



- When your computer crashes, your internet connection fails, or your cell phone malfunctions and you contact customer service, what is the first question they typically ask you (after obtaining your account details)?
 - Did you restart the device? (Computer, Modem/Router, Cell phone)
- **God is performing a restart**

Genesis 9

¹ And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. ² The fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth and upon every bird of the heavens, upon everything that creeps on the ground and all the fish of the sea. Into your hand they are delivered. ³ Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything.

- Be fruitful and multiply – Same directive given to Adam & Eve: [Genesis 1:28](#)
 - This is clearly a “Restart.”
- This is a 1st. Previously, they were vegetarians. Now, man eats meat.
 - It is possible that the catastrophe so devastated the plant world that man would need meat.
 - Notice, God gives permission to eat meat,
 - I love a good ribeye steak. I do not like it so rare that a good veterinarian could save it,
 - If you are a vegetarian, that is fine, just know that eating meat is also allowed by God.
 - Apparently, He loves a good BBQ!
 - Jesus ate fish, Lamb, and probably eggs
 - Lamb was a necessary food for the Passover. [Exodus 12](#)

⁴ But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. ⁵ And for your lifeblood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it and from man. From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man. ⁶ “Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.

- God made man in his own image – valued because of His image.
- By man shall his blood be shed – God instituted capital punishment



- The KJV and 14 other English translations have “Thou shalt not **kill**” [Exodus 20:13](#)
 - My very liberal relative tried to use this as a proof-text against the US military.
 - [This causes problems because God, at times, does tell people to “kill.”](#)
 - [Joshua 6:17, 21](#) – ¹⁷ And the city and all that is within it shall be devoted to the Lord for destruction. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house **shall live**, because she hid the messengers whom we sent.
 - “Do not murder” is a clearer translation.
 - The Hebrew word also covers causing human death through carelessness or negligence
 - [Matthew 5:21-24](#) – ²¹ “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ ²² But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³ So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.
 - This is also **the 1st establishment of human government**

⁷ And you, be fruitful and multiply, increase greatly on the earth and multiply in it.”

- Again, the reset directive.
- Man would rebel in just two chapters by going to one place instead of spreading on the earth.

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ “Behold, I establish **my covenant** with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹ I establish **my covenant** with you, that **never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood**, and **never again shall there be a flood to destroy the**



earth.”¹² And God said, “This is **the sign of the covenant** that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations:

- **Dispensations:** Innocence/conscience/human Gov’t/Promise//Law/Grace/Kingdom
 - **Dispensational Theology:**
 - Literal Interpretation of Scripture
 - Distinction between Israel and the Church
 - Covenants are not the same as Covenant theology
- A covenant, in biblical terms, is a solemn agreement or promise between God and humans, or between human parties, that establishes a relationship with specific commitments and obligations. The concept of covenant is central to the narrative of the Bible, serving as a foundational theme that underscores God's interactions with humanity.¹
- **Chuck Smith Quote:** “The covenant always establishes the basis of man's relationship with God”
- The Adamic Covenant can be thought of in two parts: the Edenic Covenant (innocence) and the Adamic Covenant (grace) (Genesis 3:16-19)
- The Noahic Covenant (Here in Genesis 9)
- Abrahamic Covenant (Genesis 12:1-3, 6-7; 13:14-17; 15; 17:1-14; 22:15-18)
- Palestinian Covenant or Land (Deuteronomy 30:1-10)
- Mosaic Covenant (Deuteronomy 11:26-28)
- Davidic Covenant (2 Samuel 7:8-16, 1 Chronicles 17:3-15)
- New Covenant
 - Jeremiah 31:31-34 – 1st the Jew, then the gentile.
 - Luke 22:20 – ²⁰ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “**This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.**”
 - (Matthew 5:17) Under the New Covenant, neither Jews nor Gentiles are subject to the Law's penalty. We can now receive salvation as a gift. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

¹ <https://biblehub.com/topical/c/covenant.htm>



¹³ **I have set my bow in the cloud**, and **it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth**. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth **and the bow is seen in the clouds**, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When **the bow is in the clouds**, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷ God said to Noah, “This is **the sign of the covenant** that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Rainbow

1. [נֶשֶׁת](#) – qesheth – keh'-sheth: bow
 - a. bow (for hunting, battle)
 - b. bowmen, archers
 - c. bow (figuratively of might)
 - d. rainbow
2. God's bow is hung up after war
 - **God gives us Hope after this judgment** – The flood is about judgment, while the rainbow shows grace.
 - **A new start** – For Noah and his family, the rainbow displays a new beginning
 - **God's mercy** – Instead of judgment, the rainbow shows His compassion.
 - **Covenant faithfulness** – The rainbow is a reminder of the Covenant.
 - Every rainbow you see should produce praise and thanksgiving to God
 - Seven colors in God's Natural rainbow
 - The LGBTQ “Pride bow” has six colors
 - Covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh – Not just man
 - [Ezekiel 1:28](#) – ²⁸ Like the appearance of the **bow** that is in the cloud on the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness all around. Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. And when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard the voice of one speaking.
 - [Revelation 4:3](#) – ³ And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a **rainbow** that had the appearance of an emerald.



- Look how close the reminder of God’s promise is in proximity to His throne. This is not an accident.

Noah's Descendants

¹⁸ The sons of Noah who went forth from the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. (Ham was the father of Canaan.) ¹⁹ These three were the sons of Noah, and from these **the people of the whole earth were dispersed.**

- **the people of the whole earth were dispersed** – We will see in chapter 10 the layout.

²⁰ Noah began to be a **man of the soil,** and he planted a vineyard. ²¹ He drank of the wine and became drunk and lay uncovered in his tent. ²² And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father and told his two brothers outside.

- Noah was a builder before the flood. Now he is a farmer (Like Adam and Cain)
- Too much wine?
 - Proverbs 20:1– ²⁰ Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler, and whoever is led astray by it is not wise.
 - Ephesians 5:18 – And do not get drunk **with** wine, for that is debauchery, **but be filled with the Spirit,**
 - I have had close family members negatively impacted by alcohol abuse.
 - I have had to cut off communication with some dear friends because of what they do and say when under the influence.

²³ Then Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and walked backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were turned backward, and they did not see their father's nakedness. ²⁴ When Noah awoke from his wine and knew what his youngest son had done to him, ²⁵ he said,

“Cursed be Canaan;

a servant of servants shall he be to his brothers.”



²⁶ He also said, “Blessed be the Lord, the God of Shem; and let Canaan be his servant.²⁷ **May**

God enlarge Japheth,

and **let him dwell in the tents of Shem**, and let Canaan be his **servant.**”

- Ham’s actions really display a lack/ failure of respect/ Honor for his father.
- Some scholars think it went beyond just seeing his father’s shame. The Bible doesn’t elaborate.
- Either way, the youngest son of Ham is cursed.
 - Noah is being prophetic in this passage.
 - We also get another **Messianic promise** that God will dwell in the tents of Shem. ([9:27](#))
 - Noah probably could see that Canaan was a bad egg.
 - 1st Mention of the word “**Servant** or (Slave in some English TX).”

²⁸ After the flood Noah lived 350 years. ²⁹ All the days of Noah were 950 years, **and he died.**

- Almost as long as Methuselah 969!
- The curse of death is still in effect.

Adam and Noah comparison

1. Both were on the Earth after it emerged from the water
2. Both were designated as the rulers of creation.
3. Both were required to be fruitful and multiply.
4. Both were farmers/ men of the soil.
5. Both fell after partaking of fruit.
6. Their sin exposed their nakedness
7. Both were covered by another.
8. Both had curses placed on their subsequent generations.
9. Adam’s 3rd son (Seth) and then Noah’s 3rd son (Shem) would produce the Messianic Line – [1 Chronicles 1:1-26](#)
10. Both had messianic prophecies resulting from their fall: Adam – the Seed of the Woman; and Noah – God would dwell with man & the destiny of his three sons.
11. Adam’s & Ham’s sin was the failure to honor their Father.
12. **God completed the restart**

A Noah: the righteous man ([6:9](#))

B Noah's sons: **Shem, Ham and Japheth** ([6:10](#))

C Earth filled with violence and corruption ([6:11-12](#))

D First divine address (1): earth to be destroyed ([6:13](#))

E First divine address (2): Noah to build Ark ([6:14-22](#))

F Second divine address (1): command to enter Ark ([7:1-3](#))

G Second divine address (2): 7-day wait for Flood ([7:4-5](#))

H 7 days waiting for flood (repeated) ([7:6-10](#))

I Beginning of Flood and entry into Ark ([7:11-15](#))

J God shuts the door ([7:16b](#))

K **40 days flood**, waters increase ([7:17a-18](#))

L Waters prevail, **mountains covered** ([7:19-20](#))

M 150 days waters prevail ([7:21-24](#))

— — — — — ► **N GOD REMEMBERS NOAH (8:1a)** ◀ — — — — —

M' 150 days waters abate ([8:1b-5](#))

L' Waters abate, **mountain tops visible** ([8:5](#))

K' **40 days (end of)** ([8:6a](#))

J' Noah opens window of ark ([8:6b](#))

I' Raven and dove leave ark ([8:7-9](#))

H' 7 days waiting for waters to subside ([8:10-11](#))

G' 7 days waiting for waters to subside ([8:12-14](#))

F' Third divine address: command to leave Ark ([8:15-19](#))

E' Noah builds an altar ([8:20](#))

D' God's commitment to preserve the earth ([8:21-22](#))

C' Fourth divine address: covenant blessing and peace ([9:1-17](#))

B' Noah's sons: **Shem, Ham and Japheth** ([9:18-27](#))

A' Noah Life and death ([9:28-29](#))²

² This Chiasm is synthesized from: Bernhard W. Anderson, "From analysis to synthesis: the interpretation of Genesis 1–11", *Journal of Biblical Literature* 97 (1978): 23-39., Gordon Wenham, "The coherence of the Flood



The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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