

The Flood—Genesis 9-10

God's Covenant with Man

I. Additional Scriptures...

1. Life in the blood... 9:4; Lev 17:10-14; Deut 12:23; Acts 15:29; 1 Tim 4:4
2. Rainbow... 9:12-13; Rev 4:3; 10:1
3. Noah, a Husbandman... Mt 21:33-46; John 15:1; 1 Cor 3:9
3. Noah's drunkenness... Prov 20:1; Hab 2:15; Lev 18:6,7, 24, 29-30.
4. Cursed is Canaan... Josh 9:23; Judges 1:28, 30, 33, 35; 1 Kings 9:19, 20. His descendants were indeed evil... Lev 20:22-24; Deut 9:4; 12:31.
5. Japheth dwelling in the tents of Shem... cf., Eph 2:14-15

II. Chronology.

BIBLE PERIOD: **After the Flood.**

III. Summary.

Leaving the ark, Noah and his sons receive a blessing and a charge from the Lord to go forth, be fruitful, multiply, and replenish the earth. Man will have control over the other creatures and the DREAD of him has been placed there by God. God tells Noah that all living matter can be used for food like the green herbs He had already given to man. A restriction is placed upon eating blood, which is the source of life, it is not to be eaten. Capital punishment is set out as a statute before Noah in that the man's blood, being the source of life, comes only from God and man has not been given the prerogative of dispensing with human life.

God speaks about establishing a covenant with Noah and those who come after him. The covenant involves an agreement that God would not ever again destroy life from the face of the earth by a flood. As a token of the agreement, God placed His bow in the sky and it would be seen in the cloud.

Noah began to be a husbandman and planted a vineyard. Noah became drunken and was naked in his tent. Ham told his two brothers about the drunken state of their father. Evidently Canaan, fourth son of Ham, was somehow involved in an incident in his grandfather's tent because his name is mentioned in verse 22, before a curse is announced about him in verse 25. Shem and Japheth dutifully and respectfully covered up their father's nakedness. Shem was blessed and Japheth also by Noah. Noah lived after the flood for another 350 years. He likely was contemporary with Abraham for a little over 50 years.

Chapter 10 provides for us the "generations of Noah" and the clear demonstration that the sons of Noah did as God had told them to do after leaving the ark.

IV. Outline.

1. Noah and his sons are told to be fruitful (Gen 9:1)
2. They would have access to all of the creation (Gen 9:2-3).
3. They were not to eat blood (Gen 9:4-5).
4. Man was not to take the life of another man at penalty of losing his own life (Gen 9:6).
5. It was stressed they were to bring forth abundantly (Gen 9:7).

6. God made a covenant with man and sealed it with a Rainbow (Gen 9:8-17).
7. All mankind can trace back to Shem, Ham, or Japheth (Gen 9:18-19).
8. Noah began to be a farmer and planted a vineyard (Gen 9:20).
9. Noah drank of the wine from the vineyard, became drunken, and naked (Gen 9:21).
10. Because of different ways of dealing with it, the incident led to a curse for Canaan and blessings pronounced upon Shem and Japheth (Gen 9:22-27).
11. Noah lived 350 years after the flood and a total of 950 before dying (Gen 9:28-29).
12. The generations of Noah (Gen 10:1-32).

V. Questions.

True or False

01. _____ Noah lived longer after the flood than he had lived before it.
02. _____ There were no dietary restrictions from God during Patriarchy.
03. _____ One of Noah’s post-flood interests was vines.
04. _____ Nimrod was a mighty hunter.
05. _____ Capital punishment connects with creation.

Multiple Choice (Select the BEST Answer)

06. _____ Which of the sons of Noah are listed in the Luke 3 genealogy: (a) Shem; (b) Ham; (c) Japheth; (d) all three.
07. _____ Which of the following was NOT one of the instructions received from God after exiting the ark: (a) be fruitful; (b) multiply; (c) replenish the earth; (d) stay in this area.
08. _____ Japheth was told he would dwell where: (a) in caves; (b) in the south; (c) in tents of Shem.
09. _____ God placed His bow, as a token of His covenant with all flesh, so that it could be seen: (a) in a cloud; (b) by those living in the mountains; (c) only at night.
10. _____ The beginning of Nimrod’s kingdom was: (a) Jerusalem; (b) Assyria; (c) Babel.

Fill in the Blanks

11. “And the border of the _____ was from Sidon, as thou comest to _____, unto _____; as thou goest unto _____ and Gomorrah, and Admah, and Zeboim, even unto Lasha.”
12. Leviticus 18:____, “None of you shall approach to any that is near of _____ to him, to _____ their nakedness: I am the Lord.”
13. Deuteronomy ____:4, “...but for the _____ of these nations the Lord doth _____ them out from before thee.”
14. “Whoso _____ man’s _____, by man shall his blood be _____: for in the _____ of God made he man.”
15. Ham, the father of _____ saw the _____ of Noah.

Each Question is worth 7 Points

My Score is: _____

Answers will be found on next week’s handout

ANSWERS to Lesson 01-43 ... [01—True, 7:2; 02—False, 7:24; 03—True, 7:2; 04—False, 7:14; 05—False, 7:16; 06—b, 7:7, 1 Pet 3:20; 07—d, 7:2; 08—b, 7:19; 09—b, 7:11; 10—a, 7:5; 11—all, nostrils, breath, dry, 7:22; 12—two, two, Noah, male, 7:9; 13—33, eye, fear, hope, deliver; 14—Genesis, altar, clean, clean, burnt; 15--13.]

VI. Lessons & Applications.

1. **Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth** (Gen 9:1). Here is one of the purposes of marriage. After God took care of providing an help meet suitable for the

man (Gen 2:18), and from that point on, one of the purposes of the institution of marriage was being fruitful and replenishing the earth through reproduction. It was particularly a challenge at this time after the flood had served as such a great judgment upon mankind. Going back to the beginning like this should be helpful in answering some of the modern-day questions about WHAT IS MARRIAGE?! It is not and never was in the mind of God intended that there should be a marriage between two of the same sex! The more people depart from God’s Word, the more perverse they become. We need to “Go Back to Genesis.”

2. **Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you...** (Gen 9:3). The generous and marvelous provision of the Lord toward mankind is truly awesome. Man has been placed in command of the planet. In many ways man has made a bungling mess of things, but in other ways, marvelous fruit has come forth and continues to do so from the inventive mind of man (of course, itself a gift from God, James 1:17). Sometimes people want to get into debate about a vegetarian versus non-vegetarian diet. This text along with 1 Timothy 4:3-4 makes it pretty clear that God allows man the choice in such a matter as this and it is an overstepping for one to seek to bind either one or the other.
3. **But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat** (Gen 9:4). Rather than eat the blood, mankind needs to be reminded that the source of LIFE, all LIFE is God. This is simply one means of reminding us of that fact.
4. **...for in the image of God made he man** (Gen 9:6). Why should a statute be instituted that would take the life of one who took the life of another? It is because man has not been given the right to take what God has made. Those who argue against capital punishment do not find much support from texts like this one and others (e.g., Rom 13:4; 1 Pet 2:13-14).
5. **I do set my bow in the cloud...** (Gen 9:13). Who has not stood or “sat up at attention” to try to get a better view of the rainbow? What an amazing token or sign of a covenant God has made with YOU and ME!!! We can know for certain that there will never be a worldwide flood like Noah’s ever again.
6. **And Noah began to be an husbandman ... And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent** (Gen 9:21). What a sad incident in the life of this otherwise GREAT and GOOD man! Some of the tragic effects of intoxicants are seen in the record here.
 - 1) They cause one to lose the ability to reason properly.
 - 2) They cause one to engage in conduct which is completely out of character.
 - 3) They remove one’s inhibitions.
 - 4) They invariably lead on to other sins.

This account of Noah’s big mistake helps point out a remarkable evidence of the inspiration of the Bible—IT’S IMPARTIALITY toward the great heroes about whom it informs us.
7. **...Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren** (Gen 9:25). We might could wish that more were revealed about this incident so that we might satisfy our own curiosity regarding the curse being placed upon Canaan. Most Bible students believe that Canaan (fourth and youngest son of Ham) had FIRST seen his grandfather’s nakedness which resulted from his drunkenness, and had gone to get his father. It could be that there was something disrespectful and of a jeering or jesting nature that was part of what brought on a severe rebuke. The “curse” seems to me to be a part of a prophecy, given through Noah, regarding the future of the three sons. Those who descended from Canaan were notoriously evil (cf., Additional Scriptures above).

VII. Seek-A-Word Puzzle.

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 S R E T A W C V B N M L K J H G F D D S
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[The highlighted words can be found above.]

Gen 9:12-16 And God said, This is the **token** of the **covenant** which I make between me and you and every **living creature** that is with you, for **perpetual** generations: (13) I do set my **bow** in the **cloud**, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the **earth**. (14) And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be **seen** in the cloud: (15) And I will **remember** my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all **flesh**; and the **waters** shall no more become a **flood** to destroy all flesh. (16) And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will **look** upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.