




The Black Edition

The Gathering Blacks in the Bible

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Genesis 2:7-14



**From one man he made all the nations
that they should inhabit the whole
earth; and he marked out the appointed
times in history and the boundaries
of the lands.**

Acts 17:26




Black lives really matter.



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**Are we as people of African
descent included in the word
of God in a significant way?**



**Cain Hope Felder,
the General Editor of
The Original African
Heritage Bible**



The garden of Eden was located in Africa. The ancestral home of man (Adam) humanity's common ancestor was in Africa, the land associated with the beginning of Eden in the Bible.




The Bible, along with archaeological findings, provides us with extensive evidence that the ancient people were located in Africa.




Genesis 1:27




Genesis 2:7-25




The man was named Adam, the Hebrew for man. It sounds like and may be related to the Hebrew for ground (Adamah) Adam was made from dirt. The name Adam also means “red” or taken out of “red or clay earth”.




**The name Adam means
“reddish brown.” which gives us
an initial indication that he was
black or a man of color.**




Genesis 2:8-14 indicates that the first two rivers of Eden were in ancient Cush, the term that the Greeks would later transpose as Aithiops or Ethiopia, meaning literally, “the land of burnt faced people”.



**Genesis 2:11-12 connects the
Pishon River with Havilah,
who is a direct descendant
of Cush.**




**The Gihon River is cited in Genesis
2:13 as the second river in Eden
surrounding the whole land of
Cush/Ethiopia. Clearly, wherever else
“Eden” extended it’s legacy
was within the continent of Africa.**



The term Afro-Asiatic correctly identifies the mixed stock of people who populated the ancient Near East. The earliest Biblical people by modern standards of racial types would have to be classified as Blacks.



**Where did the worlds
ancient ancestors
originate?**



God, who himself has a communal nature, in that he is three persons in one, understands intimately the joys of being in community with others.



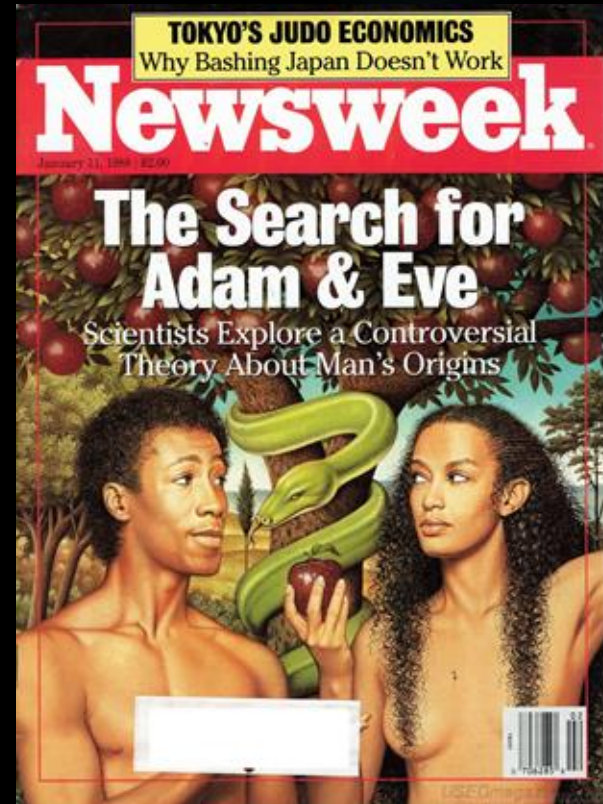
**He said, it is not good
for man to be alone.**



**From one man and woman
God made all the nations.**

Acts 17:26

On the cover of the January 11, 1988 edition of Newsweek magazine, there was a picture of “a Black Adam and Eve”.





**The remains of Eve, the first
woman had been found in
Sub-Saharan Africa.**




**This is before the Flood,
but let's talk about
after the Flood.**



After Noah was 500 years old,
he became the father of Shem,
Ham and Japheth.

Genesis 5:32




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


Genesis 9:7



Genesis 9:18-10:32



The name Ham means “dark or black”; the name Shem means “dusty” or “olive color”, and the name Japheth means “bright or fair”.



**Noah's three sons are said
to be the progenitors of
the three basic races of
humankind.**

Biblical scholars and some anthropologists consider:


- **Ham to be the ancestral father of Black people, Mongoloids and Indians.**
- **Shem to be the ancestral father of Semites that include Arabs and Jewish people.**
- **Japheth to be the ancestral father of Caucasians.**




Descendants of Ham




Cush – Ethiopian people.



The two are used interchangeably.
The word “Cush” is a Hebrew word meaning “Black”. Ethiopia is a Greek word meaning “man with a (sun) burned or black face”.

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- **In Song of Solomon 1:5, the woman who was married to Solomon described herself as Black and beautiful (or lovely), was an Ethiopian or Cushite.**
 - **In Numbers 12:1, we are told that Moses married an Ethiopian woman.**

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- In Isaiah 18:1,2,7, the prophet Isaiah describes the military sent from Ethiopia to King Hezekiah to assure Israel of their assistance.
 - In Zephaniah 1:1, we learn that the great minor prophet and author of the book that bears his name was the son of an Ethiopian.



**Ethiopia and Egyptian
recorded history began
about 3500 B.C.**



Egypt



The ancient inhabitants of this African land called the country Khum, Kum or Ham, which literally meant “the Blackland”. They called themselves Khemi or Kamites or Hamites.



The Psalms refer to Egypt as the land of Ham.


- Psalm 78:51
- Psalm 105:23
- Psalm 105:26-27
- Psalm 106:21-22



Phut or Put (Libya)

The Bible names Put in the following verses:

- **Ezekiel 27:10, 30:5; 38:5**
- **Jeremiah 46:9**
- **Nahum 3:9 in this verse Ethiopia (Cush) Egypt, Phut and Libya were allies of Ninevah, which suggests that they had a political as well as an ethnic relationship.**



**The youngest son was Canaan
(Palestine) and is the one that we
know the most about because of the
curse of Canaan in Genesis 9:20-26.**



**Geographically, the Canaanites
were the original inhabitants
of the land of Israel.**

I Chronicles 4:20



The Black Edition: The Gore and the Glory

Discussion:



- 1. What in this lesson was new information to you?**
- 2. How did you feel receiving this information about the history of Black people in the Bible?**
- 3. What questions do you have?**
- 4. What will you do with the new information you have received?**