

# The Gore and the Glory



## The Black Edition Blacks in the Bible The Gathering

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# Genesis 9:20-29



# Cursed be Canaan!



**May Canaan be the slave of Shem.  
May God extend Japheth's territory;  
may Japheth live in the tents of Shem,  
and may Canaan be the slave to Japheth.**



**The Lord smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures as I have done.**

## **Genesis 8:21**



God then made a  
covenant with Noah.



**“even though every inclination  
of the human heart is evil  
from childhood.”**



God gave Noah the  
rainbow sign.

No more water,  
the fire next time.



# The Gore and the Glory.



**Noah's three sons are said to be the progenitors of the entire human race, even as Adam had been and from them came the three basic races of humankind.**



**Ham was the ancestral father of  
Black people, Mongoloids and  
Indians. Ham's sons were Cush,  
Egypt, Put and Canaan.**



**Shem was the ancestral father  
of the Semites or Sumerians  
that include Arabs and  
Jewish people.**



**Japheth was the ancestral  
father of Caucasians.**

# The Gore – The Curse



**Noah planted a vineyard – Genesis 8:20.  
The text says that he proceeded or began  
to plant a vineyard. The word proceeded,  
also is translated “was the first.”**



# Proverbs 23:29-35



**Inquiring minds want to know,  
what did Ham do? Many  
different theories and ideas  
have been proposed.**



**But the Hebrew expression here  
means what it says in verse 22,  
Ham...saw his father's  
nakedness.**



**Ham was not involved with his mother or father sexually. If that had been the case, then the Hebrew word translated “he uncovered” (the causative form of galah) his father’s nakedness” would have been used.**



**Honor your father and mother, so  
that you may live long in the land  
the Lord your God is giving you.**

**Exodus 20:12**



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



**This verse makes clear that only  
one of Ham's sons was cursed,  
Canaan, the youngest one.**



**Noah cursed Canaan and  
made him the slave of the  
brothers of Ham:  
Shem and Japheth.**



# Why did Noah curse Ham's son and not Ham?



# Exodus 20:5



**As a result of what he experienced  
from his son, Noah prophesied  
about his son's descendants.**



**The humiliation that Noah  
had received from his son  
could not go without  
repercussions.**

The curse on Canaan and the enslavement of the Canaanites by Shem was fulfilled in the following ways:

1. The curse was fulfilled in Genesis 14:1-19 when certain Canaanite kings were defeated by Abram.
2. In the days of Joshua, as he led the people of Israel in defeating the Canaanites, the Gibeonites were made the slaves of Israel as reported in Joshua 9:23.

# The curse on Canaan and the enslavement of the Canaanites by Shem was fulfilled in the following ways:

3. In Kings 9:20-24, after Israel settled in the land of Canaan, there were still some people left from the Amorites, the Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites who were conscripted by Solomon to serve as slave labor.
4. The descendants of Canaan became the servants of Japheth, when Carthage, that had been settled by them as (Phoenicians), was conquered by the Romans.



# The Glory - Nimrod



**In The Table of Nations,  
we find among the descendants of  
Ham or the Hamites a real  
superstar – Nimrod.**

**Genesis 10:6-12**



**This table of nations appears to represent the known tribes of the earth. 70 of Noah's sons descendants are listed.**

- **14 from Japheth**
- **26 from Shem**
- **30 from Ham**



**As you can see, black people  
or people of color are the  
predominant group of people!**

# Discussion:



**How does it make you feel to know that people of color are the predominant race in the world even today?  
Why then are we not in charge?  
What can we do to change this?**



# I Kings 10:1-13



**In the midst of this table  
of nations is the story  
of Nimrod.**



The other sons of Cush are listed as  
The sons of Cush, but Nimrod's  
introduction marks the beginning  
of a change in that verse 8 says,  
“Cush was the father of Nimrod.”

# Who was Nimrod?

- **Nimrod was the sixth, the youngest and most notable son of Cush.**
- **The name Nimrod means “to subdue”, “brave”, and “rebel”. Three times in 5 verses, the word “mighty” is used to describe the ability of Nimrod.**

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- **Genesis 10:8 says he was a “mighty” warrior on the earth. He was a skilled and powerful warrior who conquered and subdued men and armies.**
  - **Genesis 10:9 says he was a “mighty” hunter before the Lord.**



**The Hebrew word “mighty”  
is translated to mean “chief”  
or “chieftain.”**



**He became the world's first  
imperialist and empire builder.  
Genesis 10:10 says.**



**The Bible is saying that the  
beginning of his Kingdom was  
Babel (Babylon) and Erech.**



**This area was originally  
known as the land of Shinar.  
(Genesis 10:10, 11:2)**



**Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.**

**Genesis 11:1-2**



**The stated purpose for building this tower was:**

- 1. That the top might reach towards heaven.**
- 2. To make a name for themselves.**
- 3. So that they might not be scattered.**



**While this might seem like a noble idea, it was a prideful one that was clearly outside the will of God.**

# Discussion:



**How has pride interfered with  
your achieving your highest  
potential or purpose?**



**God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble. Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.**

**I Peter 5b – 6**



**If as one people speaking one language  
they have begun to do this, then  
nothing they plan to do will be  
impossible for them.**

**Genesis 11:6**

# Discussion:



**If we, as people of color and people of God came together and worked in unity, what would you like to see us accomplish in the earth?**

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