



## WEEK 11

### SETUP

- Share any thoughts or comments on your SOAP Journal from Genesis 9.
- Share any prayer requests and pray for each other.
- Read Psalm 33:10-22. What does this tell us about God's on-going involvement in the history of man (his providence)?

**Video:** The Importance of History, Paul Nelson, PhD, Philosopher of Science

### Discussion

1. Review the two different views of history described in the video in regard to the views of time, the causes of creation, the sequence of that creation, and the nature of human beings.
2. Read Isaiah 45:11-12, 18-19. What insights do these verses add to the two different views of history above? What was the purpose of creation according to verse 18?
3. The doctrine of providence suggests that God has had a plan for the universe from the beginning and that he works to guide history. What do Matthew 10:29-31, Jeremiah 18:6, and Psalm 33:10-11 tell us about God's providence? Does this spark confidence or confusion in you?
4. Read Hebrews 1:2-3. How would you explain this description of Jesus in verse 3?
5. Read Isaiah 44:24-26. How does God identify himself in verse 24? What does he promise in verses 25-26?
6. In Acts 17:22-31, how does Paul introduce God to the Athenians? How does he describe how God created humans in verse 25-26? How does he connect creation to judgment in verse 31?
7. How does 2 Peter 3:5-7 connect creation, the flood, and future judgment? How does 3:14 suggest we respond to this truth? How does this motivate you?

# SOAP JOURNAL EXERCISE

*Read: Genesis 10*

**S - Scripture** - Choose one verse from the scripture above and hand write it below.

**O - Observation** - Describe in your own words what you think the verse is saying. Explore words and phrases and try to put down what you “see” in this verse. You can even re-write the verse in your own words.

**A - Application** - Write down what you should do because of what this verse says. It may be something you need to keep doing, stop doing, or start new. Make it as detailed and specific as possible.

**P - Prayer** - Write a prayer thanking God for speaking to you, and ask him to help you focus on what he has said and what you should do.