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YAHWEH (Yemenite Hebrew pronunciation) or YAHVEH (Sephardic Hebrew spoken in Israel today). In this study of Noach I have chosen to use 'YAHVEH' primarily because of the 'V'. In Modern Hebrew that letter is called a vav. A vav is a picture of a nail that is used for a hook. The 'Y' is a picture of a hand & it means 'to create' or 'to make'. The 'H' in Ancient Hebrew was a picture of a man with arms raised & stretched out. There's no vowels in Ancient Hebrew. In Hebrew YAHVEH is spelled YHVH. Y=Hand of the Creator. H=arms stretched out. V = nailed /hooked. The last letter is H. In Hebrew, when something is said twice it's emphatic! To see more on this subject, look up 'NAMES of God' in the 'Turning Over Every Stone' section of this web site. The Hebrew drawings of these letters is on the last page of that article.

Noah {Eng} Noach {Heb} 'Rest'

Shem {Eng} **Shem** {Heb} 'Name'. What is really interesting about this is that Jewish People refer to 'YAHVEH' as 'Ha SHEM' ['THE NAME']. Shem is the ancestor of Messiah. Shem didn't even have his own identity! He was just called 'Name'. Can you imagine... "Name, come here and feed the dog! Name, quit harassing your brothers! Name, go feed the chickens! Name, quit picking your nose!" *His identity would have to come from The One he was to represent.*

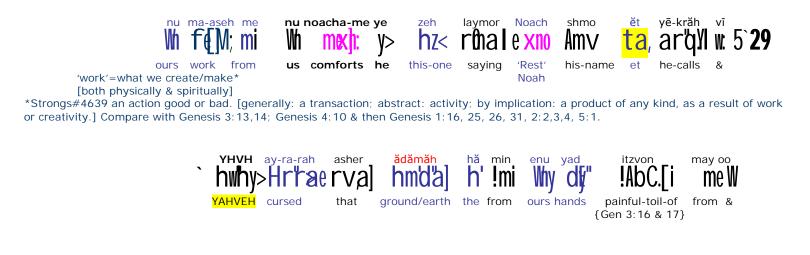
Japheth {Eng} **Yafet** {Sephardic Hebrew: pronounced Yah'fet} 'To be spacious', 'wide or open', 'enlarge', to 'expand'. We are going to use 'Expand' instead of 'Enlarge'; however, my favorite definition is 'from horizon to horizon'.

Ham {Eng} Cham {Heb} 'Warm' or 'Heat' or 'Hot'... Cham means 'Heat'. When a person is alive, they have body heat. When they are dead, they do not produce any more body heat. (Adam at that time was already both spiritually and physically dead.) Heat also has to do with the presence of God. When God made His presence known in the Tabernacle in the wilderness, it was through a pillar of fire (Exodus 13:21). God made Himself first known to Moses through a fire in a bush that didn't burn the bush (Exodus 3:2). When The Holy Spirit first came upon the disciples at the day of Pentecost, it was demonstrated through tongues of fire resting on each one of the disciples (Acts 2:3). Our God is a consuming fire (Hebrews 12:29). It also has to do with God's judgment. Those who rebel against Him will be dropped into the lake of fire (Matt 25:41).

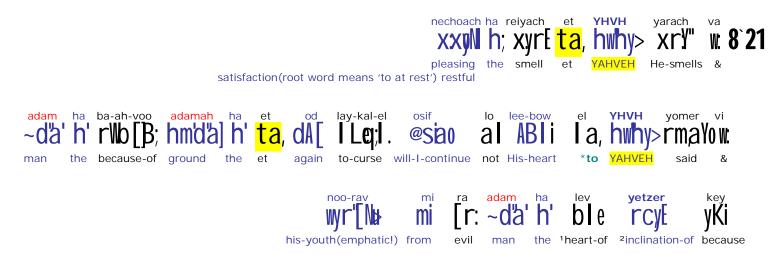
Cham was Noah's youngest son, and there is a controversy as to whether Shem or Yafet was the oldest. I'm convinced that it was Shem. In any case, whenever you see the 3 of them mentioned together in scripture, Shem is always first, then Cham, and then Yafet. It is always in this order. (Genesis 5:32; 6:10; 7:13; 9:18; 10:1; 1 Chronicles 1:4.)

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Noah was born 69 years after Enoch/Chanok disappeared & about a 126 years after Adam died. When he was born his Dad prophesied over him saying, "This one will comfort us **from our work** and **from the toil of our hands from the ground that YAHVEH cursed**. Because of this prophesy he named him 'Rest' [Noach].



At the end of the Flood, God said that he wouldn't curse the ground like He had done before...



¹the physical heart. to the heart is ascribed thought, reasoning, understanding, will, judgment, design, affection, love, hatred, courage, fear, sorrow

²yetzer: imagination (KJV) #3336 a form. fig. conception(i.e. purpose): frame, thing framed, imagination, mind,work. from #3335 to mould something into a pre-set form. intent or intention (NASB). inclination-of (Word by Word)

The fossil record indicates that before the Flood, the air pressure was greater. The oxygen content in the fossil record is any where from 50% greater to 110% greater. This means that the earth would have been 'hyperbaric'. Another way of saying this is that the air was 'thicker'! When plants, critters & people breathed in air before the Flood, they all breathed in 'squashed' (concentrated) air. This would have caused the plants to grow huge. Not only were fruits & vegetables huge, but so were the weeds & the thorns & the thistles, etc.

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The rebellion that began with Cain's descendants steadily increased. It got to the point where the principles of Romans 1:24 happened for the first time. Verses 18 to 32 also apply. God gave them over to the fallen angels. **This was when Noach was 480 years old**. [See **'The Nephilim'** in **'Not your Grandpas'** section of this web site.]

So what was going on in the spiritual realm? Revelation 12:4 indicates that when Satan rebelled against God, one third of the angels rebelled at the same time, & they were cast to the earth. The Bible doesn't say anything more about this event, but you could surmise that at one point the evil one decided that if he were to defeat the LORD's angels, he would have to increase his numbers, because at that stage, he was out numbered two to one.

Also, these fallen angels wanted to be worshiped. (Isaiah 14:14 and Ezekiel 28) Angels are supposed to be ministering servants. Every being in YAHVEH'S economy is supposed to serve, whether they are angels or people. Even YAHVEH serves. (John 5:17). If YAHVEH created beings to worship Him, why couldn't they create sons to worship them? That in itself was an act of rebellion!

Noach's 'Sermon Notes'...

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The 120 years prior to the Flood didn't have anything to do with how long it took Noah to build the ark. Noah was given the instructions for building the Ark <u>after</u> Shem, Cham, and Yafet were born, and even <u>after</u> they were married. The scriptures mention only these three sons and their wives that went on the ark. If there were any other sons alive at that time, God would have been telling something that wasn't true. **God said** to Noah "you shall go into the ark, you, your sons, your wife and your sons' wives with you." This was a promise to Noah from God!

Another thought to add here is that at the time that Shem, Cham and Yafet were born, the offspring of the Nephilim were just coming into power and their numbers were small. During the last days before The Flood, their numbers could have been huge, and the sons of Adam could have been a lot fewer.

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Apparently some of Noach's preaching had to do with speaking out against the hero worship of the Nephilim. Genesis 6:4 (end part) says "Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown. The Hebrew word for 'renown' is 'shem' which means 'name'. You could translate it as 'men of name'. The names of these sons of the fallen angels would have been well known. The ancients say that they were giants [like Hercules in Greek Mythology, which was probably a real pre-flood person.]. Think about it: if you had one of those guys on your side, he would protect you from your enemies, & conquer the wild Behemoths that ate your crops, & a host of other things. If he was a party hearty guy, you would party hearty with him. If he was your hero, whatever kind of debauchery he was into, you'd be into it too. [We have a similar system through the media.] On top of that, the merchants would have sold all kinds of items that contributed to this hero worship.[Maybe they had pre-flood 't-shirts' with the guy's picture, or a little statue of the guy that somebody wore as a piece of jewelry, or a toy that resembled the guy or something that the guy used. Sound familiar? Maybe the guy wore certain styles of clothing, or a certain color.] Hero worship can make poor merchants extremely wealthy! [The support industries for Hollywood would confirm this!] Underlying all of this is the fact that these sons of the Fallen Angels were sold out to the desires of their rebellious fathers who were in *desperate* war against the Creator. Consider this: The dude that was dethroned in Iraq was violent beyond description, and so were his two dead sons. His commands were carried out because his people were terrified of him. Take that scenario and apply it to every one of the fallen angels and their sons during the last 120 years of the pre-flood world. It's an absolute wonder that Noah and his sons even succeeded in building an ark, much less living to tell about it. It was truly by God's grace and intense protection alone!

Noah would have preached against this hero worship (as well as continue with what Enoch preached, see Jude 14-16). He would have been exposing what was going on. When Noah was 602, his son Shem(Name) was born. At that point the oldest of the sons of the Nephilim/Fallen Angels would have been at least 21 or 22 years old & the hero worship of them would have begun. Noah in response probably said that the Name of YAHVEH was the only Name that people should put their trust in and would have reminded them of **Genesis 4:26**, which was when men first began to call upon the Name of YAHVEH in public worship. As a reminder to people of what he was saying, he called his son 'Name'[Shem]. Then God gave him another son whom he named 'Yafet' which means 'Expansion'. Noah probably said that the Name of YAHVEH wouldn't be hidden, but instead, the honor & worship of the Name of YAHVEH would expand from horizon to horizon. Then God gave him a third son whom he named Cham[Ham], which has to do with 'heat'. It means 'warm' or 'hot'. Things that are alive have body heat. Things that are dead, are cold. It could also mean 'the presence of God' because God's presence is represented a lot of times with fire. ['Burning Bush'.. Exodus 3:2; 'Pillar of Fire'.. Exodus 13:21; 'God's Throne'.. Daniel 7:9; 'Tongues of Fire'.. Acts 2:1-4]. It could also represent God's judgment on the unbelievers. Now lets put all this together:

NOAH'S SERMON NOTES: 'SHEM! CHAM! YAFET!' 120 years before The Flood the fallen angels started 'breeding' the daughters of men. (Genesis 6:1-4.) The sons that were born as a result became 'the mighty men of name'. ['Mighty' ('gibbor' in Hebrew) means somebody who is a warrior like the mighty men in King David's elite forces (1 Chronicles 11:10) and Goliath in 1 Samuel 17:51 (It's translated in verse 51 as 'champion'). It is also used to describe the strength of angels (Psalm103:20): the strength of a lion (Proverbs30:30) and the mighty power of God (Psalm 24:8, Isaiah 9:6).] Shem was born twenty-two years later, when these sons of the fallen angels were just beginning to become heroes [Genesis 11:10 c/- Genesis 7:6,11]. The sons of Adam began to put their trust in the names of these offspring of the fallen ones, instead of putting their trust in the Name of YAHVEH. Noah may have begun opposing this hero worship by saying, **"There is only One Name that is to be worshiped, and that is YAHVEH! Repent and return to the ways of old in Genesis 4:26 when men called on the Name of YAHVEH' to be their Helper, Deliverer, and The One Who saves them."** By the time Yafet was born it's possible that the offspring of the fallen ones were gaining large territories, maybe through wars (violence). In opposition to this Noah may have been saying, **"YAHVEH, Who is the Only Name to be worshiped, will have a vast extensive kingdom...He will rule the whole earth!"** That would have

been in keeping with what Noah's great grandfather Enoch had said (see Jude 14-15). By the time Cham was born, it was very obvious where this sin of hero worship was leading. The people were following the lifestyles of the ones that they were looking up to, which was in exact opposition to the standards that God had given them. 'Cham' means 'heat'. **God was going to give the heat of His fiery wrath to the fallen ones and all those who followed them. But to all those who depended on the Name of YAHWEH instead, He would give the 'heat' of life.** At that point Noah switched the order of the names of these three sons around in order to fit his 'sermon notes'. He put Cham's name in the middle, because the vast extensive kingdom of God would come after 'cham' was dished out by YAHVEH. You will find these 'sermon notes' in Genesis 5:32; 6:10; 7:13; 9:18; 10:1; 1 Chronicles 1:4. The first three times are mentioned before The Flood, and the other three times are given as a reminder of future judgment and Enoch's prophesy after their children began to repopulate the earth. When they are coming out of the ark and worshipping at the altar, their names aren't mentioned, but only Noah's name, which means 'rest'. (See Genesis 8:16, 18; 9:1,8. It's very profound!)

NOAH'S SERMON:	Put you trust in YAHVEH!
SHEM !	HIS NAME is THE ONLY NAME
CHAM !	HE will give the heat of life to those who love HIM
	& the heat of death to those who hate HIM
YAFET !	HIS kingdom will expand & fill the whole earth!

Also keep in mind that every name from Enoch to Noah's 3 sons is prophetic. Enoch preached the 2nd coming of the LORD & his names means 'to wet the palette' or 'to initiate'. Methuselah means 'he dies & it is sent' (referring to the Flood). Lamech means 'conqueror' in reference Messiah & His second coming (& God ends his life at the age of 777 to confirm the prophesy.). Noah means 'rest' which is ultimately in Messiah. Noah picks up where the others left off & continues with Shem! Cham! Yafet! And after the Flood, he adds Canaan to the list.

DID NOAH HAVE OTHER CHILDREN?

The only indication that he may have had comes from Genesis 9:18. It says in the NASB "Now the sons of Noah *who came out of the ark* were Shem and Ham and Japheth". The way that this is written would leave one to believe that other sons were born to Noah prior to The Flood, but these three were the only ones who got off the ark. When God gave the command for the ark to be build, these three were already married or betrothed, because God said to Noah that he and his wife and his sons and their wives *would* enter the ark (Genesis 6:18). At that time, none of Noah's other sons (if they existed) were still living, because they would have been on the ark too because God never lies. Shem was born when Noah was about 502 years old (see Genesis 11:10), and he was the oldest of the three who came off the ark. Here is my thinking: A righteous person keeps God's commands. God commanded Adam and Eve to be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth (Genesis 1:28). Noah would have been keeping that command from early adulthood. At that time the world wasn't as evil as it ended

up being right before The Flood. I am certain that the evil one sought to kill every one of Noah's children, because of Lamech's prophesy concerning Noah. (And Lamech must have walked with God too, for there to have been any credibility to his prophesy.) In Ezekiel 14 God lists Noah, Daniel, and Job together. What did they have in common besides their righteous? Job lost his ten oldest children (and none of their names are listed in scripture). Daniel saw his whole country wiped out and he was taken from his family as a hostage to Babylon in his early teens, & probably made into a eunuch so that he was never able to marry & have children. One would assume that Noah went through intense grief too, before he saw God wipe out the world. The scriptures say that prior to The Flood, the earth was filled with violence (Genesis 6:11). We have the past two thousand years of recorded history as witness that all those who have any kind of connection to the true and living God (YAHVEH), whether it be through the Abrahamic promises, or the clinging to the truth of the scriptures, or both, have suffered loss through persecution. The evil one has tried to wipe us out, but by the grace of God some of us are still around, and God will accomplish what He sets out to do, no matter what the evil one does. The evil one will never succeed in defeating God! Yeshua(Jesus) said that the days of the Son of Man, when He returns (the tribulation spoken of in the book of Daniel, and Revelation) will be as the days of Noah (Luke 17:26-37, Matthew 24: 37-39). Well, according to Revelation 6:9-11 & 20:4 the people who suffer violence in the beginning are those who cling to God's ways and refuse to cooperate with the one who opposes God and sets up an image of himself in the temple. In the same way, the people who opposed the Nephilim were the ones who were slaughtered, probably beginning in the earlier part of the last 120 years before The Flood.

Because of the way that Genesis 6:13-22 is worded, I am of the notion that Noah was doing some very intense praying just prior to when these verses happened. It sounds to me like verse thirteen is part of a conversation that was already going on between YAHVEH and Noah (Doesn't the scriptures say, "Noah walked with God"?). In verse thirteen YAHVEH refers to 'them' twice, and this is the beginning of His recorded words between Him and Noah. Noah already understood who the 'them' were prior to this recorded part of the conversation. (The 'them' are the 'Nephilim' described at the beginning of Chapter 6.) [When Moses wrote the book of Genesis, he was editing ancient 'written down' records that had been passed on to him probably through his family. Dr Henry Morris has got some more information on the subject in his book titled 'The Genesis Record'.] Verse 17 of Genesis chapter 6 says, "And behold, I, even I am bringing the flood of water upon the earth," Why was YAHVEH emphasizing to Noah that He, even He was the One who was going to bring the flood of water upon the earth? What were Noah's thoughts and questions prior to YAHVEH saying that? What was going on in the mind of a quy, who was a preacher of righteousness, living an uncompromising life for over five hundred years, in a time when fallen angels and their offspring had persuaded the whole globe to become opposed to the ways of YAHVEH in every way, shape and form, at a time when clear across the globe men accepted abnormal sexual behavior as the norm, and the thoughts of their hearts were only evil continually, when violence was everywhere, and God's pattern for the family was distained and thrown out? What were the thoughts that were filling Noah's head at the time? What had just happened in his life? Was he on his face before YAHVEH in absolute desperation praying for Shem, Cham and Yafet, and their wives? If this is Noah's own record, then he must have been sensing God's intense grief for a long time. When two go for a walk,

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it's very easy for each to figure out what the other's attitude is, if they are paying attention. (It must have been very frightening too. Remember Abraham's prayers concerning 'if there were any righteous people in Sodom', and Moses' prayers on more than one occasion when God was ready to wipe the children of Israel out.) Was Noah questioning how God would fulfill His promise concerning The Seed of the woman wiping out the seed of the snake? In verse 18 God says to him, **"But I will establish My covenant with you;"**

Think about this...none of the names of the 10 children of Job who died in the whirl wind are listed in scripture, & neither is any of Daniel's family members. When Shem, Cham & Yafet were born, their oldest siblings could have been 460 years old or there abouts. If their siblings lived in another part of the globe, would they even know them? [We raised '2 batches of kids'. The '2nd batch' hardly know the '1st batch' because when the '2nd batch' was being raised, we lived in a different state of the country & the '1st batch' was still in the part of the country where they were raised. And to add to that, the '2nd batch' was raised in a different country than my parents, so, the '2nd batch' hardly knows that set of grandparents either!] . Most families get together for 'mile-stone' celebrations, like birthdays etc. Our family had a big get together for my mother-in-law's 75th birthday (or was it 70th?). It was a long time ago! In Noah's case, the whole family may have gotten together for Noah's 500th birthday, which was 2 years before Shem was born! (see Genesis 11:10). So, the point is, the 3 sons of Noah who got off the Ark might not have known the other family members. And if there were many 100s, would the Scriptures list all their names? What would be the point? And, how practical would that be? After the Flood, Shem, Cham & Yafet may have named some of their children after their family members.

Ark...the one Noah & his family built!

The Ark itself is still up on Mt Ararat. There are many eyewitness accounts of people who have seen it. Many of them are recorded in 'The Explorers Of Ararat' by B. J. Corbin. (Also, if you can get your hands on an out-of-print book titled 'Noah's Ark: Fact or Fable?' by Violet M. Cummings, she has more eye witness accounts of it being up on Mt Ararat.) There is another theory that the Ark is down the mountain seventeen miles away. Although I believe that the object in question may possibly be a pre-flood boat (that didn't make it through The Flood), I don't believe it was Noah's Ark. There are too many eyewitnesses who have actually seen the real thing. Besides that, anything that used drogue stones during The Flood was asking for trouble, because those drogue stones would have gotten tangled up in all the huge masses of floating debris from The Flood, and would have caused the Ark to sink, which may be what happened at the Deunapar site, if it's a real boat. The 'boat' at that site is in the shape of a boat with a pointed bow. It can't be the right one (if it is a real boat) because the Hebrew word for Ark means a 'tebah' which means a certain kind of box or chest, in the order of a betrothed daughter-in-law's chest that is used for storing things in. We would call it a 'hope chest'.

"The Ark Floated 'gently' upon the waters" (Genesis 7:18) Somewhere I read this verse worded in this manner, and then I couldn't find where I had read it. Then I looked it up in the NASB Concordance. (#1980) The word is only translated once as 'floated'. The word is 'halak'. It is a prime root that means 'to go', 'come, 'walk'.

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It is a non-violent action. The same word is used in Psalm 104:26. There it is translated 'move' along. Since then I have learned to translate the Hebrew. The word in verse 7:18 is 'teilech' (went) & it is the future tense of 'halak'. It basically means that while everything else was drowning in the Flood, the Ark was 'walking' or 'going' safely upon the surface. God kept the Ark safe. To add to this, when the Ark rested on the Mountains of Ararat, it was still floating for a long time afterwards. Those mountains formed a natural harbor around Lake Sevan inside another outer 'harbor' of mountains. Apparently the Ark floated around this 'harbor' (Lake Sevan) for a while & then beached on Mt Ararat itself. If Ararat means 'to pluck from the swirling flow', it would make sense. {See **7:18 in Hebrew** for more information in the **'Turning Over Every Stone'** section of this web site.) This natural harbor would have protected the Ark from the continual tsunamis & other types of dangerous wave action going on during that time.

Drogue Stones: These are stone weighing thousands of pounds that the ancients use to tie to the sides of their ships (on both sides of the ship at the same time) in order to keep them from being blown over in a storm.

Ages of Shem and Yepheth:

The New American Standard Bible, the 'Complete Jewish Bible', and The MacArthur Study Bible (See footnote on page 30), and the JPS Hebrew-English Tanakh all agree that Shem was the oldest of the three brothers...Genesis 10:21. At the time of putting this article on the web, I am still researching it out. The Bible doesn't say how old they were when they got married. They would have had to already be married or betrothed when God gave Noach the command to build the Ark. None of the three brothers apparently had any living children at the time that the command was given. Genesis 6:18.

Where did they get their wives from? One Flood legend says that they married their sisters. (See page 60 'In The days Of Noah' by Gloria Clanin) 'The Book of Jasher' says that they were the granddaughters of Methuselah through his son Eliakim (It's a possibility, however, it's really hard to figure out fact from fiction in that book (even though the Bible refers to it in Joshua and 2 Samuel), because somewhere along the line it was greatly embellished, especially in the things concerning Abraham. It's like a fish story: The fisherman caught a very nice fish, but he didn't think it would impress his friends, so he added to it's length!...and then he borrowed somebody else's fish story and said that it was about his own fish! It's an interesting book, but man has it got some wild stories in it!) In the book called 'Buried Alive' by Jack Cuozzo he suggests the possibility that it may have taken children longer to mature before The Flood. In the genealogy of Noach (Genesis 5), the youngest anybody is before the next one in the line is born is age sixty-five. Right after The Flood, the first seven generations of Shem's descendants in the line of Abraham are about 'thirty something' when the listed son is born (Genesis 11). It was *after* they were all three married, but before any of them had children that God gave the command to build the Ark [Genesis 6:18].

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I Ch 1:4, Is 54:9 Ezk 14:14,20 Mt 24:37-38, Lk 3:36, 17:26-27, Heb 11:7, 1 Pet 3:20, 2 Pet 2:5.

His name in Hebrew is 'Noach' (The ch is pronounced like the ch in Bach the musician, & not like the ch in chicken!) In this document I'll start off using 'Noah' as his name, but later on, I'll switch it to Noach just so you get the idea. I am of the conviction that Hebrew was the original language. Hebrew probably wasn't labeled as 'Hebrew' back then because it *was* the *only* language that people spoke.

Noah may have written Genesis 9:20-27 concerning the 'wine incident.' Even though it was probably accidental, he still considered it to be a moral violation against God. {See 'Grape fermentation' below)

His sons wrote about him in Genesis 6:9

NKJV: "Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God."

NASB: "Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God."

YLT: Noah [is] a righteous man; perfect he hath been among his generations; With God hath Noah walked habitually.

In the concordance: 8549: blameless, complete, sound, has been translated 36 times 'without defect' . God says Noah was blameless.

In Ezekiel 14:12-20, God puts him in the same category as Job and Daniel, or maybe it's the other way around...God puts Daniel (who is a contemporary of Ezekiel) and Job in the same category as Noah! (See also Job 1:8 & Daniel 9:23, 10:11,19.) Even Abraham wasn't put into the same category...The LORD had to tell Abraham to walk before Him and be blameless!

In Ezekiel, Noah is mentioned first, then Daniel, and last Job. If God puts him first in line before Daniel, and calls him *blameless*, and one who habitually walks with God, then there is no way under the sun that he deliberately got drunk. It was totally by accident. (There is even a Flood legend from India that says that it was an accident. See 'In The Days Of Noah' by Gloria Clanin, page 60.) Another thing to consider is that all three of them had lived through times of intense grief. **Job** lost his first batch of kids & his health & his fortune. **Daniel** was taken from his family as a hostage as a teenager & those who have researched it out are of the opinion that he was made into a eunuch at that time 'cause that's what was what was normally done & the scripture never mentions Daniel being married or having children. That would have been devastation to Daniel. And as for **Noah**, he lived long enough before the Flood that he could have had enough descendants to populate the whole of the USA, or Canada, or Australia (he was 600 years old when the Flood came.) What happened to his siblings & his cousins & all his close relatives? I am of the opinion that they were all wiped out in the violence before the Flood. It's usually the righteous that get slaughtered. The Nephilim would have sought to wipe out every single one of them because of the prophesies concerning them. (See also '**Enoch**', '**Methuselah**', & '**Lamech**' in '**Your Grandpas**' section of this web site.)

Noah was a person who paid careful attention to detail. When one examines the account of The Flood, and the period that led up to it, it is amazing to note the precise details given. The account was written by someone

who was an eyewitness of the events. Genesis 7:14 sounds almost like an exclamation point, "and every bird after it's kind, all sorts of birds[!]NASB. In the CJB it says, "and every bird of every species...all sorts of winged creatures." If Noah didn't write the details, he would have overseen them as they were being written.[How did Moses get his hands on these records? Either he got them from his Father-in-law, who was also a descendant of Abraham through Ketura, (the woman Abraham married after Sarah died,) or Moses got the information from his own family, or both.]

And check out the portion of scripture that says that the waters were fifteen cubits higher than the highest mountains. How did they know that? More than likely they would have thrown a line out of the Ark window and measured how deep the water was. Wouldn't you? The guys in my family certainly would have! Probably most of the guys in the Creation Science movement would have too! Get real! What makes you think Noach and his sons didn't? They knew that the waters were still increasing up until day 150, even though the rains only lasted the first 40 days.

The day that Noach tore open the roof of the Ark to have a look over the side at the ground below, was his 601 birthday! He probably got up that morning & his sons asked him what he wanted to do to celebrate turning 601. When he announced his desire, they probably went & fetched the tools!!

Now consider this: Noah studied God's revelation for 600 years before The Flood. He walked with God his whole life because the Scriptures say that he did this during all the generations he lived through. Genesis 6:9 KJV 'Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God'. If you have the privilege of having a pastor who diligently studies God's word 30 to 40 hours a week, you can understand what it is like to 'feast on the Word' whenever you listen to one of his sermons. As the years go by, so does the depth of his understanding of God deepen, and yours too. Think what sort of depth of understanding he would have if he lived to be 600 years old! Noah and his sons probably had photographic memories, and their brain cells were genetically superior to ours. What kind of preacher of righteousness would he be?

My oldest brother-in-law once said to me that Noah thought of himself as being a circle. Inside that circle were his three sons and their wives and his wife. The circle was his kingdom and responsibility and he guarded it. People inside that circle lived a certain way and thought a certain way under Noah's influence. Noah habitually walks with YAHVEH all the generations that he lives through. Outside this circle was unrighteousness and God's judgment. Cham was the first to step outside that circle after The Flood. Noah's judgment on him was exactly what he had done to Noach. Canaan was going to step outside Cham's circle!

Try to visualize this: At the beginning of The Flood, Noah had lived the same amount of time as if a person had lived from the 1400's until the present day, and had never been drunk in all that period of time. God says he lived a life of habitual righteousness all that time! God says He was blameless in all his generations (Genesis 6:9). Noah would have been even more awestruck of YAHWEH after The Flood. He had seen YAHVEH fulfill His Word by destroying the old world. He witnessed the forces God used in creating a worldwide flood. Then after The Flood, he saw the evidence of it all around him. He would have had even more cause to live a righteous life. (Consider this: When justice is carried out, it is a deterrent to the rest of society not to act the same way. The same principle applies here.) Another thing to consider is that Noah would have had to rely on God

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even more so after The Flood, because he was now living in a brand new type of environment that nobody had ever lived in before. Now he didn't have anyone older than him to fall back on. With all that in mind, now consider this: If your Dad was of the same caliber as Daniel or Job or Billy Graham or John MacArthur or somebody else who has chosen to live an uncompromising life, and you walked into their bedroom and found them lying on the ground passed out and totally naked, what would your response be? (Especially when you knew that this condition was totally against their moral character, and especially when you knew that they would be totally mortified when they woke up?) Cham was about 100 years old at the time, and had never (guaranteed!) seen his Father in this condition before. Not only that, he knew that this was not his Father's way! He absolutely knew better! (Somehow the evil one had gotten a foothold on Cham's heart because of his anger. Cham had to have been a righteous person to begin with, or he would not have survived The Flood. It took faith in YAHVEH to live through what he had already lived through!)[The Book of Jasher says Cham was a righteous man. Jacob and King David were also righteous men!] Cham(Ham) stepped over the line that was Noah's circle, when he reported Noah's condition to his two brothers outside. He was not representing what was in Noah's circle. He acted like the rest of the world that was outside that circle whom God had already judged. This was a affront against YAHVEH!

Shem and Yafet (Japheth) had the right response, which came from hearts that were in right standing with YAHVEH. They were mortified, and picked up a garment (maybe it was their Dad's outer wrapper) walked in backwards with their heads turned the other way, and the wrapper across their shoulders, and quietly covered him up! They too understood their Father's moral character. They were probably far more mortified for him than he was. Love covers a multitude of sins. They covered his disgrace instead of flaunting it. They treated their father with great respect. Cham treated him with disrespect.

When Noach woke up, he still had the heart of a father and a shepherd. The difference between him and the rest of us, is that he had lived many generations, and had a vast understanding of where attitudes led to from one generation to the next. He had seen with his own eyes things that we barely begin to comprehend. What he said to his sons came from a vast resource of his past experiences, living several generations with a flawless upright character. It wasn't an "I'm mad at you and now you're going to get it!" thing.

One of the requirements for opening up the treasures hidden in a portion of scripture is to look at the historical context that it was written in. There is a window of history that 'The Heavens Declare' (William D. Banks) into this era that for the most part has been totally overlooked, from what I have seen. It is what Dr D.James Kennedy calls 'The Real Meaning Of The Zodiac', or what E.W. Bullinger calls 'The Witness Of The Stars'. In essence, the whole story of redemption is pictured in the star constellations. Noach and his sons brought these things with them on the Ark. Later, beginning with Nimrod and the Tower of Babel, the revelation began to be corrupted into a false religion called the Zodiac. However, the original names of the stars themselves haven't been corrupted, and they reveal the original truth that was conveyed in those star constellation pictures. One needs to look through that window when one is trying to figure out what Noach was thinking when he put a curse on his own beloved and cherished grandson. Nothing else makes sense! There's a picture in the stars called 'Centaurs' in the Greek and 'The Despised Sin Offering' in the Hebrew. It's a picture of a creature who is half

and half horse. (The bottom half of him is the horse part. He has a spear in his right hand, and he is in the process of killing a victim who could either be a wolf or a lamb (or maybe both!) His spear is aimed right at the heart of his victim. The Southern Cross, which can be seen in the night-time sky in the Southern Hemisphere, sits right in-between the horse's four legs. 'The Despised Sin Offering' is the lowest, or farthermost south of all the star pictures.

When I first examined this 'picture', it puzzled me because I wondered where would such a corrupt idea come from as 'a half man half horse being'? In the Bible a horse is considered to be an unclean animal, and cannot be used for sacrifices or eating purposes. Then one day in the classroom, my grandniece asked me to help her with her 'Animal Science'. The workbook was covering the subject of horses. The page she wanted help on talked about how horses were made to be man's servants, and how we should learn to be like them in serving each other. After that, this star picture began to make sense! The star picture is very clearly a picture of Yeshua/Jesus. He came as a servant. His mission was to conquer sin and death. That is seen in the spearing of the victim. However, He Himself is called 'The Despised Sin Offering'. Noach and his sons must have wondered greatly at the name that God had given to this particular star picture. In Greek mythology a centaur was a despised and hated creature by both gods and men because they had no form of comeliness or beauty, even though they were mighty warriors. The most famous of these centaurs was renowned for his hunting, for his medicine, for his music, for his teaching, and for his prophecy. He was thought to be immortal, but he voluntarily agreed to die and transferred his immortality to someone else. The original thought behind this story somehow was conveyed from the sons of Noach. The names of the stars themselves in this star picture have some pretty amazing names, that have been passed down to us from ancient times. They are 'Toliman' (which means 'The Heretofore and The Hereafter') and 'Proxima' (Latin) or 'Cheiron' (Greek) (which means 'The Pierced, or Who Pierces. Noach had been studying these star pictures for over 600 years. Josephus says that the course of the whole star cycle took 600 years to complete, so Noach had seen the whole '600 year show'. (See Josephus, Antiquities of the Jews chapter 3, section 9.) When Noach made the declaration to his sons about what was going to happen to Canaan, this is what he was considering. He knew that sooner or later that The Seed of the woman was going to come and rescue his descendants from the curse, and that was the whole reason why they had survived The Flood. The fact that he had been caught off guard, reiterated the fact of our helplessness, that we are stuck with a sin nature. The fact that Cham dealt with things according to the world's standards reiterated the fact that most of us are determined to go our own way instead of God's. Noach probably saw this whole picture and understood it very well. He put Canaan in that place where The Redeemer would need to be, which was a humble servant of servants, 'The Despised Sin Offering'. I realize this is a totally foreign notion to anything that we have ever been taught about Canaan, but the truth of the matter is, is that Jesus/Yeshua had to become cursed in order to redeem us. When Noach put his precious little grandson in that position, (who was probably still a baby or toddler because it only takes about four years to get a decent harvest of grapes), he probably came to a new realization of what the price to redeem us from our sins was going to cost, because God had to do the same thing with His own Son. Galatians 3:13 says "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having

become a curse for us---for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"--- There's a lot to think about right here! When I first began to study this out, it was before I began the adventure of learning Hebrew & Jewish thought. Since then I have come to understand that it is a common thing for stuff about the Messiah to be woven into the text of scripture throughout the first 11 chapters of Genesis.

We know how the Canaanites became so bad that God commanded them to be wiped out. Some of them escaped His wrath because of their faith (Tamar and Rahab were even included in the genealogy of Christ. Shem's grandson Shelah married Canaan's daughter because Canaan is mentioned as his father-in-law in Luke's genealogy of Messiah.) They are a picture of us. The Seven Churches mentioned in Revelation chapters 1 to 3 were located in the area of the old Hittite Territory, and more than likely some of them were descendants of the Hittites who descended from Canaan. They are still serving us today through what was written about them! (See 'Ch'naan ben Ch'am & God's Grace' in Your Grandpa's section of this web site.) Here's how Genesis 9:25-27 reads in the KJV

& he said Cursed be Canaan servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren & he said Blessed be the God of Shem & Canaan shall be his servant & God shall enlarge Japheth& he shall dwell in the tents of Shem & Canaan shall be his servant

Here's how the whole thing reads with the literal translation from the Hebrew :

& he said, " Cursed humble servant of servants he shall be to his brothers."
& he said, "Blessed is YAHVEH God of Name & is humble servant to them/to him/to Him.
Shall expand Elohim to expansion & he shall dwell in tents of Name.
& shall be humble servant to them/to him/to Him

Grape fermentation: The air pressure before The Flood was most likely increased by 50% to 110%. We find 50% more oxygen in amber bubbles. The process of grape fermentation is slowed down as the air pressure is increased. What it does is squash the carbon dioxide gasses together. The glucose, (which is a type of high-energy sugar produced by grapes) can only change into alcohol and carbon dioxide as the carbon dioxide gas is allowed to escape. If the gas has nowhere to escape to, then the glucose in the grape juice cannot ferment into alcohol. Before The Flood, grapes did not ferment into alcohol at the same rate that they do nowadays.

Another interesting thing is that people get drunk faster at lower air pressures. If before The Flood the air pressure was increased by 50% to 110%, it would have taken longer for people to get drunk than it does nowadays. (See 'The Waters Above' by Joesph C. Dillow, pages 103-104)

After The Flood, people would use wine as a means to purify water and make it safe to drink. They would dilute the wine in the water. The recipe was anywhere between 'one-third to one-tenth parts wine' mixed with 'two-thirds to nine-tenths water'. (When Jesus made the wine at the wedding in Cana, it didn't have time to ferment!) See notes in The MacArthur Study Bible on page 1578, for John 2:2.