

**GENESIS - Part XXIV**  
Reference: **Genesis 9:18-29**  
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Noah disembarked from the ark and established a post flood existence. Some time had passed (a decade or more) and he found himself inside his tent in an unclothed and drunken state.

Reference: **Lamentations 4:21** (see screen)

Reference: **Habakkuk 2:15** (see screen)

Noah's son Ham went into his father's tent and found him in that shameful condition. No one is certain as to what indiscretion Ham committed at that time but he did something that seriously upset Noah.

Noah woke up from his drunken stupor, learned what Ham had done and then pronounced a curse on Ham's son, Canaan.

The most unfortunate part is that since that time in the 15th century BC different religious groups have used this strange and controversial Genesis text in an attempt to add biblical justification to the slave trade and other racist practices. In particular, some have taught that Noah's curse on Canaan was a curse on \_\_\_\_\_ and that enslaving Black Africans was a fulfillment of that curse.

**Explanation:**

Per **Genesis 10:6** Ham had four sons: Cush, Mizraim, Put and Canaan

**Cush's** descendants are the African tribes known as \_\_\_\_\_

**Mizraim's** descendants are the \_\_\_\_\_

**Put** or **Phut's** descendants are the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

**Canaan's** descendants inhabited Phoenicia and what we now know to be \_\_\_\_\_

In response to the misinterpretation consider three things:

- the curse on Canaan was from \_\_\_\_\_ through Noah
- the curse did not include Noah's son Ham or three of Noah's four sons and therefore did not include \_\_\_\_\_
- the curse is \_\_\_\_\_ to us

**Negative Facts about Racism**

ONE... racism \_\_\_\_\_ the fact there is just one race, i.e. the human race

Reference: **Acts 17:26a**, "*And He (God) **has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth...***"

In a traditional sense anthropologists have divided humans into three basic races

- \_\_\_\_\_ races (Aryans, Hamites, Semites)
- \_\_\_\_\_ races (Northern Mongolian, Chinese and Indo-Chinese, Japanese and Korean, Tibetan, Malayan, Polynesian, Maori, Micronesian, Eskimo, American Indian)
- \_\_\_\_\_ races (African, Hottentots, Melanesians/Papua, "Negrito", Australian Aborigine, Dravidians, Sinhalese)
- some add a fourth race called \_\_\_\_\_

TWO... racism is \_\_\_\_\_ God's creation

Reference: **Romans 9:20**, "*But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, 'Why have you made me like this?' "*

THREE... racism is \_\_\_\_\_ others with an evil judgment

Reference: **James 2:1-9** and especially **verse four** (see screen)

FOUR... racism is \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ to God's command to love one another as He loves us and that is on an impartial basis

Reference: **Job 34:19, Acts 10:34-35, Romans 2:11** and **John 13:34** (see screen)