

Precious in His Sight



God created man in His image. We have turned our backs on Creator God and embraced evolution, Satan's great lie. Racism is evolution's most harmful principle. One God made us one race.

God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation. Acts 17:24a, 26.

NO BIBLICAL SUPPORT FOR RACISM

The Bible contains no scripture that would point toward any idea of racism as we view it. The biblical creation account supports that all mankind descends from one original couple, Adam and Eve. Further, the account of Noah's flood supports that we all are descendents of Noah, his wife, their three sons, and three daughters-in-law. The curse of Ham has nothing to do with skin color. Let us consider these issues.

CREATION: ONLY ONE SKIN COLOR

We all have the same skin "color," determined by pigmentation called "melanin." Our genes cause some of us to have more melanin than others, so some are darker, some lighter, in varying "shades." The exceptions are albinos, who have no melanin.

Four genes, two from each parent, determine our skin "shade," represented by upper and lower case A and B on the chart to the right. AABB would be darkest and aabb lightest. This sixteen-square chart shows five possible shades, but skin thickness and the fat beneath the skin can cause further variation.

	AB	Ab	aB	ab
AB	AABB	AABb	AaBB	AaBb
Ab	AABb	AAbb	AaBb	Aabb
aB	AaBB	AaBb	aaBB	aaBb
ab	AaBb	Aabb	aaBb	aabb

CURSE OF HAM

Most of us believe that Ham was cursed, and that because of this curse, when Noah said "Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren," that Canaan's descendents were dark skinned. This was a convenient belief for white people who thought dark skinned people were lesser and sanctioned by God to be slaves. Although it was Ham that sinned, *Canaan's descendents* were cursed. Nowhere is skin color or anything else physical mentioned.

The clue to the curse avowed in Genesis 9 is found in Genesis 10: *And Canaan begat Sidon his firstborn, and Heth, And the Jebusite, and the Amorite, and the Girgasite, And the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite, And the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite: and afterward were the families of the Canaanites spread abroad. And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon, as thou comest to Gerar, unto Gaza; as thou goest, unto Sodom, and Gomorrah, and Admah, and Zeboim, even unto Lasha.* Genesis 10:15-19.

Sodom and Gomorrah! One's descendants being destined to die by a rain of fire is a pretty bad curse! God by his omniscience and foreknowledge knew this to be their fate, though they had free will. Our sin is the assumption that dark skin is "bad." In any event, God created dark skin, light skin, and medium skin, *And God saw every thing that He had made, and, behold, it was very good.* (Genesis 1:31).

DESCENDANTS OF ADAM THROUGH NOAH

The latest news from the world of anthropology is the results of DNA research pointing toward a single female ancestor of all humans they call, "Eve." This fascinating Eve account revolves around mitochondrial DNA exploration. Mitochondria are organelles found in living cells and are *only* inherited from the mother. By sampling mitochondria from peoples around the world, scientists claim to have traced lineages toward a common ancestor.

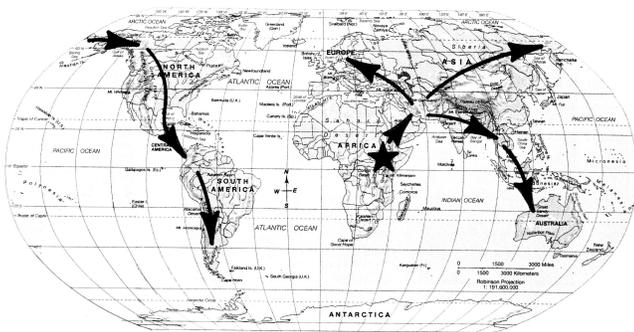
The Discovery Channel aired a special in 2002 about this research dubbed "Real Eve." The program explains how the descendants of their "Eve," believed to be from Africa, traveled to the rest of the world. The first migrations were into what are now Yemen and the Middle East, then to Asia, Malaysia, and Australia. Also, some to China and eventually the Americas. Later, descendants living in the Middle East migrated North and West to the Balkans and Europe.

As the migration routes were mapped, one could notice the similarity to how a biblical-creationist could map the spreading of civilization from Ararat, the "dock" of Noah's ark. The mere difference would be the direction of one arrow from Africa to the Middle East. (See maps.)

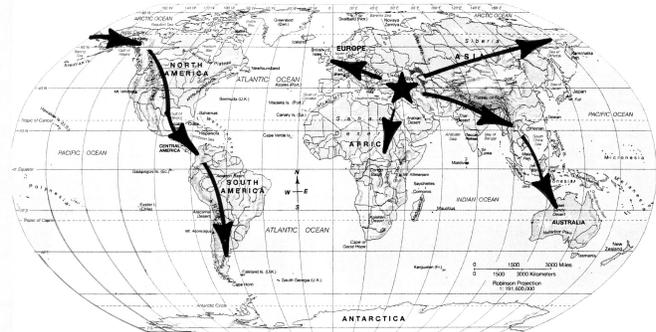
This is quite imaginable because all of the people groups around the world come from Mrs. Noah or one of her three daughters-in-law.

The writers of Real Eve considered the Africans to be older, because of more variations. Could these granddaughters instead be the wives of Noah's sons?

An interesting point made on Real Eve was, "Under the skin we are all very much the same," and "If we look at the DNA of all of us...we show less variation than we would find in a small group of (apes)." The view that the first humans were dark skinned was refreshing in contrast to the notion that dark skin came later as a "curse."



"Eve" or "Out-of-Africa" migration route. From Africa to present day Yemen, then to all points from there.



Possible Biblical migration route from Mount Ararat into all the world.

The Bible certainly agrees that we all came from the real, Real Eve.

THE BOTTOM LINE

Satan hates God and wants to drive a wedge between the Creator and us. His best wedge is the lie of evolution and the hate of racism. Don't fall into Satan's trap. We are already in judgment from sin because of yielding to Satan's tempting.

Because of our sins, we are destined to die: *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;* (Romans 3:23). Even so, God loves us and provided a substitute to pay for our sins: *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.* (John 3:16). Salvation from our sins is for anyone who will accept God's gift. *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:* (John 1:12).

To accept Jesus as your Savior, pray: *"Dear Father in Heaven, I know I am a sinner. I am truly sorry for my sins. I repent and ask that you will forgive me. I accept Jesus as my Savior. From this day forward I will strive to live for Him. Dear Lord Jesus, please come into my heart. Amen."*

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