



## Noah's Sons

Genesis 9:18-29

Sin Remains - grapevine, cup, wine - Noah and his family were the only people left on earth after the flood. Noah planted a vineyard and became drunk.

Shame & Honor - tent & sons - Noah passed out in his tent naked and asleep. Ham saw his father and told his brothers. Shem & Japheth covered Noah to honor him.

Slavery Curse - pit, slave, chains - Noah was furious when he awoke. His youngest son had shamed him. He declared a slavery curse on Ham's descendants.

Wealth Blessing - house, table, bread, cup, flame - Noah declared wealth, prosperity, and God's blessings over his two older sons. After 950 years, Noah died.

### Storytellers Sight

- What elements of a tragedy do we see in this story?
- Look at Noah and his family from God's perspective. He just cleansed the earth; yet, sin still flourishes.
- Compare what's honorable vs. shameful in this story.
- What clues in the story hint that Ham did something really bad to Noah while he was asleep and alone?
- Consider Jesus' words about forgiving in John 20:23.
- How did this experience impact each of Noah's kids?
- What will you remember the most about Noah's life?