

# Study Notes and Questions for Genesis 9-11

## Chapter 9

- What command did God give to Noah and his family in **9:1**?
- What change in their diet is explained in **9:3**?
- What provision did God make for the animals since mankind would now be eating meat?
- Read **9:4** and then read **Leviticus 17:10–11, 14**. What did you learn from Leviticus about why God prohibited the eating of meat with blood still in it?
- What is the subject of **9:5-6**?
- What does God command them to do in **verse 6**?
- What is the reason for honoring life given at the end of **verse 6**?
- Read **9:8-17**. What was the covenant and promise that God made with Noah?
- Does this covenant place any requirements on Noah or his descendants in order for the covenant promises to be kept?
- Read **9:20-27**. What did Ham do that caused his father to utter a curse?
- What is God trying to convey in this passage about Canaan the son of Ham?
- How long did Noah live on the earth?

## Chapter 10

- **Note:** Read **10:32** as this verse summarizes the content of this entire chapter.
- According to **Genesis 10:8–12** who founded the first “kingdom”?

## Chapter 11

- Compare **11:1–2** to **11:9**. What has changed?
- The first “Come, let’s ...” at Babel was uttered by the humans (**11:3**). What was wrong with their purposes for building the city and tower?
- Compare the people’s attitude in saying, “Come, let’s ...” (**11:3–4**), to the attitude in **James 4:13–17**. How are the attitudes alike?
- According to **11:6**, why did God frustrate the people’s attempt at united accomplishment?

- Compare the unity of Babel (see Genesis 11:3–4) to the unity “in Christ” that God planned for mankind (see Ephesians 2:11–22; 4:1–16; Revelation 5:6–10; 7:9–10).
- What are the goals of unity in Christ, according to these references?
- How is unity in Christ accomplished?
- Some people also think that **11:1–9** portrays a selfish, domineering God. Does it? Why did God scatter the builders? How could the worldwide religious state they were building have hindered God’s choice of Abraham and preparation for Jesus?
- In what ways are modern people like the ones who built the tower of Babel?
- Does **11:1–9** offer any insight into how we ought to pray for the world?