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THE DESTRUCTION OF
MAN: "THE FLOOD"

Genesis 6-9

STUDY OUTLINE

Part 4

Passage: Genesis 6 - 9

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[week 19 review]

Principle: "Mighty Men" are no match for Elohim! Noah obeyed the command and entered the Ark, which is a picture of our obeying the command to believe and be saved (Acts 16:31). He only entered one time, which is a picture of saving faith occurring at one time in our life. The LORD closed the door indicating that the obedience was accepted and the deliverance was sealed (Eph. 4:30). The LORD choose to preserve the seed of the woman through one righteous man.

When you are going through a storm, it is easy to feel forsaken (Heb.13:5).

III. The God of New Beginnings. Genesis 8:1-22.

A. God Remembers His own (v.8:1a). God turns His attention from the destruction and rearrangement of the earth to the occupants of the Ark.

B. God Renews His World. God used wind to speed up the drying process. The waters increased and peaked at 5 months, 150 days (v.7:24),

the waters retreated for about 5 1/2 months with another 2 months needed to complete the drying process (vs.8:1b.-3).

C. In the seventh month on the seventeenth day of the month the ark **rested** on the mountains of Ararat, modern day Turkey. (v.8:4). It is reasonable to assume that God used the catastrophe of the flood to create major divisions of the continents. The earth would be settling for years with the continental separation completed during the days of Peleg (Gen.10:25). In later years the seventh month was very special to the Jews, for during that month they ushered in the new year with the Feast of Trumpets and celebrated the Day of Atonement and the Feast of Tabernacles (Lev. 23:23-44).

Note the beauty of God's creation and purpose in Psalms 104:5-9 and 148.

D. The water decreased steadily until the first day of the tenth month the tops of the mountains became visible (v.5).

E. Noah **waited** 40 days and then sent out an unclean bird, the raven, that flew here and there (must have been feeding off of floating carcasses). Noah waited a week and sent a dove, which being a clean bird, found no place to land so it returned to the ark. A week later Noah sent the dove out again and it returned with a fresh olive leaf (symbol of peace). A week later Noah sent out the dove for the third time, it didn't return so he knew the water had dried up (vs.6-12).

Wait (4037); *perimeno*, to await an event, as used in Acts 1:4, of waiting for the Holy Spirit, the promise of the Father. Patient waiting (5281); *hupomone*, to bear up under, under rowers, as used in 2 Thess.3:5, 2 Cori. 6:4.

F. Noah removed the covering (hatch or window), the ground was dried up, and after being on the ark for over 1 year, he did not leave the ark but waited another 26 days on the Lord to give the order that it was time (vs.13-19).

Principle: Isaiah 40:31. Through patient endurance, weaving together doctrines, promises, and life circumstances we become friends of God, and begin to see things His way.

G. Noah worships the LORD with thanksgiving and an acceptable sacrifice (vs. 20-21).

H. The ground cursed no more (v.21a). The LORD had cursed the ground because of Adam's sin (3:17) and added a further curse because of Cain's sin (4:11-12). The curse will not be removed until Jesus returns (Rev. 22:3). But in His grace, the LORD will not add to man's affliction.

I. There will be no more global flood judgments (v.21b). There will be a future global judgment of fire (2 Peter 3).

J. There will be no interruption of the cycle of nature (v.22). Day, night, and the seasons will continue while the earth remains. The "climate change" problem is nothing more than a subtle attack on the Noahic Covenant.

[week 18 review]

IV. New Commands to Noah. After the Flood, things are different. Genesis 9:1-7.

A. "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth (vs.1,7). When Noah came out of the ark he was like a second Adam. A new beginning with 8 believers. **The Bible says that children are a blessing, not a curse (Psalm 127:3-5; 128:3-4). Many people do not have that attitude toward children. Starting with the Revolutionary War, in over 200 years of American history, 1.2 million military personnel have been killed in 9 major wars. But in one year in the United States, 1.6 million babies are legally aborted.**

B. The human diet was expanded to include meat (vs.2-3). Adam and Eve were given fruit and plants to eat (Gen. 1:29; 2:9, 16). Cain was a farmer, Abel a shepherd, but Noah and his sons were now hunters.

C. The eating of meat must be free of blood because life is in the blood (v.4).

D. Protecting life (vs.5-6). Those who murder fellow human beings will have to answer to God for their deeds, for men and women are made in the image of God. To attack a human being is to attack God. All life is a gift from God, and to take away life means to take the place of God (Job 1:21).

Words to define:

Covenant (1285): briyth, *ber-eeth*, a feminine noun meaning to cut, treaty, alliance, agreement. The word is used to describe God making a covenant with humankind.

Conditional covenant: it's fulfillment depends on the recipient.

Unconditional covenant: it's fulfillment depends upon the One making the covenant.

Sign (226): owth, a masculine noun meaning sign, signal, mark, miracle. This word is used to describe awe inspiring events, for example God's work to bring the Hebrew people out of Egypt are miracles verifying God's message to Pharaoh (Exodus 4:8).

Biblical Covenants: Unconditional and Conditional

Unconditional Covenants

Noahic Covenant (Gen. 8:20-9:17); restates God's authority over man and man's duties as found in the Adamic Covenant and then adds new responsibilities, including;

1. animosity between mankind and the animal kingdom (9:2).
2. man could now eat animal flesh for food (9:3).
3. while eating flesh the blood shall not be consumed, but drained (9:4).

4. human life is so valuable that God requires the death of the one who murders another—capital punishment (9:5-6).
5. be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth (9:1).

Abrahamic Covenant; promise of land, seed and blessing. Was introduced in Gen. 12:1-3, made in Gen. 15:1-21, and reaffirmed in Gen. 17:1-21.

Davidic Covenant; promise upon which the future Millennial Kingdom of Christ will be founded (2 Sam. 7:4-17).

New Covenant; is for the spiritual regeneration of Israel in preparation for the Millennial kingdom (Jer.31:31; 32:37-40, Ezek. 36,), and is applied to the church (Matt. 26:27-28; Luke 22:20; 2 Cori. 3:6) because it provides for the forgiveness of sins and a spiritual dynamic that is not reserved solely for the nation of Israel.

Conditional Covenant

Mosaic Covenant (Exodus 20-23, Deuteronomy); was given exclusively and only to the nation of Israel (Psalm 147:19-20) and was fulfilled through Jesus Christ (Matt. 5:17). It is a conditional covenant and was designed to teach Israel how to please God as His chosen nation. The measuring stick was the Law.

V. Noahic Covenant. Genesis 9:8-17.

- A. Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons (v.8).
- B. The covenant (vs. 9-10).
 1. The covenant is not just for Noah and his family but for all of their offspring (v.9).
 2. The covenant extends to all the “kinds” of the animal kingdom (v.10).

3. The covenant is God's promise never to bring another global flood that will destroy all flesh (vs. 11,15).

C. The sign of the covenant is a Rainbow (vs. 12-17).

Summary:

Covenants have observable signs.

A. Noahic Covenant was a rainbow.

B. Abrahamic Covenant was circumcision (Gen.17:11, Rom.4:9-12).

C. Mosaic Covenant was the weekly Sabbath (Ex. 31:16-17).

D. Davidic Covenant was a Temple built by his son (2 Sam. 7:13-16).

E. New Covenant is communion (Matt.26:27-28, Mark 14:25, 1 Cori.11:25).

In heaven is also a rainbow which is an awesome picture of God's faithfulness to His word (Rev. 4:2-3).

Satan and his forces seek to replace the meanings of principles established by God. For example in modern times the sign of the rainbow has been stolen by evil people to represent deviant sexual behavior.

In the storms of life, always look for the rainbow. You may have to wait for the storm to subside but if you have faith, the LORD will deliver you.



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