

## Scripture Reading

Genesis 8:15–19 (NIV)

<sup>15</sup>Then God said to Noah, <sup>16</sup>“Come out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives. <sup>17</sup>Bring out every kind of living creature that is with you—the birds, the animals, and all the creatures that move along the ground—so they can multiply on the earth and be fruitful and increase in number on it.” <sup>18</sup>So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives. <sup>19</sup>All the animals and all the creatures that move along the ground and all the birds—everything that moves on land—came out of the ark, one kind after another.

### 1) Be fruitful

Genesis 9:1 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup>Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth.

Genesis 1:27–28 (NIV)

<sup>27</sup>So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup>God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

### 2) Naked and ashamed in a garden

Genesis 9:18–23 (NIV)

<sup>18</sup>The sons of Noah who came out of the ark were Shem, Ham and Japheth. (Ham was the father of Canaan.) <sup>19</sup>These were the three sons of Noah, and from them came the people who were scattered over the whole earth. <sup>20</sup>Noah, a man of the soil, proceeded to plant a vineyard. <sup>21</sup>When he drank some of its wine, he became drunk and lay uncovered inside his tent.

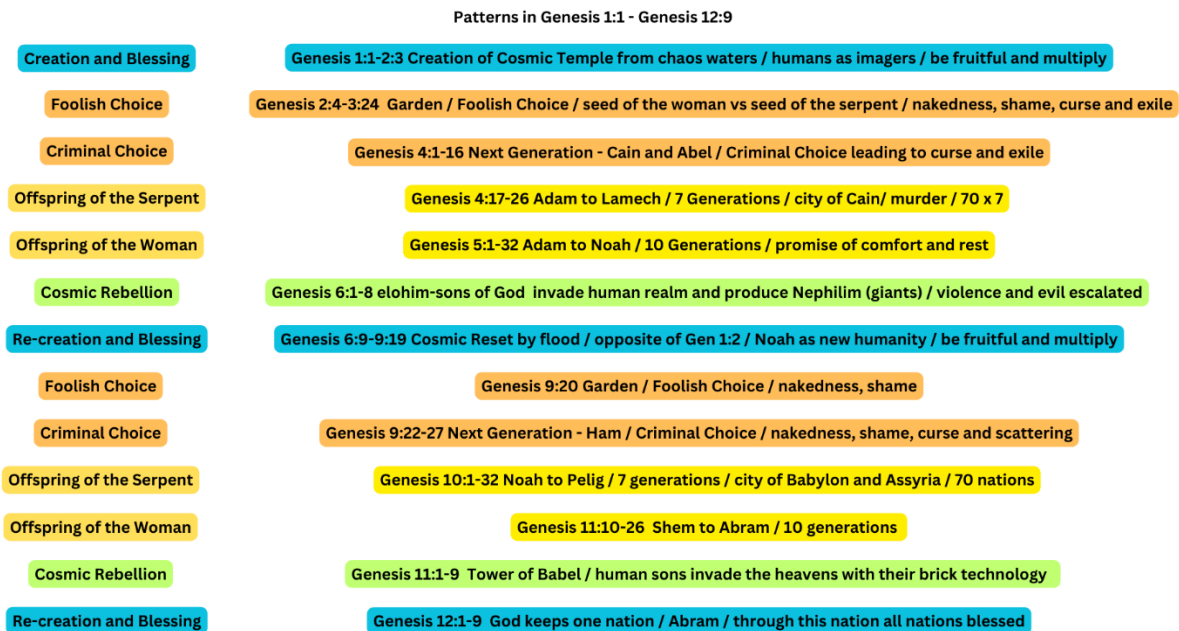
Genesis 9:22–25 (NIV)

<sup>22</sup>Ham, the father of Canaan, saw his father naked and told his two brothers outside. <sup>23</sup>But Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it across their shoulders; then they walked in backward and covered their father’s naked body. Their faces were turned the other way so that they would not see their father naked. <sup>24</sup>When Noah awoke from his wine and found out what his youngest son had done to him, <sup>25</sup>he said, “Cursed be Canaan! The lowest of slaves will he be to his brothers.”

Leviticus 20:11a (ESV)

<sup>11</sup>If a man lies with his father's wife, he has uncovered his father's nakedness;

### 3) Looking for patterns in the Bible



### 4) Please read the Bible

Psalm 19:7-14 (NIV)

<sup>7</sup>The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. <sup>8</sup>The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes. <sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous. <sup>10</sup>They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb. <sup>11</sup>By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward. <sup>12</sup>But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults. <sup>13</sup>Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression. <sup>14</sup>May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.