

## **An Old New World**

Genesis 9:1-28

**Context:** After exiting the Ark, Noah and his family settle into a new world and soon find that they are experiencing similar problems as the old one they left.

### **As the settling begins...**

#### **1. \_\_\_\_\_ the establishment of government (vs. 1-7)**

- A. The sanctity of human life was affirmed in the ordaining of human government (Rom. 13). God established government because man is basically a sinner and must be kept under control. (Wiersbe, Warren W.)
- B. Human life is to be valued so highly that it is protected by this system of punishment because God made man in his own image, and so to murder another human being is to murder what is most like God, and is thus implicitly an attack on God himself. (ESV Study Bible)

#### **2. \_\_\_\_\_ the Grace of God's covenant (vs. 8-17)**

- A. A covenant is a sovereign proclamation, a promise, from God that puts Him into a relationship of responsibility with a man, a family, or a nation.
- B. The specific promise of this covenant, never to destroy the world again by water, was qualified by the means, for God has since promised to destroy the earth with fire one day (2 Pet. 3:10, 11; Rev. 20:9; 21:1). (John MacArthur)

#### **3. \_\_\_\_\_ the ongoing effects of sin (vs. 18-29)**

- A. There is no reasonable support for the notion that some perverse activity, in addition to seeing nakedness, occurred. But clearly, the implication is that Ham looked with some sinful thought, if only for a while until he left to inform his brothers. Perhaps he was glad to see his father's dignity and authority reduced to such weakness. He thought his brothers might share his feelings so he eagerly told them. They did not, however, share his attitude (v. 23). (John MacArthur)
- B. The passage of cursing Canaan has been misused historically to support American pre-civil war slavery. Such an interpretation is a abuse of this text and would contradict God's clear hatred of slavery in 1 Timothy 1:10.