

Genesis 8-9:17 - Lesson 18

Noah's Covenant

1. 7:17-8:14 - The Flood Timeline

- a. The flood was 40 days, the waters 150 days, they were in the ark 370 days
- b. 3x God said he will destroy all flesh (6:13, 6:17, 7:4);
- c. 3x Noah entered (7:5, 7:7, 7:13); 3x the waters prevailed (7:18, 7:19, 7:20)
- d. 3x it is recorded everything died (7:21, 7:22, 7:23)
- e. 8:5 - The waters had to decrease to get to the tops of mountains

2. 8:6-14 - The Raven and the Dove

- a. Noah sent them both out the same day 40 days after seeing the mountains
- b. Why? Meat eater vs. vegan; old man vs. new man; devil vs. the Spirit.
- c. Israel is referenced to be doves - Matt 10:16, 11:28, Psa 74:19
- d. It could be just that Noah knew that God cares for the fowl - Luke 12:24

3. 8:15-9:4 - God's Blessing and Instructions

- a. *"built an altar"* - The first mention, and the first thing righteous Noah does.
- b. Obey first (ark), then sacrifice (it is a burnt sacrifice), God will provide.
- c. *"I will not again"* - He will not smite every living thing - a promise of salvation.
- d. He will judge the world again, but it will be with fire not a flood - 2 Pet 3:6-9
- e. After Noah, God intervenes to provide salvation, man cannot reform himself.
- f. 9:1-2 - The same given to Adam and Eve (Gen 1:28), but with a change.
- g. The fear serves 1) that man will rule over them; 2) for man to spread out
- h. 9:4 - They can now eat animals, but not the blood, as in the law also Lev 17:13-14

4. 9:5-7 - God Requiring Death by Men

- a. Scofield says this is the institution of human government, but what of Gen 1:26?
- b. God ordains powers (Rom 13:1), the Devil usurps and corrupts them (Eph 6:12)
- c. God now requires life for life. God's reaction is different than to Cain pre-flood.
- d. Why did God kill? Why did God tell men to kill? God made man in his image.
- e. Punishment by execution was lawful to Israel if done swiftly and with a fair trial
- f. God is not imputing trespasses today; the church does not bear the sword.

5. 9:8-17 - The Covenant With Noah

- a. The covenant was promised back in Gen 6:13, This covenant is unconditional
 - i. It is an everlasting covenant to all living things
 - ii. All flesh will not be cut off any more by the waters of a flood
 - iii. There will never be another flood that destroys the earth
- b. Either the flood was worldwide, or God is a liar. Genesis matters.
- c. The token of the covenant: the rainbow (did light refract before? yes)
- d. *"my bow"* - The rainbow is seen with God - Eze 1:28, Rev 4:3, Rev 10:1
- e. *"when I bring a cloud"* - Rain is on the just and the unjust since the flood Matt 5:45

Timeline of the Flood (Gen 7-8:14)

Time is indicated in the Year.Month.Day format. The year is based on the year of Noah's life. To calculate from the beginning of creation add 1156 years to Noah's life.

600.2.10 - God tells Noah it will be 7 days before the flood comes (Gen 7:4)

600.2.17 - The flood came (Gen 7:11)

600.3.27 - It rained for 40 days, then it stopped (Gen 7:17)

600.7.17 - The waters prevailed for 150 days, then they abated (Gen 7:24, 8:3)

600.7.17 - The ark rested on the mountains of Ararat (Gen 8:4)

600.10.1 - The tops of the mountains are seen

600.11.11 - 40 days later Noah sends a raven and a dove to test the water (Gen 8:6-8)

600.11.18 - 7 days later Noah sends a dove (Gen 8:10)

600.11.25 - 7 days later Noah sends a dove again (Gen 8:12)

601.1.1 - Noah removes the ark covering and looks to see the face of the earth dry (Gen 8:13)

601.2.27 - The earth was dried. God tells Noah to "go forth" (Gen 8:16)

40 days - How long the flood lasted (1 month 10 days) - Gen 7:17

150 days - How long the waters prevailed (5 months) - Gen 7:24

370 days - How long Noah and his family spent on the ark (1 year 10 days)

(A 360 day year can be calculated from Gen 8:3-4 comparing the days and months)