



Some Bible Knowledge is Critical.

Most of the critical scriptural "dots" really DO "connect"
 ...for those who learn how to study God's written word.
 But most believers learn only what to study
 ...to confirm denominational Doctrines.
 This series can help.

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A lot of people get really confused when they get to chapter nine of Genesis. Most of them are afraid to ask the questions that could clear up their confusion, though. Why? Well, it's embarrassing! And maybe they just don't want other people to think they're stupid or something! If you've ever experienced a time like that, I hope and pray that it'll never happen to you again.

Yep, I was afraid to ask, too...for years! And maybe I'm lucky that my sanctuary Bible students were also too timid to ask. That's because, during those years, I wouldn't have known how to answer them! Here's the verse that seems to be the cause of most of the confusion and embarrassment:

- > "And he [Noah] drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent. And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without." —Genesis 9:21,22

Many people wonder if that describes a homosexual episode for Noah's son, Ham. The straight (no pun intended) answer to that legitimate question is "No." As in so many other examples, we must use scripture to find out what this scripture is talking about. These are the scriptures that do that for us in this case:

- > "And the man that lieth with his father's wife hath uncovered his father's nakedness..." —Leviticus 20:11
- > "And if a man shall lie with his uncle's wife, he hath uncovered his uncle's nakedness..." —Leviticus 20:20
- > "And if a man shall take his brother's wife, it [is] an unclean thing: he hath uncovered his brother's nakedness..." —Leviticus 20:21

Got it?

Here's the (still-embarrassing, but critical to know) bottom line: Noah's wife was Canaan's mother. Noah's son, Ham, was Canaan's father. Classic incest. Is there any wonder that Noah was so angry that he wanted Canaan out of his sight? (If God hadn't wanted you to know that, why do you think He would've directed Moses to put it in writing?)

One of the reasons WHY that's so important for you to know is this: The Land of Canaan was named for its founder, Noah's illegitimate stepson/grandson. You may remember that the Land of Canaan was promised, later, to the descendants of Jacob/Israel. People often call it "the promised land." By the time Moses and the Hebrews got there to claim it, the offspring of Noah's illegitimate stepson/grandson had intermarried with descendants of recurring visits of "the sons of God." Several tribes of them had settled in that land, too. You may remember that the giant sons of Anak were among them.

Here's an Old Testament scripture that confirms at least two visits of the "sons of God":

- > "There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare [children] to them, the same [became] mighty men which [were] of old, men of renown..." —Genesis 6:4

Here's a New Testament scripture that probably refers to at least one future visit of "sons of God":

- > "For this cause ought the woman to have power[^] on [her] head because of the angels." —1 Corinthians 11:10
- [^] Again, per Strong's G-1849, the KJV word, "power," here, is transliterated, "exousia" —"power of choice... mental power...the power of authority (influence) and of right (privilege)."

Let's review the must-know facts about things that happened soon after Noah's flood:

- 1 Noah's son, Ham, had sex with his own mother, Noah's wife. Noah's wife got pregnant and gave birth to Ham's son and they named him Canaan. Canaan was Noah's stepson and his grandson.
- 2 Noah got really angry about that...stayed angry, too! He was so angry that, when Canaan got old enough to travel, he made him leave and never come back.
- 3 Canaan settled in an area that was eventually named after him: "The Land of Canaan." Later, God promised that area to the offspring of Jacob/Israel. People still call it "the promised land."

[Note: Jacob/Israel was a man. Abraham was his grandfather and Isaac was his father. You may recall that Jacob's brother, Esau, had second thoughts about selling his birthright for a bowl of hot soup. God changed Jacob's name to Israel after he wrestled the night away with "the angel of the Lord"—probably Jesus, Himself, before He was born in the flesh. You can read the last part of that story at Genesis 32. After that, Jacob/Israel's offspring were called "the children of Israel."]

- ④ Several tribes of the offspring of "the sons of God" settled in Canaan, too. Some of them were Giants.
- ⑤ Many of Canaan's offspring mated with the offspring of "the sons of God." Some of their offspring were Giants.

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