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**A New World, New Rules**  
**Gen. 9:1-17**

Whenever there is the destruction of buildings by the force of nature through an earthquake or some other phenomena, the process of rebuilding usually falls under more stern building codes, clearly declaring that the old ones were outdated.

In like-manner God begins to communicate to Noah the new order for the new world, as He has just destroyed every human being upon the face of the earth, except for eight people, Noah, his wife, his three sons and their wives.

The narrative provides for us God's orders to Noah and his son in the covenant of salvation history which is characterized by three elements. Gen. 9:1-17

- I. The particular details of the covenant. Vs. 1-7
- II. The particular promise of the covenant. Vs. 8-11
- III. The particular sign of the covenant. Vs. 12-17

**I. The particular details of the covenant. Vs. 1-7**

- A. The mandate to populate the earth. Vs. 1, 7
  - 1. The proclamation is of personal benefit, "So God blessed Noah and his sons." Vs. 1a
    - a. The ones being addressed are Noah and his sons.
      - 1) Notice that God always addresses the man in His dealings and covenant relations, not their wives.
      - 2) God communicated all to Adam and Adam was to communicate it to his wife.
      - 3) Only when the nation of Israel was so decayed and backslidden did God speak to a woman for leadership roles, over men.
        - \* Deborah, Esther, etc.
    - b. The word blessed "barak" can mean different things dependent on context.
      - 1) The idea of our context is of personal benefit and enrichment.
      - 2) This is the third time God has blessed man. Gen. 1:28, 5:2
  - 2. The proclamation is specific, "And said to them: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth." Vs. 1b-d
    - a. The first time the word "blessed" appeared with in the same context of procreation. Gen. 1:22, 28
    - b. The entire world would be the descendants of Noah's children.

3. The affirmation is given at the end of the section in verse seven. Vs. 7
    - a. The proclamation, “And as for you, be fruitful and multiply.” Vs. 7a-b
    - b. The multiplication, “Bring forth abundantly in the earth And multiply in it.” Vs. 7c
- B.** The mandate of ruling over the animal kingdom. Vs. 2
1. The relation between man and animals was different. Vs. 2a-c
    - a. The animal would fear man, “And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be on every beast of the earth.” Vs. 2a
      - 1) The word fear “mowra” means dismay.
      - 2) The word dread “chath” means terror.
      - 3) The combination communicates the complete animosity and hostile environment of the new world that did not exist in the pre-flood world of Adam, both words are military terms. Duet. 1:21, 11:25, 31:8
    - b. The relationship would include all animals, “On every bird of the air, on all that move on the earth, and on all the fish of the sea.” Vs. 2b-c
      - 1) God’s ideal was shattered in the Garden.

- 2) Man’s new world was the result of the fall not God’s doing.
  - 3) Animals can not and should not be valued as human beings..
2. They are given into your hand.
    - a. The dominion of man over the animals was given to Adam. Gen. 1:26. 28
    - b. The dominion continues but in a fallen and violent world.
- C.** The mandate of eating meat. Vs. 3-4
1. The entire animal kingdom is now to be as the provision for man’s food supply. Vs. 3
    - \* “Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. I have given you all things, even as the green herbs.”
      - a. There is no exception, “every moving thing that lives”.
      - b. The purpose is for “food”.
      - c. The comparison is stated by the phrase, “even as the green herbs”. Gen. 1:29
  2. The only prohibition was blood. Vs. 4
    - \* “But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood.”
      - a. The word “But” marks the sharp contrast with what precedes.

- b. The prohibition is propitious, personal and prophetic. Gen. 3:21, Lev. 3:17, 17:10-14
  - c. The taking of the life of an animal was to give life to a person.
    - 1) Propitious in that blood was given for atonement of sins.
    - 2) Personal, to eat flesh with blood in it could and would cause health dangers, due to decay.
    - 3) Prophetically, God knew how man would use such practices for idolatry worship to pagan gods.
- D.** The mandate of capital punishment. Vs. 5
- 1. The proclamation is not an option. Vs. 5a
    - \* “Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a reckoning.”
    - a. This is the first appearance in the Scriptures.
    - b. This is the basic and source, as well as the Ten Commandments of all human government.
    - c. Not until modern times, with the rise of the age of reason and humanism has capital punishment been opposed.
  - 2. The proclamation is all inclusive. Vs. 5b-c
    - a. The animal kingdom would be under this mandate. Vs. 5b

- \* “From the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man.” Ex. 21:28-32
  - b. The race of man would equally be under the mandate. Vs. 5c
    - \* “From the hand of every man’s brother I will require the life of man.”
  - c. Three times God says He will demand accountability by the word require “darash”
- 3.** The affirmation of the proclamation. Vs. 6
- a. The murderer shall die, “Whoever sheds man’s blood, By man his blood shall be shed.” Vs. 6a-b
    - \* This is not talking about accidental or self-defense but willful and premeditated murder as taught in the Law. Ex. 21:12, 14, 22:2, Deut. 19:1-13, Ps. 9:12, Ezk. 33:6
  - b. The reason is that man is a creation of God, “For in the image of God He made man.” Vs. 6c
    - 1) The distinction between the qualitative value between animal life and a human life.
    - 2) It is purposeful, deliberate and very clear!

- 3) The aborting of a fetus, is the killing of a child, who is created in the image of God.
  - 4) It is an affront to God and He will hold every doctor responsible for the multitudes of lives taken.
- c. The new world was to be taught several things about God.
- 1) That God is the Creator.
  - 2) That man is created in the image of God.
  - 3) That God will demand the taking of a life.
  - 4) That man fear God.

### **Illustration**

Every parent that wants their home to run as smooth as possible sets certain rules of do's and don'ts with clear consequences for those members of the family who think they are the exception. A prompt and faithful administration and execution of the rules will establish and maintain order authority, if not, then authority is destroyed and self-will and anarchy prevails.

### **Application**

1. The man's role is to be the head and High Priest of his home as a loving type of Christ.
  - a. He is to lead his family knowing the word of God.

- 1) Understanding the benefits of the individual roles.
  - 2) Recognizing the problems of not following the individual roles.
- b. His wife is to be submissive to him in everything. Eph. 5:21-22, 24, Col. 3:18
- 1) All that is Biblical.
  - 2) She is not to go against the decisions of her husband.
  - 3) She is not to be the one to deal with confrontational issues, particular with other men.
- c. His children are to be obedient to him in everything.
- 1) The children are learning from the mother what it is to be a godly woman, wife and mother.
  - 2) The children will be like her in her carnality or spirituality.
  - 3) The children will end up being worst than her or want nothing to do with her.
    - \* The head of every man is Christ and the head of Christ is God and the head of the woman is the man. 1Cor. 11:3
2. The entire populating the world is the result of Noah's children.
- a. The world of Noah has been estimated to of been about 7 billion.
  - b. The world presently is about 6.4 Billion people. 11/28/04

- c. -By the time Abraham was born, with an average marriage age of 30, with 8 children, the population could have been 80 million. (Brown 273)
- d. The message of over-population is a bit exaggerated, the entire world population could fit in the state of Texas.
- 1) The size of Texas is 266, 807 sq. miles.
  - 2) That would allow each person to have 1, 162 sq. feet of living space.
  - 3) A square area of 34 feet by 34 feet.
  - 4) Not that anyone would want to live under those circumstances but it is just to show you that it is possible, while the rest of the world would be completely empty.
  - 5) Where is the over-population of the world?
  - 6) The only over-population is in the minds and agenda of those in power to control the masses and remain in power and possess the material and wealth of the world.
  - 7) Man creates the shortages of food, oil, vaccines often, to control prizes and to convince the masses that there is in fact an over-population problem.
  - 8) This philosophy of fear and despair is pumped out by those in power, the politicians and the liberal media.
- \* “When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked

man rules, the people **groan.**” Prov. 29:2

3. The dominance over the animal kingdom is evident to all.
- a. Too many today hold a higher value of life for animals than people.
  - b. They protest and boycott furs, spend thousands and millions of dollars to save seals and whales but they will demand their rights to kill their own baby in their own womb.
  - c. They will boycott the lumber industry and certain lands at the cost to human benefit, serving and worshipping the creation, instead of the Creator. Rom. 1:25
  - d. The perception that meat is not to be eaten is often stated, using the diet of the Garden and Daniel to substantiate their position as Biblical.
    - 1) The only problem is that the Bible does not substantiate it, for starts our text clearly allows the eating of meat.
    - 2) Also the New Testament clearly teaches that no one is to judge us in what we eat, as long as we pray that God bless it and give thanks. Rom. 14:1-4, Col. 2

\* “Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats

despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand." Rom. 14:1-4

- 3) Remember God drowned an entire world of vegetarians, it wasn't what they ate that made them unclean but how they lived!
- 4) That a person have a matter of conscience and personal preference to not eat meat is no problem but if you teach that it is the Biblical standard, then we have a problem!

\* "So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or Sabbaths." Col. 2:16

4. The mandate for capital punishment is key to recognition of being created by God.
  - a. The Lord stated capital punishment as the rule of life in the new world.
  - b. It is a recognition that God is still the authority over mankind and through man He is still preserving life.
  - c. The Law of Moses specified it as a deterrent and protection for society. Num. 35:29-34
    - 1) The principle law, "And these things shall be a statute of judgment to you

throughout your generations in all your dwellings. `Whoever kills a person, the murderer shall be put to death on the testimony of witnesses; but one witness is not sufficient testimony against a person for the death penalty. Vs. 29-30

- 2) The prohibition for the law, "Moreover you shall take no ransom for the life of a murderer who is guilty of death, but he shall surely be put to death. And you shall take **no ransom or bail** for him who has fled to his city of refuge, that he may return to dwell in the land before the death of the priest." Vs. 31-32
- 3) The reason for the law, "So you shall not pollute the land where you are; for blood defiles the land, and no atonement can be made for the land, for the blood that is shed on it, except by the blood of him who shed it. Therefore do not defile the land which you inhabit, in the midst of which I dwell; for I the LORD dwell among the children of Israel." Vs. 33-34
- d. The New Testament teaches that the state is God's authoritative representative for justice regarding evil and includes capital punishment. Rom. 13:1-5
  - 1) The apostle Paul gives us the instrumental function of the state, "Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God,

- and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Vs. 1
- 2) The warning, “Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.” Vs. 2
  - 3) The understanding and wisdom, “For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same.” Vs. 3
  - 4) The authority for capital punishment, “For he is God’s minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the **sword** in vain; for he is God’s minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil.” Vs. 4
  - 5) The responsibility of the Christian, “Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience’ sake.” Vs. 5
- e. The apostle Peter confirms three things. 1Pet. 2:13-17
- 1) The purpose is to stop evil in society, “Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake, whether to the king as supreme, or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good.” Vs. 13-14

- 2) The example of the believer, “For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men-- as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God.” Vs. 15-16
- 3) The universal principle of respect for authority, “Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.” Vs. 17

*The particular details of the covenant were for the benefit of mankind!*

## **II. The particular promise of the covenant. Vs. 8-11**

- A. The people to whom the covenant was promised. Vs. 8
- \* Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying:
1. Noah, meant “rest”, he was blameless and found grace in the eyes of God.
  2. Shem “Shem” means name, with the idea of reputation or fame.
  3. Ham “Cham” means hot, some think perhaps prophetically of his shameful staring at his father’s nakedness. Gen. 9:22
  4. Japheth “Yepheth” means opened or to make broad, he is the oldest.

- B.** The parties affected by and the person performing the covenant promise. Vs. 9-10
- 1.** The One establishing the covenant was God Himself, “And as for Me, behold, I establish My covenant.” Vs. 9a-c
    - a.** The emphasis is on God, the initiator of the covenant, the only One bound to this covenant, it is unilateral or unconditional.
      - 1)** The first appearance of covenant was to Noah, this was he confirmation. Gen. 6:18
      - 2)** The idea of cutting of the sacrifice is the word meaning.
    - b.** The ability to fulfill the covenant is also focused on God, “I establish”.
      - \* As much as “He brought the flood”.
    - c.** The covenant itself is His “My covenant”.
  - 2.** The extent of the covenant is beyond their generation “With you and with your descendants after you.” Vs. 9c
    - a.** The personal pronoun “you” is indicative of Noah and his sons.
    - b.** The phrase “your descendants” is indicative of the entire human race that would come from them.
  - 3.** The animal kingdom would also be affected. Vs. 10.

- a.** The general statement is made by the words, ‘And with every living creature that is with you.’ Vs. 10a
  - b.** The specific statement follows, “The birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you, of all that go out of the ark, every beast of the earth. Vs. 10a-f
    - 1)** The ones that came out of the ark.
    - 2)** The ones that would repopulate the earth.
- C.** The personal affirmation is by the One responsible for the covenant promise. Vs. 11
- 1.** God would be true to His covenant promise.
    - \* “Thus I establish My covenant with you.” Vs. 11a
    - a.** The ability was God’s, “Thus I establish My covenant” .
    - b.** The beneficiary was man, and “with you”.
  - 2.** God promised He would never again destroy the earth by a flood. Vs. 11b-c
    - \* “Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”
    - a.** Mankind would never be destroyed by a flood again.



- b. The earth would never be destroyed by a flood again.

### **Illustration**

Much like a father who has disciplined his child by physical spankings when necessary but one day comes to a place in time due to the child's age that he might say to his son, "I will never discipline you by spanking but I am going to restrict you and take away your privileges.

### **Application**

1. The Old Testament covenant of the Law was preparatory and prophetic of the Redeemer to come.

- a. All spoke of Christ. Gen. 3:15
- b. All was a type of Christ.
- c. All was a shadow of things to come.
- d. All was to be fulfilled by Christ.
- e. All of it was a tutor to drive us to Christ, seeing our inability to keep the law or be justified by it. Gal. 3:24

2. The New Testament covenant was the fulfillment of the Law through Christ, the Redeemer and Savior of the world.

- a. He was the seed of the woman.
- b. He was God Incarnate.
- c. He was the Lamb of God.
- d. He was the propitiation for our sins.
- e. He was the justifier of sinners.

- d. He was the fulfillment of all the Law and the prophets.

\* "For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes."

Rom. 10:4

3. The eternal covenant is the one God fulfills through His Son.

- a. It includes Jew and Gentile.
- b. It includes male and female.
- c. It include Scythian barbarian
- d. It includes bond or free.
- e. It includes all who will call on His name to be saved.
- f. It is effective through the age of Grace, tribulation and Great-Tribulation and the Millennium.

\* "God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds." Heb 1:1-2

*The particular promise of the covenant dealt with never destroying again by a flood mankind!*

**III. The particular sign of the covenant. Vs. 12-17**

A. The sign was to be perpetual. Vs. 12-13

1. The speaker is God. Vs. 12a  
 \* “And God said.”
  - a. The word God “Elohim” identifies the Creator.
  - b. The word also identifies the Trinity of the God-head.
2. The specific parties involved. Vs. 12b-d  
 \* “This is the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you.”
  - a. The repetition is for emphasis regarding God’s faithfulness.
  - b. The sign is related to the covenant.
    - 1) The word sign “’owth” means a signal, token or distinguishing mark as proof.
  - c. The sign is made by God.
  - d. The sign is between God and man.
  - e. The sign is between God and the animal kingdom.
3. The extent of the covenant. Vs. 12d  
 \* “For perpetual generations.”
  - a. The covenant was for all future generations, literally perpetual “owlam” means of eternity.
  - b. The covenant would stand till God established His Kingdom on the earth.
    - 1) He will destroy the world by fire. 2Pet. 3:12
    - 2) In the Eternal state, “Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for

- the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was **no more sea.**” Rev. 21:1
4. The identity of the sign. Vs. 13  
 \* “I set My rainbow in the cloud.”, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth.
    - a. God would set a rainbow in the clouds. Vs. 13a
      - 1) The person pronoun “I” identifies God.
      - 2) The rainbow is His, “My rainbow”.
      - 3) The word for rainbow “qesheth” is the same that is used for a warriors bow, rather than destroying He would spared. 1Sam. 18:4, 2Kings 6:22
    - b. God said it would be for a sign of the covenant between Him and the earth. Vs. 13b
- B.** The sign was to be placed in the clouds as a memorial. Vs. 14-15
1. The entire inhabitants would see it. Vs. 14  
 \* “It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud.”
    - a. God would be manifesting it in the clouds over the earth. Vs. 14a

- b. Mankind would see it from the earth.  
Vs. 14b
- 2. The sign would be a memorial to God.  
Vs. 15
  - a. God would recall His covenant to mind He was making with man and beast, “and I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh.” Vs. 15a
  - b. God promised He would recall the flood, “The waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.” Vs. 15b
- 3. The sign would identify the everlasting covenant. Vs. 16
  - a. God’s “everlasting covenant” is ultimately fulfilled in and by Christ. Gen. 17:7, Jer. 23:40, Heb. 13:20
  - b. God would make Himself responsible to uphold the covenant, “The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant.
  - c. God would hold Himself accountable to man, “Between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.”
- 4. The sign of the rainbow was the sign of the covenant. Vs. 17

- a. There is no other sign, “And God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant.”
  - 1) Eight times the word “covenant” is repeated for emphasis, a new beginning. Gen. 6:18, 9:9, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17
  - 2) The rainbow is the sign of hope and grace, pointing to the certainty and efficiency of the Redeemer to come.
- b. There is no other person establishing it, “Which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth.”
  - 1) Every living creature is repeated four times. Vs. 10, 12, 15, 16
  - 2) All life, five times. Vs. 11, 15, 16, 17
  - 3) Clouds, three times. Vs. 13, 14, 16
  - 4) Sign of the covenant three times. Vs. 12, 13, 17
  - 5) Earth, eleven times. Vs. 1, 2, 7, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17
  - 6) Rainbow, three times. Vs. 13, 14, 16
    - \* Faith, hope and love permeate the entire covenant!

### **Illustration**

A Peanuts cartoon pictured Lucy and Linus looking out the window at a steady downpour of

rain. “Boy,” said Lucy, “Look at it rain. What if floods the whole world?”

“It will never do that,” Linus replied confidently. “In the ninth chapter of Genesis, God promised Noah that would never happen again, and the sign of the promise is the rainbow.”

“You’ve taken a great load off my mind,” said Lucy with a relieved smile.

“Sound theology,” pontificated Linus, “has a way of doing that!” **Green:113**

### Application

1. The rainbow appears usually after rain.
  - a. The association is inescapable.
  - b. The manifestation is indescribable.
  - c. The understanding is indispensable.
2. The rainbow has been corrupted by people by associating it with something other than God’s covenant.
  - a. The homosexual community has taken the rainbow as one of their identifying emblems.
  - b. The thought of some company using someone’s logo would be illegal and commercial theft.
  - c. Yet mankind has used many of the things of God, the word of God and the promises of God and freely interpreted them contrary to their contextual, grammatical and historical setting, evidence of man’s ongoing rebellion against their Creator and Redeemer.

3. The rainbow is reminder of God’s faithfulness and mercy.

- a. He will never destroy all of mankind by another flood, though there have been many horrific floods throughout man’s history.
- b. He would be justified to destroy all of mankind but He is not willing that any perish.
- c. The rainbow is seen from the perspective of the earth by man as a half circle but if you are in a place and you look down and see the shadow of the place you will often see a full-circle from heaven, God’s perspective.

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- d. The rainbow displays the glory of God in His Temple in Ezekiel. Ezk. 1:28
- e. The rainbow displays the faithfulness of God before His throne in the Revelation, which is to cause all to worship Him,.
  - \* “And He who sat there was like a jasper and a Sardis stone in appearance; and there was a **rainbow** around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.” Rev. 4:3
- f. All glory and worship belongs to Christ alone!

*The particular sign of the covenant was the rainbow making Himself accountable to mankind!*

### Conclusion

God's orders to Noah and his son in the covenant of salvation history is characterized by:

- I.** The particular details of the covenant were for the benefit of mankind!
- II.** The particular promise of the covenant dealt with never destroying again by a flood mankind!
- III.** The particular sign of the covenant was the rainbow making Himself accountable to mankind!