

Review Questions

Three Races

1. **How did God repopulate the earth?** (“To repeople the desolate earth, which the Flood had so lately swept from its moral corruption, God had preserved but one family, the household of Noah, to whom He had declared, *‘Thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.’* Genesis 7:1. Yet in the three sons of Noah was speedily developed the same great distinction seen in the world before the Flood. In Shem, Ham, and Japheth, who were to be the founders of the human race, was foreshadowed the character of their posterity.”)
2. **What was prophesied about the three great races? Which sons were respectful of Noah?** (“Noah, speaking by divine inspiration, foretold the history of the three great races to spring from these fathers of mankind. Tracing the descendants of Ham, through the son rather than the father, he declared, *‘Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.’* The unnatural crime of Ham declared that filial reverence had long before been cast from his soul, and it revealed the impiety and vileness of his character. These evil characteristics were perpetuated in Canaan and his posterity, whose continued guilt called upon them the judgments of God.

“On the other hand, the reverence manifested by Shem and Japheth for their father, and thus for the divine statutes, promised a brighter future for their descendants. Concerning these sons it was declared: *‘Blessed be Jehovah, God of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant. God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant.’* The line of Shem was to be that of the chosen people, of God’s covenant, of the promised Redeemer. Jehovah was the God of Shem. From him would descend Abraham, and the people of Israel, through whom Christ was to come. *‘Happy is that people, whose God is the Lord.’* Psalm 144:15. And Japheth *‘shall dwell in the tents of Shem.’* In the blessings of the gospel the descendants of Japheth were especially to share.

“The posterity of Canaan descended to the most degrading forms of heathenism. Though the prophetic curse had doomed them to