

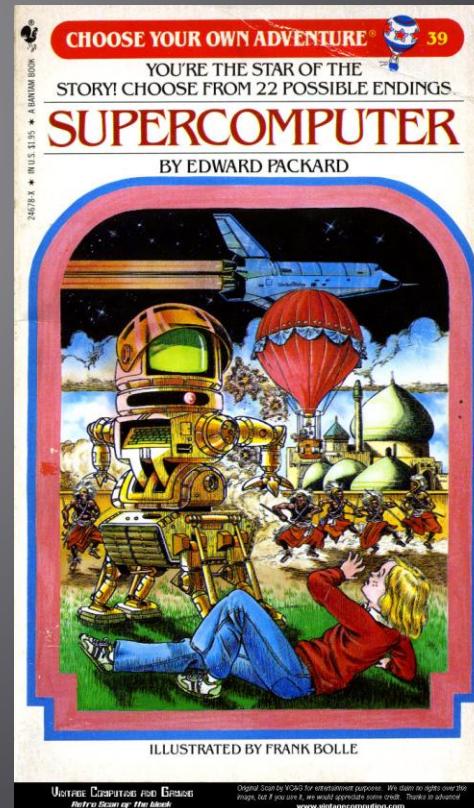
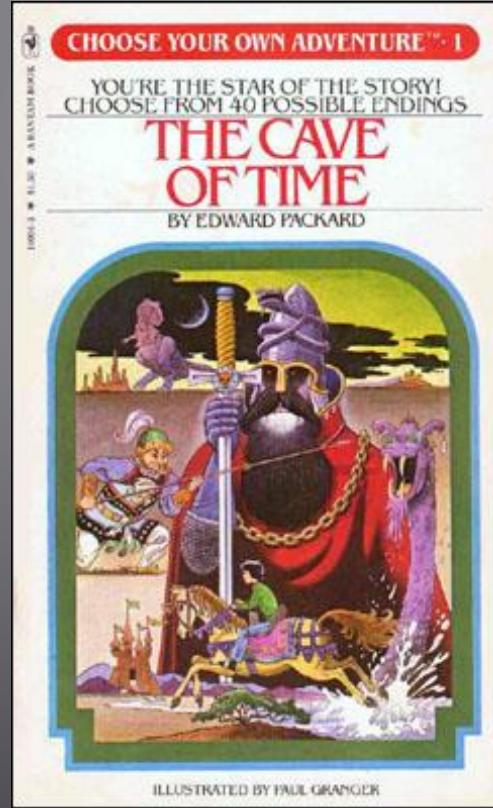
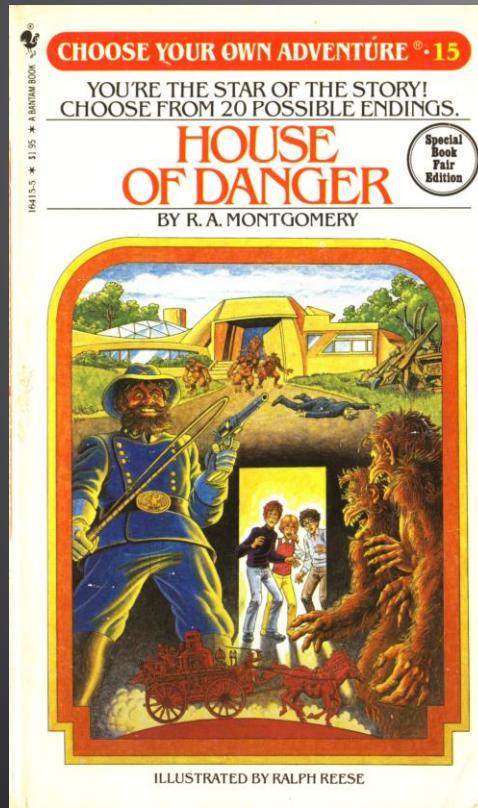
Genesis 9:18 – 10:32

The Flood: Part IV

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Who read Choose Your Own Adventure books growing up?



- Noah holds a soiree
- Update our genealogy profiles on Ancestry.com
- “Flood...Unh!...What is it good for?”



Genesis 9:18 - 28

A (Second) Fall from Grace



Genesis 9:18 - 28

What does Noah do that is a problem?

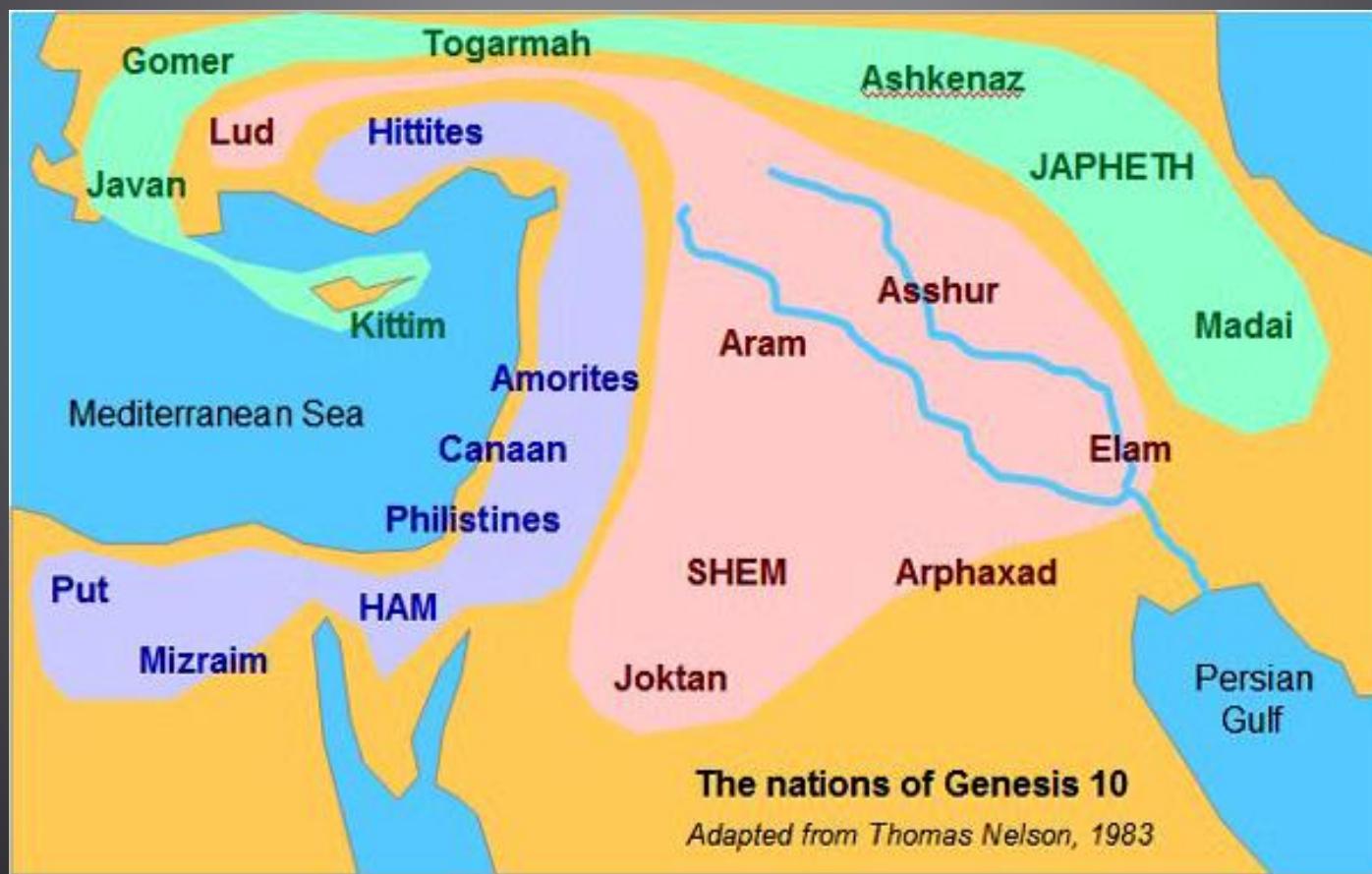
What does Ham do? What is his brother's response? What is Noah's response?

Why does Noah curse Ham's son, Canaan?

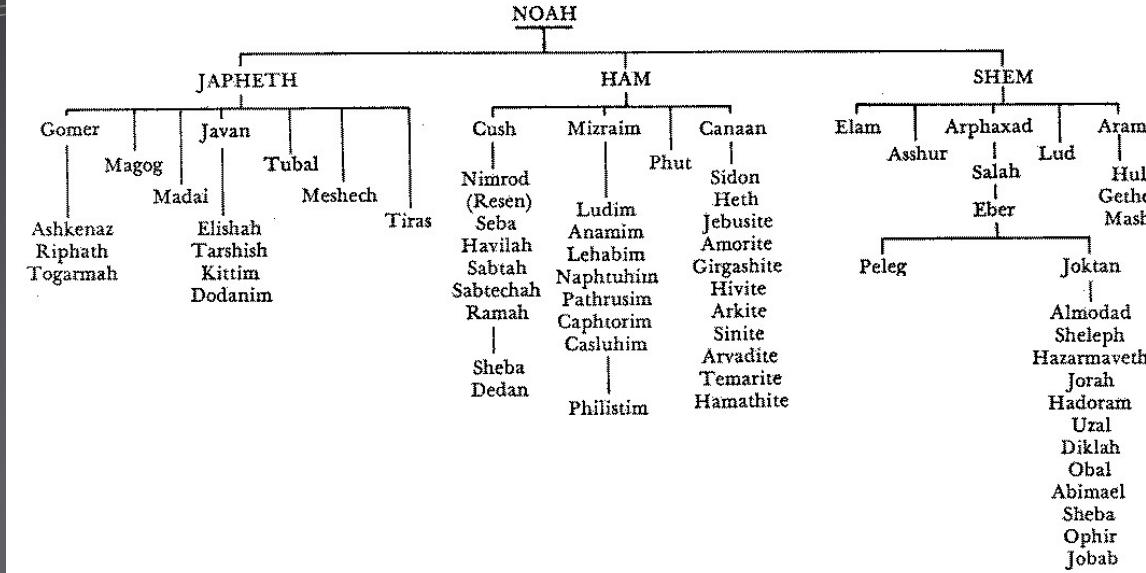
How would you describe the nature of this curse? Eternal? Temporary?

Genesis 10:1 - 32

The Table of Nations



GENEALOGICAL TABLE OF THE DESCENDANTS OF NOAH



What strikes you about this list?

Why only name certain people and not others?

Remember: The biblical authors wrote for their audience so some aspects are not apparent to us

Genesis 5 - 9

What Meaning Can We Pull Out of the Flood Story?



The Flood story is linked with the creation story where God is organizing/re-organizing his creation to allow for the fulfillment of his blessing.

As such, the Flood represents NOT JUDGMENT of humanity but grace.

The covenant of Noah is a turning point in how God deals with creation – from a creation-wide corporate judgment over sin to an individual/people group approach.

Our response today should be the same as Noah, to acknowledge God's grace.

“Hey guys, I have a new Bible that doesn’t have any of that judgmental OT God stuff.” – Marcion, 2nd c. CE

Who is God?



- “I am about to bring the Flood – waters upon the earth – to destroy all flesh under the sky...” (Gen. 6:17)
- “The LORD rained upon Sodom and Gomorrah sulfurous fire...he annihilated those cities...all the inhabitants of the cities and the vegetation on the ground.” (Gen. 19:24-5)
- “When the daughter of a priest defiles herself through harlotry, it is her father whom she defiles; she shall be put to the fire.” (Lev. 21:9)
- “They [the Israelites] exterminated everything in the city with the sword: man and woman, young and old, ox, sheep, and ass.” (Jos. 5:21)

Understand the Hebrew Worldview

Modern World: *Focus on composition or
formational history*

Hebrew World: *Focus on the functional reality and
human experience*

Creation Story:

How did God create light and darkness (v.4-6)
when he didn't create the sun and moon until v. 14?

Understand the Hebrew Worldview

Foundational idea:

God set up the world to function in certain ways:

- *Physical world (rain, seasons)*
- *Religious world (keep the Sabbath, religious festivals)*
- *Social world (“Honor your father and mother”)*

Understand the Hebrew Worldview

Alternative to order: chaos (pictured as water)

God acts to protect the establishment of order:



When the world becomes unbalanced, God “rebalances” the world to “reset” his creation.

That's “fascinating”*



Why did God cause the Flood? (Gen. 6:11 – 13)

Where else in Genesis did God “re-order” the world to his specifications?

Just as in the Creation story, God is ensuring that the world is a place that allows for his divine blessing by “re-creating” the world via the Flood.

**slightly boring*

The Flood as Grace

How did God show grace to Adam & Eve?

How did God show grace to Noah and his family?

What does God tell Noah he will never do again?

What was Noah's response to God's grace?