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## This is the Account of Shem, Ham and Japheth, Sons of Noah

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**This is the account of Shem, Ham and Japheth, Noah's sons, who themselves had sons after the Flood.** This is what became of **the sons of Noah**. **His** three **sons** had no children before **the Flood**; all **their** children were born after **the Flood**. All humanity comes from these three **sons**. Most likely, the three **sons** went their separate ways after the traumatic events of **9:20-27**, coming together again only to share in the burial ceremony of their father **Noah**. **Shem** had apparently taken over the task of recording the genealogies of the three families in the meantime. **He** continued until the time of the confusion of languages at Babel, after which **he** seems to have lost touch with **his** brothers.<sup>184</sup> Because the lineage in that patriarchal society was traced through the men, only the names of the men and their **sons** are listed in this chapter, leaving the names of their wives and daughters unknown to the biblical record.