

# The Sons of Noah Who Came Out of the Ark were Shem, Ham and Japheth

**9: 18-19**

**REFLECT:** In what area do you need a new beginning in your life today? How can you get it? How did Noah, Mrs. Noah, their sons and their wives get it?

Now we come to a new beginning. It is difficult for us today to realize what a world-shattering beginning it was. **The sons of Noah who came out of the ark were Shem, Ham and Japheth (9:18a).** Mankind had the opportunity to start a "new creation." This was the record of **the three sons of Noah (Genesis 5:32; 6:10; 7:13; 10:1 and First Chronicles 1:4).** This statement connects this section with the Flood account.

**Ham was the father of Canaan (9:18b).** This statement connects this statement with the next section. **Ham, acting as he did, showed that he was the true father of Canaan and how Noah came to curse Canaan for Ham's sin.**

**These were the three sons of Noah, and from them came the people who were scattered over the earth (9:19).** This was a fresh start, a new beginning for mankind. All of humanity descended from these **three** men because **Noah** had no more **sons** after the Flood. While the Flood had wiped out sinful people, the sin nature of humanity remained in the heart of **Noah** and **his children. For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23).** Would **they** be more successful in avoiding **sin**? The answer comes quickly.<sup>168</sup>