

The Second Disappointing Utopia
Genesis 9:18-29
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They now despised the church that they once had loved.

Utopia's have a bad track record.

You will never find a perfect church in this life.

Life after the flood must have been a utopia.

This story of the fall of Noah parallels the fall of Adam.

When did Moses write this? And why?

Sin, 2.0

Noah sinned. Everyone can sin. Even the very old.

Drunkenness makes a fool of even the wisest men.

Lesson #1, Everyone can sin. Even the best, the most righteous.

Lesson #2, Even the old can sin. Even old saints can sin.

Ham sinned

What are some theories as to the sin of Ham?

What can we say from the text?

Ham gazed with delight upon and announced the sin of his father.

He did the opposite of what his brothers did.

Ham dishonored his father. Sexual deviancy was somehow involved.

Today, we don't equate dishonoring parents with any great sin.

Noah's Prophecy

God is here announcing the future, through Noah.

God controls the future. Isaiah 46:9-11

The openness of God is a new man centered way of looking at God.

Canaan is cursed.

He will be a servant of servants. He will serve his brothers.

This is not fair. Canaan did not sin. Why is he cursed? (Ex 20:5)

How was this curse fulfilled? (Joshua 9:23; 1 Kings 9:20-21; See Lev 18; Judges 1:28)

Shem is blessed

The seed of the woman will come in his line.

Japheth is blessed

He will greatly increase, and he will enter the tents of Shem.

God's purposes in creation are being fulfilled; even with the continuation of human sin.

Application