

Genesis Chapter 9

V: 1 This is very similar to how God blessed Adam and Eve, prior to their fall.

Genesis 1:28 “Then God blessed them, and God said to them, be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

- A blessing and a commandment: be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth.
- Quite contrary to what the pagan left decrees today, too many people, we need to reduce the population to “acceptable levels”.

“said to them” – God started out speaking to Noah.

- Noah was obedient to God’s voice. Noah’s sons are obedient to their father, eventually God speaks to them as well.

Psalms 112:1-2 “¹Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who delights greatly in His commandments. ²His descendants will be mighty on earth; the generation of the upright will be blessed.”

V: 2 Fear & terror instilled into the animals regarding mankind.

Psalms 8:6 “You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; you have put all things under his feet,”

- This was likely needed to protect either man or the animals.

V: 3 No dietary restrictions at this point – it’s all good on the BBQ!

- Later the Levitical laws would restrict the children of Israel from certain foods, such as pork, shrimp, and other foods that were declared “unclean”.
- Further still, the Levitical laws were removed – by the sacrifice of the Law Giver.

Acts 10:9-16 Peter’s vision – roof top / Joppa @ Simon the tanner’s house
– “¹³rise, Peter, kill and eat.” – “¹⁵What God has cleansed you must not call common.”

Paul exhorts us:

1 Corinthians 8:8 “But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse.”

- While there were beneficial aspects to the dietary laws, disease control for one – this was secondary to the real purpose of the Law.

- That God's people would be seen to act and live differently from the rest of the world.
- There was intended to be a distinction between God's people and the rest of the world. Sanctified, set apart for God's use and glory.

Deuteronomy 14:2 "For you are a holy people to the Lord your God, and the Lord has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a peculiar people / special treasure above all the peoples who are on the face of the earth."

- With the advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the birth of the church of Acts – the dietary distinction is removed because:

Galatians 3:28 "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

1 Timothy 4:4 "For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving."

- But the restriction against blood still remains even until this day.

V: 4 2nd command: You shall not eat / drink blood – flesh with it's life.

Leviticus 17:11 "For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for our souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul?"

- This command is later repeated in the Law, we are not to partake of the blood of animals or men – because that is the essence of the life, which belongs to God.
- The New Testament church of Acts continued to abide by the restriction against the consumption of blood:

Acts 15:28-29 "28For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things: 29that you abstain from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell."

- Eat the meat, pour out the blood.
- We're not to consume the blood of animals, or sinful man.
- We are only to consume the blood of Jesus, in a symbolic sense, and to have His life in us – and only His life.

John 6:53-55 “⁵³Then Jesus said to them, most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁵⁵For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. ⁵⁶He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.”

John 14:6 “Jesus said, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, no man comes to the Father except by Me.”

V: 5-6 God will hold accountable those who shed men’s blood, whether an animal or another man.

- Later in the Law, this is codified:

Exodus 20:13 “You shall not murder.”

Exodus 21:12 “He who strikes a man so that he dies shall surely be put to death.”

Exodus 21:28 “If an ox gores a man or a woman to death, then the ox shall surely be stoned, and its flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox shall be acquitted.”

- Whoever shed’s a man’s blood, by man his blood shall be shed – capital punishment.
- Because man is made in the image of God Himself.
- God institutes civil government for the purpose of enforcing His command regarding capital punishment.
- Along with murder, capital punishment was later expanded to include:
 - **Approaching God in an unworthy, on non-prescribed manner:**
Exodus 19:12, Numbers 1:51, 3:10 Mt. Sinai, strange fire, entering the Holy Place.
 - **Blasphemy:** Leviticus 24:15
 - **Break Sabbath:** Exodus 31:14, Numbers 15:35
 - **False Prophet:** Deuteronomy 13:5, 9
 - **Disobedience to priestly counsel:** Deuteronomy 17:12
 - **Adultery:** Leviticus 20:10
 - **Homosexuality:** Leviticus 20:13
 - **Abortion:** – giving thy seed to Molech. Leviticus 20:2
 - **Rape:** Deuteronomy 22:25
 - **Incest:** Leviticus 20:11-12
 - **Bestiality:** Exodus 22:19, Leviticus 20:15
 - **Rebellion against, striking, or cursing parents.**
Exodus 21:15, 17; Leviticus 20:9
 - **Kidnapping / slavery** Exodus 21:16
 - **Witchcraft / wizardry / sorcery:** Leviticus 20:27

Look @ list

- God establishes capital punishment through human government – because of the sacredness of life.
- Sacred in part because man is made in His image.
- God makes provision for accidents, manslaughter – cities of refuge, etc.
- God establishes three institutions for mankind:
 1. **Marriage:** Genesis 1:24
 2. **Civil government:** Genesis 9:6
 3. **The Church:** Matthew 16:18, Acts 2

V: 7 Be fruitful and multiply; bring forth abundantly – some people make the accusation that God is against sex – that is not the case – He invented it.

- Sexual / intimate relations are intended to be a blessing to us – within the confines of the institution of marriage – one man and one woman.

Psalm 127:3-5 “³Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb is a reward. ⁴Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one’s youth. ⁵Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them...”

V:8 Again God speaks to both Noah and his sons with him.

“**Jehovah Debar**” “He who speaks”

Isaiah 52:6 “Therefore My people shall know My name; therefore they shall know in that day that I am He who speaks: behold, it is I.”

V: 9-17 God’s one sided covenant with His creation.

- Covenant used 7X’s.

“**covenant**” (H-1285). beriyth, a compact (because made by passing between pieces of flesh):--confederacy, agreement, alliance.

1st use / mention:

Genesis 6:18 “But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark – you, your sons, your wife, and your son’s wives with you.”

Last use / mention:

Malachi 3:1 “Behold, I send My messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight. Behold, He is coming, says the Lord of hosts.”

“My covenant” 3X’s.

V: 9 - My Covenant with man.

V: 11 - My Covenant with the earth.

V: 13 - My Covenant with every living creature – animals.

V: 11 Never again will God use a flood to destroy the earth. – Global, not local!

Isaiah 54:9 “For this is like the waters of Noah to Me; for I have sworn that the waters of Noah would no longer cover the earth, so have I sworn...”

V: 12-14 The sign of the covenant – the rainbow.

- I kind of jokingly wondered last week looking at Genesis Ch. 8 what must have gone through the minds of Noah and his family when the first rain storm came upon them.
- God anticipated this by giving them the promise of the rainbow. That they could be put at ease, be at peace because of the promise of God. His promises should help us to be at ease and at peace as well.
- Rainbow / bow - (H-7198) “qeset” - “bow” is used three times in this chapter, it is miscellaneously translated not only as the rainbow that we associate with the end of a rainy day – but also as an instrument of war, depending on the context.

We see the rainbow at the throne of God:

Ezekiel 1:27-28 “²⁷Also from the appearance of His waist and upward I saw, as it were, the color of amber with the appearance of fire all around within it; and from the appearance of His waist and downward I saw, as it were, the appearance of fire with the brightness all around. ²⁸Like the appearance of a rainbow in a cloud on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the brightness all around it. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. So when I saw it, I fell on my face, ...”

Revelation 4:2-3 “²Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne. ³And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.”

Revelation 10:1 “I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow was on his head, his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire.”

- The last time we saw the Lord Jesus wearing a crown, it was a crown of thorns – a reminder of the curse, Jesus bearing the sin of the world.

- Here Jesus is wearing the rainbow as a crown – a reminder of God’s promises to us, a reminder of salvation.

V: 15 God keeps His promises:

Isaiah 54:10 “For the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed, but My kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall My covenant of peace be removed, says the Lord, who has mercy on you.”

Isaiah 40:8 “The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God stands forever.”

V: 16-17 The rainbow is a symbol or sign, a reminder of the everlasting covenant that God made with man and all creation

- “Everlasting covenant” used 15 times in the Bible. Only once in the NT referring to the blood of Jesus.

Hebrews 13:20 “Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant.”

V: 18-29 Noah’s descendants.

V: 18-19 “Noah” – rest, comfort.

- Shem: “Name” – Lineage of the Jewish nation, Abraham to the Messiah.
- Ham: “Hot” – lineage of the Cushites, Egyptians, and Canaanites.
- Japheth: “May he have peace” / “opened” – lineage of the Europeans.
- The whole earth has been populated / descended from these three men.

V: 20 Mid-life career change: 600 / 601 years old, carpenter and zoologist to farmer.

V: 21 1st sailor was also the 1st drunkard.

- Some have suggested that because the world climate had changed and the effect of decomposition was now in force that the fermentation process of grape juice had hitherto not been known.
- That Noah had become drunk by accident, never having experienced intoxicating alcohol.

Testimony: I’ve never been truly drunk in my life – buzz one time after a work out, ordered “ice tea” – Long Island Ice Tea – uh oh.... (I never inhaled...)

- “Wine” (H-3196) “yayin” - wine, juice of the grape - considered a blessing, symbolic of joy. Both alcoholic (fermented) or grape juice.
- Wine (H-8492) **tiyrôšh**: A masculine noun referring to new wine.
- Bottom line: Noah had just experienced a great victory, he had just gone through a great trial, faithfully, obediently – Noah was on top of the game in a spiritual sense.
- That is usually when we let down our guard.
- The camp experience, the mountain top high, then the return to the depths of the valley.

1 Peter 5:8 “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.”

Jesus and his disciples were in Caesarea Philippi- Apostle Peter:

Matthew 16 “¹⁷Blessed are you Simon bar Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I also say to you that you are Peter / Petros, and on this rock / [petra](#) I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.”

“²³... get behind me, Satan! You are an offense to Me...”

- Salvation, baptism, victory over sin, a great trial, God showing Himself strong on our behalf.
- This incident brings (1st mention) up several issues: alcohol, modesty, respect for authority, elders, etc. (Is this a positive or negative reference regarding alcohol? - If you do your own study you'll discover that almost all the references to alcohol in the Bible are negative.)

Proverbs 20:1 “Wine is a mocker, strong drink is a brawler, and whoever is led astray by it is not wise.”

- Not forbidden in moderation, but paints a very negative picture.
- It is forbidden to leadership – not for kings, not for priests.

Leviticus 10:8-11 “⁸Then the Lord spoke to Aaron, saying: ⁹Do not drink wine or intoxicating drink, you, nor your sons with you, nor your sons with you, when you go into the tabernacle of meeting, lest you die. It shall be a statute forever throughout your generations, ¹⁰that you may distinguish between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean, ¹¹and that you may teach the children of Israel all the statutes which the Lord has spoken to them by the hand of Moses.”

Proverbs 31:4-5 “⁴It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine, nor for princes intoxicating drink; ⁵lest they drink and forget the law, and pervert the justice of all the afflicted.”

Isaiah 28:7 “But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment.”

V: 22 Ham saw his father’s nakedness and blabbed.

“saw” – gazed intently – stared. Looked upon with satisfaction.

Proverbs 12:23 “A prudent man conceals knowledge, but the heart of fools proclaims foolishness.”

- 5th Commandment: “Honor your father, and your mother”
- There is a degree of disrespect, and possibly even contempt for his father.
- Lacked meekness, unlike his brothers he did not correct the problem.

Proverbs 30:17 “The eye that mocks his father, and scorns obedience to his mother, the ravens of the valley will pick it out, and the young eagles will eat it.”

V: 23 “But” – contrast: Shem & Japheth out of respect for their father, a sense of decorum & modesty.

Galatians 6:1 “Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.”

V: 24-25 Awoke and conducted a cursory investigation, talking to his wife and sons – then he pronounced a curse upon Canaan, Ham’s descendant. (Not Ham.)

- Canaan had received his father’s traits.
- The various nations, which God destroyed before Israel, were descended from Canaan: and so were the Phoenicians and the Carthaginians, who were at length subjugated with dreadful destruction by the Greeks and Romans.

V: 26-27 Blessing upon Shem & Japheth, repeat the curse upon Canaan.

- Shem: Israelites, Elam / Persia, Aram, Uz, Arabia
- Japheth: denotes enlargement, and how wonderfully have his boundaries been enlarged; for not only Europe, but Asia Minor, part of Armenia, Iberia, the whole

of the vast regions of Asia north of Taurus, and probably America, fell to the share of his posterity.

- Ham / Canaan - all the bad guys of the Bible.

V: 28-29 Noah dies. 350 year gap – no record of God speaking to Noah...

Parallels between Adam & Noah:

1. Both commanded to fill the earth.
2. Both given control over the earth.
3. Both ancestors of all men.
4. Both sinned by partaking of fruit.
5. Both became naked as a result of their sin.
6. Both provided a covering / clothes by someone else.
7. Both resulted in a curse that lasted.
8. Both had the promise of ultimate salvation.

Psalm 90:10 “The days of our lives are seventy years; and if by reason of strength they are eighty years, yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.”