

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 terror of you will be on every beast of the earth and on every bird of the sky; with everything that creeps on the ground, and all the fish of the sea, into your hand they are given.

³ "Every moving thing that is alive shall be food for you; I give all to you, as I gave the green plant.

⁴ "Only you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood.

⁵ "Surely I will require your lifeblood; from every beast I will require it. And from every man, from every man's brother I will require the life of man.

⁶ "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed, For in the image of God He made man.

⁷ "As for you, be fruitful and multiply; Populate the earth abundantly and multiply in it."

⁸ Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying,

⁹ "Now behold, I Myself do establish My covenant with you, and with your descendants after you;

V.14 "It shall come about, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow will be seen in the cloud,

V.18 Now the sons of Noah who came out of the ark were Shem and Ham and Japheth; and Ham was the father of Canaan.

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²⁶ He also said, "Blessed be the LORD, The God of Shem; And let Canaan be

his servant.

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Review:

1. Last week we saw that climate change is not going to ruin the earth
 - a. There is climate change on a small scale but nothing that is going to endanger life

Genesis 8:22 "While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, And cold and heat, And summer and winter, And day and night Shall not cease."

2. We saw everything in the world system is against the things of God
 - a. That is why we can't have a close relationship w/ the world

1 John 2:15 Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
 - b. Satan is the god of this world & he turns everything upside down
 - i. The philosophy of the world is opposed to the things of God
 - c. You cannot please God unless you are living by Scripture
 - i. Living a good life by the standards of today is failure!
 - d. The world has no concept of God's thinking – **9:1**

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V.2 "The fear of you and the terror of you will be on every beast of the earth and on every bird of the sky; with everything that creeps on the ground, and all the fish of the sea, into your hand they are given."

1. "into your hand they are given"
 - a. Animals are to be used
 - b. Animals don't have rights!
 - i. They are to make life better for people
 - ii. That doesn't mean you can't love your pet – you can!
 - c. Animals are not to be abused

Deuteronomy 25:4 "You shall not muzzle the ox while he is threshing."

V.3 "Every moving thing that is alive shall be food for you; I give all to you, as I gave the green plant.

1. "Every...thing...alive shall be food for you"

a. Animals are to be eaten

1 Timothy 4:3 *men* who forbid marriage *and* *advocate* abstaining from foods which God has created to be gratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth.

Colossians 2:16 Therefore no one is to act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day—

V.5 "Surely I will require your lifeblood; from every beast I will require it. And from every man, from every man's brother I will require the life of man.

V.6 "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed, For in the image of God He made man.

1. "I will require your lifeblood; from every beast"

a. An animal that kills a person is to be killed

b. Animals are not as important as humans

2. "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed"

a. People who intentionally kill another are to be executed

i. Actually people who try to kill others are to be executed

b. This does not apply to war or self-defense

c. This is the establishment of human government

d. We live in the dispensation of human government

i. The government's job is to protect people from animals & other people

V.7 "As for you, be fruitful and multiply; Populate the earth abundantly and multiply in it."

1. "be fruitful and multiply; Populate the earth"

a. Abortion is a direct contradiction of what God told man to do

V.8 Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying,

V.11 "I establish My covenant with you; and all flesh shall never again be cut off by the water of the flood, neither shall there again be a flood to destroy the earth."

1. "I establish My covenant with you...never again...flood...destroy earth"

- a. Unconditional covenant – man doesn't have to do his part
- b. The covenant is – God won't use water to destroy the earth
- c. Can you imagine how Noah would have felt w/out this promise
 - i. Every time a storm would have made him wonder
- d. But God didn't say that He wasn't going to destroy the earth again – b/c He is going to

2 Peter 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.

¹¹ Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,

¹² looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat!

¹³ But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

V.13 I set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth.

V.16 "When the bow is in the cloud, then I will look upon it, to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth."

- 1. "I will look upon it, to remember the everlasting covenant"
 - a. The next time you see a rainbow remember that God is looking at it too

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V.19 These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was populated.

V.20 Then Noah began farming and planted a vineyard.

V.21 He drank of the wine and became drunk, and uncovered himself inside his tent.

- 1. "became drunk, and uncovered himself inside his tent"

- a. First mention of wine in Scripture
- b. Some say there hadn't been wine before b/c the climate
- c. Noah is just a man
- d. Axiom – walking w/ God for a long time is no guarantee of future
- e. There is no power to live today in yesterday

2 Corinthians 4:6(NLT2) For God, who said, "Let there be light in the darkness," has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ.

⁷ We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves.

V.22 Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside.

V.23 But Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it upon both their shoulders and walked backward and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were turned away, so that they did not see their father's nakedness.

1. "Ham...told his two brothers outside"
 - a. The idea is he gloated over seeing his father in this condition
 - i. Huge difference in character of brothers
2. "Shem & Japheth...garment...walked backward...covered...nakedness"
 - a. They showed respect for father

1 Peter 4:8 Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.
 - b.

V.24 When Noah awoke from his wine, he knew what his youngest son had done to him.

V.25 So he said, "Cursed be **Canaan**; A servant of servants He shall be to his brothers."

1. "he knew what his youngest son had done to him"
 - a. Postulation is worthless – God has pulled the tent flap closed concerning this incident
 - b. Canaan was not punished b/c of Ham's actions

Deuteronomy 24:16 "Fathers shall not be put to death for *their* sons, nor shall sons be put to death

for *their* fathers; everyone shall be put to death for his own sin.

Ezekiel 18:20 "The person who sins will die. The son will not bear the punishment for the father's iniquity, nor will the father bear the punishment for the son's iniquity; the righteousness of the righteous will be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked will be upon himself.

- c. This is a prophecy by Noah – similar to Jacob's prophecies
 - i. This was a gift of the patriarchs – Jacob w/ sons
 - Genesis 49:4** (Reuben) "Uncontrolled as water, you shall not have preeminence, Because you went up to your father's bed; Then you defiled *it*—he went up to my couch.
 - V.7** (Simeon and Levi) "Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce; And their wrath, for it is cruel. I will disperse them in Jacob, And scatter them in Israel.
 - ⁸ "Judah, your brothers shall praise you; Your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; Your father's sons shall bow down to you.
 - ⁹ "Judah is a lion's whelp; From the prey, my son, you have gone up. He couches, he lies down as a lion, And as a lion, who dares rouse him up?
 - ¹⁰ "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes, And to him *shall be* the obedience of the peoples...
- d. The idea that the black race came from this curse is ridiculous
 - i. No black race came from Canaan
- e. This told the future – didn't instigate it
- f. The most of the Canaanites were destroyed by Joshua
- g. Does this curse mean all Canaanites doomed? No
 - i. Rahab was a Canaanite & a prostitute, but she got saved & ended up in the genealogy of Christ
 - ii. Mankind is cursed – but each individual makes their own decision about their eternal future

V.26 He also said, "Blessed be the LORD, The God of Shem; And let Canaan be his servant.

1. "Blessed be the LORD, The God of Shem"
 - a. This is prophetic also
 - b. He didn't bless Shem – he blessed the God of Shem
 - c. He could see hint that the Messiah would come thru him

V.27 "May God enlarge Japheth, And let him dwell in the tents of Shem; And let Canaan be his servant."

1. "May God enlarge Japheth"
 - a. Japheth means "expansion"
 - b. He seems to be prophesying that Japheth would enlarge his territory
2. "let him dwell in the tents of Shem"
 - a. Japheth will find his comfort in the line of Shem – i.e. Christ

V.28 Noah lived three hundred and fifty years after the flood.

V.29 So all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years, and he died.

10:1 Now these are the records of the generations of Shem, Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah; and sons were born to them after the flood.

1. "these are the records of the generations of Shem, Ham, and Japheth"
 - a. Even by the harshest critics of Scripture this record of humanity has no equal
 - b. It's not complete – Moabites & Ammonites not mentioned

V.2 The sons of Japheth were Gomer and Magog and Madai and Javan and Tubal and Meshech and Tiras.

1. "The sons of Japheth were Gomer and Magog..."
 - a. A generalization of the descendants of Japheth are Europeans, Russians, etc.

V.5 From these the coastlands of the nations were separated into their lands, every one according to his language, according to their families, into their nations.

V.6 The sons of Ham were Cush and Mizraim and Put and Canaan.

1. "The sons of Ham were Cush"
 - a. Egypt, parts of Africa, Arabia, Libya, Canaan

V.8 Now Cush became the father of Nimrod; he became a mighty one on the earth.

V.9 *He was a mighty hunter before the LORD*; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the LORD."

1. "He was a mighty hunter before the LORD"
 - a. Nimrod was hunting men
 - b. He was a great conqueror of men
 - c. He founded a great empire **V.10**

V.10 *The beginning of his kingdom was Babel* and Erech and Accad and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

V.11 From that land he went forth into Assyria, and built Nineveh and Rehoboth-Ir and Calah,

V.12 and Resen between Nineveh and Calah; that is the great city.

1. "The beginning of his kingdom was Babel"
 - a. There is another translation that is totally accurate – Babylon!
2. Nimrod did conquer many people
 - a. He built a great empire
 - b. He is the first empire builder
3. As great as he was, unless you're a Bible student you probably never heard of him
 - a. He went thru life satisfying his own desires
 - b. He did live life his way
4. The next chapter records another man
 - a. He became a great man also
 - b. He started off as an average man
 - c. But he did something very unique

Genesis 12:1 Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, And from your relatives And from your father's house, To the land which I will show you;

² And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing;

³ And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

⁴ So Abram went forth as the LORD had spoken to him; and Lot went with him. Now Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

- d. The most famous name in the world is Abraham
- e. He is venerated by Christians, Jews & Muslims
- f. He is famous b/c he is a man who believed God!

1. We started this morning by saying that you can't "just live life" & succeed

a. Nothing you the world tells us is right

b. The minutia of life has to be lived filtered thru the Word of God

Ephesians 5:15 Therefore ^{#1}be careful how you walk, ^{#2}not as unwise men but as wise,
¹⁶ ^{#3}making the most of your time, ^{#4}because the days are evil.

¹⁷ So then ^{#5}do not be foolish, but ^{#6}understand what the will of the Lord is.

c. Living the Christian life doesn't just happen

Hebrews 5:13 For everyone who partakes *only* of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant.

¹⁴ But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

- d. Nimrod's life is long over
- e. Abraham is just beginning to live!

