemned in Bible (Num. 15:5-10; Deut.14:26, used to cheer the heart Judg.9:13;Ps. 104:15)
- **However** frequent dangers of drinking mentioned throughout those same texts

# Consistent Theme throughout Gen.

- Gen. 2-3
  - God planted a garden
  - From the fruit she ate...he
  - Their eyes were opened
  - They saw they were naked
  - Made themselves coverings
  - Hid themselves in trees
  - God said “where are you”
  - Promise seed of woman
- Gen. 9:18-29
  - Noah planted vineyard
  - Noah drank from wine
  - Noah, drunk uncovered
  - Ham saw his nakedness
  - took cloak covered Noah
  - covered their father
  - Noah knew what Ham did
  - blessing thru Shem

*The Bible Expositor's Commentary (Gen.-Lev.)*

# Noah's Drunkenness Cont.

- Noah was described as “righteous” & “blameless” in his time, and “walked with God” (Gen. 6:9)
- Fruchtenbaum says in commentary: “This shows that although it was stated earlier that Noah was righteous & perfect, anyone can sin; it shows that everyone does sin.”
- Ryrie: righteous.....blameless i.e., mature or well-rounded, though not sinless.”
- Liberal (enabler) commentators exonerate Noah by claim a change in earth's atmosphere caused grape juice to ferment for the first time....this defense is “feeble.” Wiersbe's commentary (with Robinson terms added)
- Yahweh is immutable/unchanging so **Noah would have received same instruction** Bible gives later (Gen. 19:30-38; Hab. 2:15-16; Lam. 4:21; Prov. 23:29-35; NT, Eph. 5:18)

# Noah's drunkenness Cont.

- Sarfati: “Indeed, what happened afterwards was: “Noah became drunk”...this really is sinful. The Bible in general is unlike most ancient books—**it doesn't hide the faults of even its greatest heroes** (Jesus of course really was perfectly sinless)...Sarfati, p. 617
- **Abraham**: Lied about Sarah being wife twice! (Gen. 12:11-20; 20:2,5)
- **Isaac**: like father, like son (Gen. 26:7)
- **Moses**: disobeyed God once & denied entry promised land (Num. 20:1-12)
- **Job**: God rebuked the righteous & blameless Job (Job 1:1), who later repented (Job. 42)
- **David**: man after YHWH's heart, committed adultery & murder (2 Sam. 12)
- “In this Genesis passage we see that even Noah, after his total obedience to God before, during, and just after the Flood, stumbled as well.” Sarfati, p. 617



## Noah's drunkenness & Nakedness Cont.

- Wiersbe: “Both his drunkenness & his nakedness were disgraceful, and the two often go together (Gen. 19: 30-38; Hab. 2:15-16; Lam. 4:21).”
- “Alcohol isn’t a stimulant, it’s a narcotic; and when the brain is affected by alcohol, **the person loses self-control.**”
- “The Bible doesn’t excuse the sins of the saints but mentions them **as warnings to us not to do what they did** (1 Cor. 10:6-13).”  
Wiersbe, p.57
- Spurgeon said, “God never allows His children to sin successfully, there is always a price to pay.”
- So we will not “carry out the desire of the flesh..... drunkenness” .....but “walk by the Spirit...and exhibit the Spirit’s fruit.....and self-control.” (Gal. 5:16, 22-23)

# Robinson's Exegetical Exhortations (quick theological Bunny trail)

- Be careful in “accessing” “gauging” your “progressive sanctification”
- You can/will “minimize” the focus on the cross/Jesus and “maximize” yourself= you falling into temptation...many times to the exact sin you are claiming “victory” over
- 1 Cor. 10:12-13, “Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall.....13, God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able....will provide the way of escape...so you will be able to endure it”
- Example of Peter Mk 8:29;Lk. 9:20, “You are the Christ”....then right after “rebuked” & “denied” Christ had to die & be resurrected, Jesus said to the “progressing in sanctification Peter” , “get behind me Satan”
- Are we doing better than the Apostle Paul?.....”....for I am not practicing what I would like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate” Romans 7:15-25
- Ryrie: “The intensely personal character of these verses and the use of present tenses indicate that this was Paul’s own experience as a believer.”

# Comparison to Apostle Paul/Dangers in Sanctification

- So what is Paul's exhortation/warning? **BE WEAK!!**
- Rom. 8:26 "Spirit also helps our **weakness**"
- 1 Cor. 1:25, "the **weakness** of God is stronger than men"
- 2 Cor. 11:30, "if I have to boast, I will boast of what pertains to my **weakness**"
- 2 Cor. 12:9, And He (the Lord) said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power **is perfected in weakness**. Most gladly, therefore I will rather boast about my weakness, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me."
- 2 Cor. 12:10, "**therefore I am well content with weakness**, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong." **AMEN!**

## Robinson Theo. Bunny Trl. Cont.

- Klingler in 2014 Gospels class: paraphrasing his words, “By focusing/gauging our walk on the progressive sanctification scale **we diminish** the focus on the cross of Christ and relinquish His/the Spirit’s power and **focus on achievement/results**” .....Klingler then asked the class, “How’s that working for you?” To which I thought to myself, “**not very good**”
- Another excellent “Klinglerism”, “outside of the imputed righteousness of Christ, I/**we got NOTHING!**” .....**Amen to that!**
- “kingdom living” .....I’m exhorted by my NT proffs to “**just practice kingdom living** Richard” .....**huh?** My response to them, similar to Klingler, “how’s that going for you?” .....they can/some do say, great! (I wonder how honest of an answer that is?!)
- Woods’ exhortation from Men’s breakfast earlier in year, “**Gal. 3:3, Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?**”

## Why/What did Ham do that deserved the curse (9:22)

- “The most significant element of this passage is the **blessing and cursing, the 2 motifs that occur repeatedly throughout the book.**”  
Ross, *Creation & Blessing*, p.209
- The Hebrew (ra a) here means “to look at searchingly” (Song 1:6; 6:11b), not a harmless or accidental seeing. Waltke, p. 149
- Henry Morris on Ham’s actions, “expressed a long-hidden resentment of his father’s authority and moral rectitude.(not sure how he got this exegetically) There was apparently a carnal and rebellious bent to Ham’s nature.”
- “and Ham, the father of Canaan” .....”this may imply that Canaan may have participated in his father sin, adding an affront to the dignity of the father—a transgression against filial piety.”  
Fruchtenbaum, p. 197

## Alternate views of what occurred to warrant curse

- **Rabbinical tradition view:** Ham castrated his father so that would not have a fourth son.....**Biblical evidence?????**
- **Other Rabbinical view:** Ham committed sodomy with his father... again, **scriptural evidence?????**
- Waltke seems to take a version of the homo-sexual view, Probably just Ham's prurient voyeurism is meant (see Hab. 2:15). His voyeurism, however, is of the worse sort. Voyeurism in general violates another's dignity and robs that one of his or her instinctive desire for privacy and for propriety. It is a form of domination. Ham's however, is perverse, for his is homosexual voyeurism. Worse yet, he dishonors his father, whom he should have revered in any case (Ex. 21:15-17; Deut. 21:18-21; Mk 7:10), and then increases the dishonor by proclaiming it to others." Waltke, p. 149

# Views on Ham's actions & the Curse Cont.

- “Ham’s acting with moral abandonment seems to be the antithesis of honoring his father (which later became one of the Ten Commandments). Ross, p. 210
- Ross rightly says this, “The purpose of this section of Genesis is to portray the characteristics of the three branches of the human race in relation to blessing and cursing.” Creation & Blessing, p. 210
- Ham’s disposition toward moral abandon thus bore fruit in the immoral acts of his descendants, the Canaanites. Ross, *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*, p.41

# Shem & Japheth's Response

- As the genealogies in Genesis show, the importance of Noah's son Shem lies in his being the central link between the "seed" promised to Eve (Adam) in 3:15 and the "seed" promised to Abraham in 22:18. Shem is the one through whom the promised blessing will come to Abraham and, through him, to the world. So it will be in Abraham's "seed" that the author will set forth his final case for regaining the lost way of blessing: "Abraham believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness" (15:6). Longman, p. 135
- "Shem & Japheth refused to join in Ham's sin, and even more, would not risk even involuntarily seeing their father naked. The difference between the brothers would have far-reaching implications for their progeny." Sarfati, p. 620



# Noah's Pronouncement/Oracle

- **Repeat antediluvian history**: Adam's 3 children divided: Ungodly Cainites & godly Abel, replaced by Seth & his descendants
- Also Noah's descendants: **reprobate Canaanites** & the godly Shemites, who will be succeeded by the Japhethites (generally speaking)
- Canaanites= curse laden descendants **of the Serpent**
- Why Canaan rather than Ham?
  - Curses & blessings on 3 sons have descendants in view
  - Youngest son wrongs father, **Ham's youngest cursed**
  - Ham's descendants include: **Egypt, Philistia, Assyria, Babylon** (10:6-13)
- \*\* “The Canaanites were to suffer the curse and the bondage not because of the sins of Ham, but because they themselves **acted like Ham**, because of their own transgressions” .....Cassuto, p.155

# Noah's Prophecy/Curses & Blessings Cont.

- Waltke makes a great observation: “However, the general curse is not without exception. As the first scene clarifies, the difference between the future prospects of the ancestral brothers pertains to their morality, not to their ethnicity as such. The family of the **Canaanite prostitute Rahab** will become part of the covenant people (Josh. 2:14; 6:17, 22-25; Matt. 1:5; Heb. 11:31), and the family of the Judean Achan will be cut off (Josh. 7). When Israel behaves like the Canaanites, the land also vomits them out (2 Kings 17:20)
- Another consideration not found in the commentaries I read: “You don’t mess with God’s anointed.” Dr. Charlie Baylis, Sermon on the Mount class Fall 2015
- This is a valid argument (above): Consider ahead: Abraham, who **deceives twice** and still gets blessed
- Joseph: Sold by brothers/enslaved to Egyptians...still blessed

# Alternative/Valid view of Descendant Blessing

- Jacob: deceiving Isaac.....taking/stealing birthright
- Moses: Murder.....mad, hits rock
- King Saul and David's respect for the anointed of YHWH: many opportunities to kill Saul.....did not
- King David: Adultery, murder, son Absalon tried to kill the anointed (not good idea)
- King Solomon: Given wisdom.....decided not to use/apply it.....still blessed.....because he was the anointed
- Numerous prophets of God: Elijah/Elisha.....good luck killing/defeating those anointed of God

# Wiersbe's Summary of the 3 descendants of Noah

- Canaan: Enslavement...the very nations the Israelites conquered & whose land they inhabited (Gen. 15:18-21; Ex. 3:8, 17; Num. 13:29; Josh. 3:10; 1 Kings 9:20)
- Shem: Enrichment....Noah, blessed not Shem, but the Lord, the God of Shem, in doing so glorified God. Ancestor will be Abraham...founder of the Hebrew nation...i.e. the Jewish people. The name “Shem” means “name”, and it is to be Israel to preserve the name of the Lord. Shem was 2<sup>nd</sup> born son, but wherever the 3 sons are listed, Shem's name is first (5:32; 6:10; 9:18; 10:1; 1 Chron. 1:4). Many other instances of God's grace and sovereignty elevating the second born to the position of the first (Abel instead of Cain; Isaac instead of Ishmael; and Jacob instead of Essau.....Paul discusses this profound truth in Romans 9
- Japheth: Enlargement: Ancestor of the “Gentile nations” They enlarged/inhabited more territory than other 2. The descendants of Japheth in the NT (Gentiles) are also through faith in Messiah (THE Anointed ONE) grafted in a salvific way.....but did not/do not “replace” Israel (last sentence my addition to Wiersbe's comments, for dispensational clarity)

# A Summary Message/Takeaways

- “God will bless the righteous but curse those who live in moral abandonment” Ross, p. 219
- God’s will through His anointed **CANNOT be thwarted**..i.e. He is Sovereign
- **Be careful** in accessing your “progressive sanctification” (My bunny trail) **Do it in humility & reverence for God**
- Prophecies made by God’s anointed **ALWAYS** come true
- The **Story of the Bible**...the plot, protagonist(s), antagonist(s) are consistent throughout.....ex: similarities in story in comparison Adam & Eve....Noah.....Abraham.....Isaac.....etc

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