

Vancleave Weekly Bulletin

Dedicated to Spiritual Encouragement and Christian Ministry

If Only Eight People Were on the Ark, Where Did The Races Come From? *by Bob Prichard*

(via House to House, Heart to Heart)

The census of those on the ark included Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons (Genesis 7:13). With these four men and four women, the earth was repopulated after the flood.

The Bible does not tell us when the races originated. It is possible that the races developed from the division of mankind at the tower of Babel, although Moses only says that God confounded their language and scattered them abroad (Genesis 11:1-9). As people scattered and separated, the races could have developed from the gene pool in each area. As people intermarried within a region, certain racial characteristics developed, as well as individual languages.

Modern science has tried to differentiate among the races, recognizing four basic races: Caucasoid, Mongoloid, Negroid, and Australoid. The problem with these classifications, however, is that the dominant characteristics that are specific to a race, such as skin color or hair type, are found in the other racial groups. Skin color, the most obvious racial characteristic, is determined primarily by the amount of melanin in the skin. Thus a "white" person may actually have darker skin than a "black" person. Although general racial characteristics may predominate among certain populations, all human beings are part of the same species, the human race.

We know that all humans came from the original man and woman, Adam and Eve, and that all living human beings are descendants of Noah and his family. Paul declared that God "made of one every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth" (Acts 17:26). The words "of one," literally mean "out of one male," thus all mankind has descended from Adam.

Since all humans descended from the eight people on the ark, then all racial characteristics must have been available in the genetic makeup of Noah and his family. It is likely that Noah's family members were a combination of all modern day races. The separation into current races was gradual over time.

Neither the biblical nor the non-biblical evidence supports the evolutionary theory, coming from racial prejudice, that the races descended from different primates or "pre-human" men. Since all races of humans can intermarry, all humans are interrelated.

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Weekly Ministry Information

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Sunday:

AM Worship* 10:00
*All other previously scheduled public services are currently suspended until further notice in response to the pandemic.

YouTube Channel:

*Vancleave Church of Christ
Digital Ministries*
Sunday AM 9:00
"The Revelation Ch 13"
Wednesday PM 6:00
"Things Most Surely Believed"

Maintaining Good Works:

- Annual Youth Events
- Bible Class* (for all ages)
- Local Food Pantry
- Back-Pack Buddies
- Gulf Coast Bible Camp
- Sunnybrook Children's Home
- Foreign Missions:
 - India*
 - Guyana, South America*

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Announcements and Prayer Requests

The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry ~ P salms 34:15

- **Please continue to remember these and others previously listed who are still in need of prayer:**
 - **Kevin Stewart** passed away last week. He and John Nabors had been long time friends. Let's remember Kevin's family and John Nabors in prayer.
 - Again, we would congratulate brother **Roman Holmes** for his success in becoming the school principal at North Woolmarket!
 - **Maci Patton's** medical test revealed good results and she is thankful for our prayers.
 - Continue to remember **Ken Ramsey** in our prayers, Ken is the husband of Pat Ramsey, Lanette Girod's cousin.
 - **Others:** _____

If you have any updates on past or current prayer requests or other announcements, please share them by sending an email to vco_Christ@att.net or simply text or leave a voice message at **601-436-0868**.

- **WEEKLY WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT:** Sometimes we decry the over-use of the idea of comfort. For instance, we might speak about the need to "get out of our comfort zones" as we face up to greater challenges that, in the end, help us to grow and be stronger. But let's also not forget, our God is the God of "all comfort" who helps us during times of trouble. Maybe this is one reason Paul wrote, "when I am weak, then am I strong" (2 Corinthians 12:10).

"Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort"
(2 Corinthians 1:3)

- **Service times** are currently limited to *SUNDAY MORNINGS ONLY (at 10:00) with no Bible class, no evening services nor mid-week services*. The eldership has carefully determined this to be an extra measure of caution against COVID-19 exposure, but it does not anticipate this to be a permanent change.

Previous prayer requests and announcements may not be reflected in the above list. Please refer to earlier published bulletins for these as well as other announcements and other ministry opportunities.

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, LET US CONTINUE TO OBSERVE GOOD HYGIENCE, SOCIAL DISTANCING, LEAVING PEW SEPARATORS IN PLACE AND LIMITING DIRECT / HAND-TO-HAND CONTACT WITH ONE ANOTHER TO MINIMIZE RISKS OF COVID-19.

Daily Bible Reading Plan for 2021

Week 10

Day	Passage	Thoughts for Meditation
MONDAY	Numbers 23-25	What were the reasons for God's displeasure with Balaam?
TUESDAY	Numbers 26-27	Why do you think God want His laws to be so specific?
WEDNESDAY	Numbers 28-30	Which of these stands out to you and why?
THURSDAY	Numbers 31-32	Why was revenge considered acceptable for a nation establishing itself?
FRIDAY	Numbers 33-34	What do you see in this reading that is most helpful?
SATURDAY	Numbers 35-36	Why is a city of refuge important?
SUNDAY	Deuteronomy 1-2	Have you given someone a gift and they were ungrateful for your time and effort?

I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways. P salms 119:15