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# Ham, Son of Noah

Genesis 6:9 These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

Genesis 6:10 And Noah begat three sons, Shem, **Ham**, and Japheth.

# A new world



■ Genesis 7:22 All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died.

Genesis 7:23 And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark.

■ Genesis 7:24 And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

# A new beginning



- Genesis 8:1 And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters assuaged;
- Genesis 8:2 The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained;

# A prayer of thanksgiving



Genesis 8:20 And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

Genesis 8:21 And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.

Genesis 8:22 While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

# Noahs Tent



Genesis 9:20-22

And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard: [21] And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent. [22] And **Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without.**

“ Saw his fathers Nakedness”..



- What does this phrase mean? Many taken it to mean that Ham committed a homosexual act against Noah.

# [ Canaan's Sin ]



- Genesis 9:22-23
- And **Ham**, the father of **Canaan**, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his **two brethren** without. [23] And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and **covered the nakedness of their father**; and their faces were backward, and they **saw not their father's nakedness.**



# [ Noah awakens..... ]



■ Genesis 9:24-25

■ And Noah awoke from his wine, and **knew what his younger son had done** unto him.

[25] And he **said**, Cursed be Canaan; a **servant of servants** shall he be **unto his brethren**.

# The Misinterpretation



The name of Cush, Ham's eldest son, means 'black' in Hebrew. Early Jewish scholars used this passage, and the idea that the Hamitic people were to be a "servant of servants", to rationalize the Israelite subjugation of Cush's younger brother, Canaan. These scholars, working around the 6th century AD, introduced the idea that the sons of Ham were marked by dark skin.

# [ The More Misinterpretation .. ]

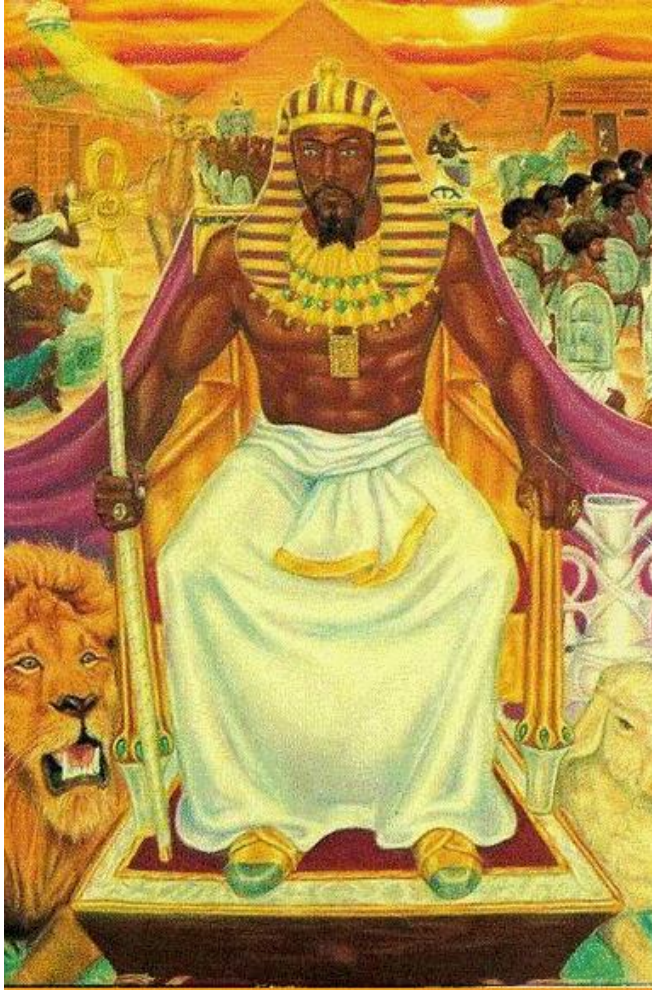


In the middle ages European scholars of the Bible picked up on the Jewish idea of viewing the "sons of Ham" or Hamites as cursed, possibly "blackened" by their sins. This well suited the ideological interests of the elite; later, with the emergence of the slave trade, it justified the exploitation of a ready supply of black African labour.

# [ Still More Misinterpretation .. ]

- In Mormonism, the racial interpretation of the curse of Ham has taken a circuitous route. There was never an "introduction" of the doctrine into Mormonism by the movement's founder Joseph Smith, Jr., because he took the doctrine for granted, like most other white Christian Americans of his era. While Joseph Smith, Jr.'s was probably taught the curse of Ham doctrine much earlier, the first recorded indication of his acceptance of the doctrine is found in a parenthetical reference as early as 1831. (Manuscript History 19 June 1831).

# But..the Curse is not on Ham !....



Noah's response is not to curse Ham, but to curse the **younger son Canaan**. Nowhere do we read of Ham, or any of his other sons, falling under this curse. Egypt, and Babylon are two of the nations that resulted from Ham. These nations enslaved Shem's sons. Shem's children became servants to Ham's children, not the other way around. It is obvious that all of Ham's offspring were not cursed with Canaan. Furthermore, we do not read of anyone being cursed with black skin anywhere in Scripture. In fact, if someone was cursed with a skin color change, his or her skin was turned

# [ To be like the Bereans ]

- Acts 17:10 And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews.
- Acts 17:11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and *searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.*

# The bible explains the bible

## Forbidden in Scripture

### Leviticus 20:11

If a man sleeps with his father's wife, he has dishonored his father. Both the man and the woman must be put to death; their blood will be on their own heads.

- Leviticus 20:11
- And **the man that lieth with his father's wife hath uncovered his father's nakedness**: both of them shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.

# [ The sin of Ham ]

- Leviticus 18:8 The **nakedness of thy father's wife** shalt thou not uncover: **it is thy father's nakedness.**
- Deut. 27:20 Cursed be **he that lieth with his father's wife;** because he **uncovereth his father's skirt.** And all the people shall say, Amen.



# [ The Sin of Ham and..... ]

- These verses very clearly define his **fathers nakedness** to mean having a **sexual union with ones fathers wife**. Hence, Noah was not violated by a homosexual act; rather Noah's wife was involved with a sexual act. We do not know whether this was willingly or against her will. Either way it is something that God finds abhorrent.

# [Canaan.....]

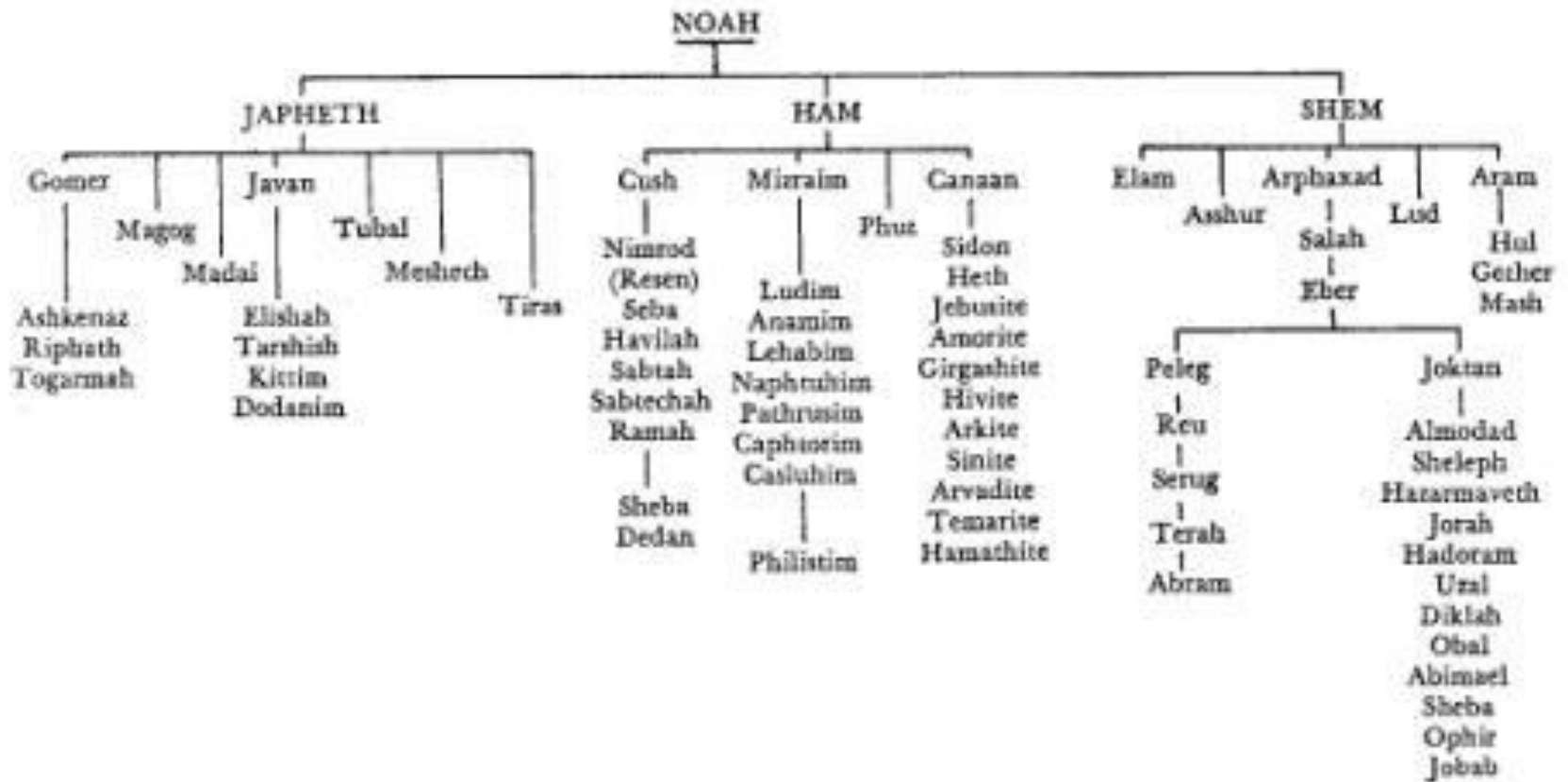
- Ham saw something. It is critical to not read into the passage. Nowhere does this account state that Ham did anything. What is recorded is the fact that he was an eyewitness. What Ham saw is someone having sex with Noah's wife. Prior to mentioning this incident in Scripture, Moses continuously connects Canaan's name with Ham. Notice Moses does not mention any of Ham's other sons nor did he mention Ham's brothers and their sons, only Canaan (Genesis 9:18,22). Therefore, the only conclusion we can make is that **Ham saw his son Canaan** fornicating with his father's wife. It is for this reason that **only Canaan is cursed**

# [ Are blacks the cursed race ? ]

- The biblical record is clear that Ham did no wrong; neither did his father curse him. In fact, Scripture nowhere speaks of Ham in a negative way. Neither were any of Ham's descendants cursed other than those associated with Canaan. Canaan's curse was fulfilled when Ham's brothers (Shem) descendants took over the territory of Canaan.

# [ The descendants ]

## GENEALOGICAL TABLE OF THE DESCENDANTS OF NOAH



# [ The seed of Ham ]

- Abraham, at the age of 140, married Keturah. He had six sons with her. One of her sons founded a country in the east, and named it after himself, Midian. This man was the distant relative of Jethro, the Priest of Midian and the father-in-law of Moses. Jethro was important in the formation of how Israel would be governed

# [ Abra...Ham... Father of many Nations ]

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- Hams name was added to **Abraham**, the father of faith, by changing his name from Abram to **Abraham**. God did this to include the many nations and kings Hams seed would produce through Ishmael who also was a descendant of Ham through Hagar (an Egyptian).

# [ Joseph's Wife.... Asenath ]



- **Joseph** married one of Hams descendants, named Asenath. He had two sons with her. His sons became two of the leaders of the twelve tribes of Israel (Genesis 41:50-52, Genesis 49th chapter). *If Hams descendants were cursed, then two of Israels tribes have always been cursed!*

# Moses's Wife (a descendant of Ham)



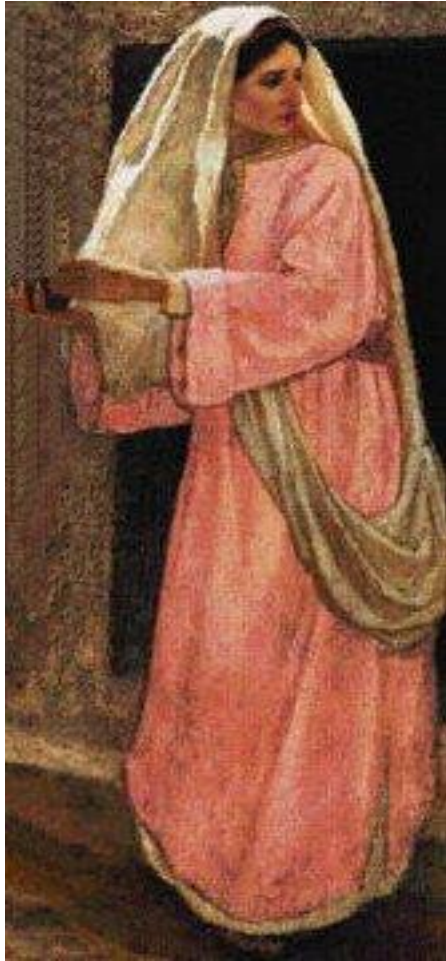
- *Exodus 18:5* Zipporah, the daughter of Jethro (priest of Midian), became Moses' wife after Moses heroically rescued Jethro's seven daughters from bullying shepherds (*Exodus 2:16-21*). She was a Midianite, a descendant from Abraham through Ishmael and Midian, a Hamite and Semitic lineage. Ishmaelites (descendants of the Egyptians) and Midianites (descendants of Abraham through Keturah)



# A change of color !

- Numbers 12:1 And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman.
- Numbers 12:10 And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle; and, behold, Miriam became leprous, white as snow: and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, she was leprous.

# [ In the Lineage of Christ... ]



- **Salmon** married a Canaanite by the name of Rahab. She became the great-great-grandmother of David (Joshua 2 & 6:17-23). This Canaanite descendant of Ham is only one of four women mentioned in the genealogy of Christ (Matthew 1:5-6). This means that both Jesus and David had Canaanite blood in their veins. If Racial Prophecy were correct then Jesus and David are cursed because they are descendants of Ham, through Rahab!

# [ So who was cursed ? ]

- It was the nation that sprang from Canaan that was cursed, not the people who constituted it.
- Exodus 13:11 And it shall be when the LORD shall bring thee **into the land of the Canaanites**, as he sware unto thee and to thy fathers, and shall give it thee,

# What does science say about race ?

- **Genes, race and history** 1 July 1995  
(From New Scientist Print Edition)
- “ modern molecular genetics has established that genetic profiles cannot divide humanity into any definitive types. There are **no genetic markers for "race"** or "ethnicity":

# The Bible Says there is only one race !

- Acts 17:26 And hath made **of one blood** all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

# [ God Looks at the Heart ! ]

- 1 Samuel 16:7 But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, **but the LORD looketh on the heart.**