

Gleanings from the Pentateuch

“The Dark Ages”
(Genesis 4-11)

The Post-Flood Era

A New Beginning:

- the renewal of creation – “*be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth*”
- restatement of man’s dominion over the creation
- a covenant promise never to destroy the earth again

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The Same Ending:

- Noah’s drunkenness and nakedness

Lessons:

1. Man’s righteousness is not enough to secure the kingdom – he always fails!
2. There must be someone else – someone of a superior nature to Adam and Noah

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The Same Ending:

- Noah’s drunkenness and nakedness
 - the disrespect of Ham is contrasted with the respect of Shem and Japheth
 - the respective curse and blessing are indicators of the future

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The Same Theme:

1. A new progression of sin, corruption and rebellion against God
2. The continued preservation of the line of the promised “seed”

The Nations

Purposes:

1. Provides essential background for the rest of the Pentateuch
2. Shows the common origin and unity of all the nations of the earth
3. Shows that the distinction of the nations is due to rebellion against God

