

## Genesis Bible Study Assignment

March 11, 2021

Reading: Genesis Chapters 9-11

### Discussion Questions

1. Compare Genesis 9:1-3 to Genesis 1:28-30. What similarities do you see? What differences?
2. Describe the covenant God makes in 9:8-17. What does God promise? What is the sign of the promise? Who does God make this promise to?
3. What did Noah's son, Ham, do that so enraged Noah? Why do you think this was considered wrongful behavior?
4. Rather than punishing Ham, Noah curses his Ham's son, Canaan (Genesis 9:25-27). Much later in the First (Old) Testament, the people then known as the Israelites travel from being slaves in Egypt to being the people of God in the Promised Land. When they arrived to occupy the Promised Land, they found it populated by Canaanites – descendants of Ham's son, Canaan – who the Israelites would have to displace. How might the Israelites, knowing of Noah's curse of Canaan, have felt about taking over the land of the Canaanites?
5. How would you feel if one of men named in Genesis, chapter 10, was one of your ancestors?
6. What did the humans who built the city of Babel fear would happen to them?
7. If the story of the tower of Babel isn't meant to be taken literally, what do you think we are to learn from it?
8. In Genesis 6:3, the Lord limits the lifespan of humans to 120 years. How does this compare with the ages of Shem's descendants in Genesis 11:10-32?