

FLOOD 5  
NEW WORLD  
THE CELEBRATION OF  
GRACE

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GENESIS 9

*"So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. All the animals and all the creatures that move along the ground and all the birds—everything that moves on the earth—came out of the ark, one kind after another. Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. The Lord smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: "Never again will I curse the ground because of man, even though every inclination of his heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done. "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.""*  
(Genesis 8:18-22, NIV)

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## THE ARK EMPTIES

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- That the word "all" is prominent points to the complete preservation of those on the ark – nothing is lost.
- Again that all of the groupings of beasts is restated points to the completeness of God's preservation

### NOAH EXPRESSES HIS THANKS

- He sacrifices animals
- No animals were eaten prior to this moment and the animal kingdom is still only for sacrifice.
- God is pleased with his actions.

### GOD BLESSES ALL OF MANKIND IN NOAH.

- God lifts the curse on the productivity of the ground.
- Despite man's unchanging character.
- God will postpone final judgment.
- God promises seasons as the sign of his blessing.

*"Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest." (John 4:35, NIV)*

*"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." (Galatians 6:9, NIV)*

- This does not change the astronomical reasons for seasons
- If the water canopy was no longer in existence then the temperature and climatological variations would be more extreme.

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## GOD RESTATES HIS CALL FOR MANKIND

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*" Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth. The fear and dread of you will fall upon all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air, upon every creature that moves along the ground, and upon all the fish of the sea; they are given into your hands. Everything that lives and moves will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything. "But you must not eat meat that has its lifeblood still in it. And for your lifeblood I will surely demand an accounting. I will demand an accounting from every animal. And from each man, too, I will demand an accounting for the life of his fellow man. "Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made man. As for you, be fruitful and increase in number; multiply on the earth and increase upon it."'" (Genesis 9:1-7, NIV)*

- An affirmation of reproduction
- An expansion on dominion
- Animal submission is now with fear
- Animal care and life are now fully man's responsibility.
- An expansion of diet
  - Animal life (meat)
    - Unrestricted – if it lives and moves.
    - Restricted – it must be dead
  - Green plants continue in the diet
- An accountability for life (a new level of responsibility)
  - Animal life
  - Human life
- The institution of capital punishment.
- The restatement of God's image

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## A NEW COVENANT

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*"Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be cut off by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth." And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth." So God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth.'"" (Genesis 9:8-17, NIV)*

### TWO TYPES OF COVENANT

#### BOTH

- Irrevocable in nature.
- Never time constrained.

#### CONDITIONAL

- Requires certain actions on the part of each party to the covenant.
- Usually contains actions of benefit and of consequence for observance.
- If one party breaks the covenant the other party has no obligation except to exercise any penalties of the covenant
- Symbolically sealed with the cutting apart of animals
  - The animals are cut in two and laid out with a path between.
  - The parties of the covenant link arms and walk down the animal path.

#### UNCONDITIONAL

- Requires one party to take actions for another.
- Usually contains a sign or symbol of trust
- Symbolically sealed with the cutting apart of animals
  - The animals are cut in two and laid out with a path between.
  - The parties of the covenant link arms and walk down the animal path.

#### THE PARTIES OF THE COVENANT

- God – the covenanter

- Noah and all of mankind
- The animal kingdom

#### THE PROMISE OF THE COVENANT

- No more universal floods
- No more universal destruction on life by flood.

#### THE SYMBOL OF THE COVENANT - THE RAINBOW

- No rain prior to the flood, therefore no rainbows
- If there was a water canopy that would have limited pre-diluvian light refraction.
- That the rainbow is symbolic does not preclude its scientific foundation.
- Symbols of unconditional covenants are often existing objects like rocks or trees
- Boundaries are a form of unconditional covenant.

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### THE NEW EARTH AND THE OLD NATURE

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*“The sons of Noah who came out of the ark were Shem, Ham and Japheth. (Ham was the father of Canaan.) These were the three sons of Noah, and from them came the people who were scattered over the earth. Noah, a man of the soil, proceeded to plant a vineyard. When he drank some of its wine, he became drunk and lay uncovered inside his tent. Ham, the father of Canaan, saw his father’s nakedness and told his two brothers outside. But Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it across their shoulders; then they walked in backward and covered their father’s nakedness. Their faces were turned the other way so that they would not see their father’s nakedness. When Noah awoke from his wine and found out what his youngest son had done to him, he said, “Cursed be Canaan! The lowest of slaves will he be to his brothers.” He also said, “Blessed be the Lord, the God of Shem! May Canaan be the slave of Shem. May God extend the territory of Japheth; may Japheth live in the tents of Shem, and may Canaan be his slave.” After the flood Noah lived 350 years.” (Genesis 9:18-28, NIV)*

#### THE LITERARY BRIDGE

- The sons of Noah are again named
- The next generation is represented by the naming of Canaan
- The future habitation of the world is seen in the scattered people.
- Purpose: the story goes on and time passes

#### THE INEVITABLE - SIN REENTERS THE PICTURE

#### NOAH PLANTS A VINEYARD

- It was his skill
- It took time to grow

- It produced fruit
- It produced wine

#### NOAH ABUSED THE CROP

- He became drunk
- His inhibitions were compromised.
  - “He lay uncovered”

*And thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother's sister, nor of thy father's sister: for he uncovereth his near kin: they shall bear their iniquity. Lev 20:19 KJV*

#### HAM COMPROMISES HIM FURTHER.

- Ham sees his father naked
  - Contextually, he sees his father in a sexual way
  - He then reports his lust to his brothers
  - Perhaps so they also can lust.
  - The old world is destroyed the old man remains
- The compassion of Shem and Japheth
  - The brothers cover their father.
  - They do it in such a way as to preserve his dignity
  - They do it in such a way as to prevent their own sin.

#### **THE CURSE**

*"When Noah awoke from his wine and found out what his youngest son had done to him, he said, "Cursed be Canaan! The lowest of slaves will be to his brothers.'" (Genesis 9:24-25, NIV)*

#### HAM HIMSELF IS NOT CURSED.

- Canaan participated in some way.
- As the son dishonored his father so Ham's son would dishonor his father.
- Canaan already was living an evil life and is the influence on his father.

#### THE AFFECT OF THE CURSE

- Canaan would be despised by others.
- Abraham will not permit Isaac to marry into the race

*"I want you to swear by the Lord, the God of heaven and the God of earth, that you will not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I am living," (Genesis 24:3, NIV)*

- Isaac also despised them

*"So Isaac called for Jacob and blessed him and commanded him: "Do not marry a Canaanite woman." (Genesis 28:1, NIV)*

- Canaan would live in slavery
- Canaan would pursue his evil intents.

#### THE EXPRESSION OF THE CURSE

- Some believe this is a curse on Africans
  - The black race is doomed to slavery
  - The black race is more prone to evil
  - The black race is less intelligent
  - The black race is less revered among men

#### **PROBLEM: CANAANITES ARE NOT AFRICAN!!!!**

- Ham has four sons.
  - Canaan
  - Put
  - Cush
  - Mizraim
- The sons of Ham that inhabit Africa are
  - Mizraim – Egypt and North Africa
  - Put – Ethiopia and Continental Africa
- Cush and Canaan make their home in the fertile crescent
  - Cush becomes a forerunner of the Arabian peninsula
  - Canaan inhabits the current area of Israel, Lebanon and Syria.

#### MORE LIKELY, THE CURSE IS AGAINST THE INHABITANTS OF THE FUTURE LAND OF ISRAEL.

- These people are always described as Canaanites.
- These people are always despised in Scripture and in extra-biblical literature
- These people often are subjected to slavery.
- Some contemporary evidence points to these people as the modern day “Palestinians”

- Some will say this group of people are actually transplanted Turks.
- True Palestinians (Philistines) were actually Greek or Japhethite in origin.
- There have always been a mix of peoples living in the land of Israel.
  - Jews
  - Samaritans
  - Turks (transplanted Japhethites)
  - Palestinians (Canaanites)
  - Arabs (a minority)
- The Philistine people are a despised people.
  - Much of the Arab/Israeli conflict is a matter of hating Jews a little more than hating Palestinians.
  - If the Jews could be expelled from their homeland then the Arabs could send their Palestinians there.
  - Until that time Palestinians living in Arab countries perform the “unclean” services like houseboys, and menial labor.

#### THE BLESSING

*"He also said, "Blessed be the Lord, the God of Shem! May Canaan be the slave of Shem. May God extend the territory of Japheth; may Japheth live in the tents of Shem, and may Canaan be his slave." After the flood Noah lived 350 years." (Genesis 9:26-28, NIV)*

#### SHEM – A SPIRITUAL BLESSING

- **The presence of God**
- **The blessing of redemption**
- **The subjection of Canaan**

#### JAPHETH- A GEOGRAPHIC BLESSING

- *The habitation of the world*
- *The enjoyment of Shem's blessing*
- *The subjection of Canaan*