

Today, we'd like to study the title of **"The Sign of the Covenant"** in *Genesis 9:1-29*.

To Online Word's people, we'd like to suggest 4 Questions:

Q1. In verse 5, "Surely for your lifeblood I will demand *a reckoning*; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man's brother I will require the life of man," why will the lifeblood be required? (4,6)

Q2. In verse 12, "And God said: "This *is* the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that *is* with you, for perpetual generations," what is the sign of the covenant? And what does it mean? (13,15)

Q3. In verse 21, "Then he drank of the wine and was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent," what can we see in Noah's behavior?

Q4. In verse 25, "Then he said: "Cursed *be* Canaan; A servant of servants, He shall be to his brethren," what did Noah do?

**(Background)**

(Genesis 8:21-22) And the LORD smelled a soothing aroma. Then the LORD said in His heart, "I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart *is* evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done.

<sup>22</sup> "While the earth remains,  
Seedtime and harvest,  
Cold and heat,  
Winter and summer,  
And day and night  
Shall not cease."

(God's unconditional love and patience is shown although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; despite all wicked people were killed during the flood, Noah and his descendants would have evil imagination in each heart from his youth.)

## Human Lineage

Noah's Son	Descendants	Reference (Gen 10 & 11)
Shem	Hebrews, Chaldeans, Assyrians, Persians, Syrians, or Asians	Gen 9:18
Ham	Canaanites, Egyptians, Philistines, Hittites, Amorites, or Africans	
Japheth	Greeks, Thracians, Scythians, or Europeans	Thracians (residents of SE Europe); Scythians (residents of E Europe); Asia minor

We can all trace our lineage back to one of the three sons of Noah.

<p><sup>1</sup>So God blessed <u>Noah and his sons</u>, and said to them: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. <sup>2</sup>And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be on every beast of the earth, on every bird of the air, on all that move <i>on</i> the earth, and on all the fish of the sea. They are <u>given into your hand</u>. <sup>3</sup><u>Every moving thing that lives shall be food</u> for you. I have given you all things, even as the green herbs. <sup>4</sup>But you shall <u>not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood</u>. <sup>5</sup>Surely for <u>your lifeblood</u> I will demand <i>a reckoning</i>; from <u>the hand of every beast</u> I will require it, and from the hand of man. <u>From the hand of every man's brother</u> I will require the life of man.</p>	<p>1= Noah and his sons (Shem, Ham, Japheth <sup>1</sup>Gen 7:13)</p> <p>2= given into your hand (gift to manage, steward <sup>2</sup>1 Peter 4:10)</p> <p>3= Every moving thing that lives (animal) shall be food (after the flood, people may eat meat). Even as the green herbs (before the universal flood, people were vegetarians)</p> <p>4= not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood (life is blood; lifeblood; e.g. Kosher <sup>3</sup>Acts 15:28-29; but 1 Cor 8:8-9; 10:31)</p> <p>5= Q1 your lifeblood... a reckoning (an accounting); the hand of every beast... the hand of every man's brother.... (death penalty to an animal and to a man – verses 4 "life is blood" &amp; 6 "man made in the image of God")</p>
---	---

<sup>1</sup> Gen 7:13 On the very same day Noah and Noah's sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark—

<sup>2</sup> 1 Peter 4:10 As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

<sup>3</sup> Acts 15:28-29 For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things: <sup>29</sup> that you abstain from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well.; 1 Cor 8:8-9 But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. <sup>9</sup> But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. ; 10:31 Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

6“Whoever sheds man’s blood,  
By man his blood shall be shed;  
For in the image of God  
He made man.

7And as for you, be fruitful and multiply;  
Bring forth abundantly in the earth  
And multiply in it.”

8Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying: 9“And as for Me, behold, I establish My covenant with you and with your descendants after you, 10and with every living creature that *is* with you: the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you, of all that go out of the ark, every beast of the earth. 11Thus I establish My covenant with you: Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

12And God said: “This *is* the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: 13I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. 14It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud; 15and I will remember My covenant which *is* between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between

6= Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed (premeditated & deliberated killing; later manslaughter for refuges <sup>4</sup>Numbers 35:6)

11= a flood to destroy the earth (universal flood, not local floods)

12= Q2 the sign of the covenant ... between Me and you, and every living creature (between God, Noah, and every living creature; Answer, verses 13 “rainbow” & 15 “the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh” – not by water but by fire)

<sup>4</sup> Numbers 35:6 “Now among the cities which you will give to the Levites *you shall appoint* six cities of refuge, to which a manslayer may flee. And to these you shall add forty-two cities.

God and every living creature of all flesh that *is* on the earth.”<sup>17</sup> And God said to Noah, “This *is* the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that *is* on the earth.”

<sup>18</sup> Now the sons of Noah who went out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And Ham *was* the father of Canaan. <sup>19</sup> These three *were* the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was populated.

<sup>20</sup> And Noah began *to be a farmer*, and he planted a vineyard. <sup>21</sup> Then he drank of the wine and was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent.

<sup>22</sup> And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside.

<sup>23</sup> But Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid *it* on both their shoulders, and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were turned away, and they did not see their father’s nakedness.

<sup>24</sup> So Noah awoke from his wine, and knew

20= a farmer... a vineyard

21.=Q3 drank of wine (fermented from grape, after the flood – the canopy was removed, radiation reached the earth and caused a fermentation process.); became uncovered (naked – Noah’s bad example to his children, causing his son Ham’s dishonorable act – despite all wicked people were killed during the flood, Noah the man of faith also had a sin nature – <sup>5</sup>Romans 5:12-14; even if we are born again Christians 1 John 1:9-10)

22= Ham, the father of Canaan saw the nakedness (dishonorable act to see)...told (defamatory statement to his brothers; Ham dishonored his father Noah <sup>6</sup>Exodus 20:12)

23= Shem and Japheth (honorable acts)

<sup>5</sup> Romans 5:12-14 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—<sup>13</sup> (For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. <sup>14</sup> Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. 1 John 1:9-10 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

<sup>6</sup> Exodus 20:12 “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

<p>what his younger son had done to him.</p> <p><sup>25</sup> Then <u>he said</u>:</p> <p>"Cursed <i>be</i> Canaan; A servant of servants He shall be to his brethren."</p> <p><sup>26</sup> And he said:</p> <p>"Blessed <i>be</i> the LORD, The God of Shem, And may Canaan be his servant. <sup>27</sup> May God enlarge Japheth, And may he dwell in the tents of Shem; And may Canaan be his servant."</p> <p><sup>28</sup> And Noah lived after the flood <u>three hundred and fifty years</u>. <sup>29</sup> So all the days of Noah were <u>nine hundred and fifty years</u>; and he died.</p>	<p>25=Q4 he said (prophesied <sup>7</sup> <i>Judges 1:28</i>) Cursed be Canaan; A servant of servants He shall be to his brethren (not justify slavery, perverted interpretation, e.g., <sup>8</sup> <i>Mat 4:6. Jeremiah 23:36, e.g., Mat 10:4 "Simon the Canaanite" the Apostle</i>)</p> <p>28.29= (a big time gap between 350 years and 950 years; after the flood, the longevity of human life span was decreasing, likely caused by radiations)</p>
--	--

***All quotations are taken, except King James Version (KJV), from New King James Version (NKJV), ©1982 by Thomas Nelson, Inc. Used by permission. All rights reserved.***

***© Copyright 2016 by Wayne Kim. All rights reserved. No part of this material may be reproduced in any forms or by any means without the prior written permission of the publisher, except for brief quotations in critical articles or reviews.***

<sup>7</sup> *Judges 1:28* And it came to pass, when Israel was strong, that they put the Canaanites under tribute, but did not completely drive them out.

<sup>8</sup> *Mat 4:6* and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In *their* hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" *Jeremiah 23:36* And the oracle of the LORD you shall mention no more. For every man's word will be his oracle, for you have perverted the words of the living God, the LORD of hosts, our God.