

## **THE NOAHIC COVENANT, (Part #1)**

We are presently studying a special section of Genesis referred to as “the records of the generations of Noah” (Gen.6:9- 9:26).

We have divided Gen.6:9-9:26 into the following five studies.

- Gen 6:9-13              Character of Noah
- Gen 6:14-22           Construction of Ark
- Gen 7:1-8:19           Coming of Flood Judgment
- **Gen 8:20-9:17        Covenant of Noah with the sign of the Rainbow**
- Gen 9:18-29           Curse of Canaan

Immediately after leaving the ark, Noah built an altar and offered burnt offerings. This explains the reason for the sets of 7 clean animals on the ark. [Hollywood would have pictured Noah leaving the ark and kneeling and kissing mother earth rather than his Heavenly Father.]

Noah did it based on God’s Word [Bible Doctrine] residing and function in his soul. He did so by means of the faith cycle and not by command. In gratitude, Noah acknowledges Grace Deliverance from both evil and Divine Judgment - the flood: (Gen.6:5; 8:2; 2 Pet.2:5; 3:6-7).

The phrase, “the Lord smelled the soothing aroma,” reflects the satisfying of God’s Justice and propitiation [appeasing His wrath] Rom.3:24-25; 2 Cor.2:14-17; Eph.5:2 and Gen.8:21.

The theological significance of the animal sacrifice is Shadow Christology (Heb.9-10). It also shows the priestly function of the Believer in the Gentile Age. It was carried over from the Antediluvian Messianic lineage of Sethite to the Postdiluvian world.

In gratitude, Noah acknowledged God’s Grace deliverance from Adam’s Original Sin (AOS) and for his privileged to participate in the Plan of God (Eph.1:11-12). Jesus Christ fulfilled Shadow Christology on the cross (Heb.9:14-28; 10:1-12; 1 Pet.1:18-21).

In response to Noah’s voluntary burnt offerings, God established the Noahic Covenant (Gen.8:20-9:17).The Hebrew for covenant (berith) is used six times in our lesson text for the Noahic Covenant (Gen 9:9, 11, 12 15, 16, 17).

The Noahic Covenant connects the Antediluvian world to the Postdiluvian world with the sign of the rainbow as a reminder of the Coming Divine Judgment of Fire (2 Pet.3:3-13).

<b>This lesson will study FIVE aspects of the Noahic Covenant and how it affects our present (Postdiluvian) world</b>
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“But the present heavens and earth by His word are being reserved for fire, kept for the Day of Judgment and destruction of ungodly men.” (2 Pet.3:7)

### **1. We will examine the Noahic Covenant by this eight point homiletical outline (8:20-9:17).**

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|---------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| • Promise     | (Gen 8:20-22; 9:11,15) | Four “nevers”                        |
| • Population  | (Gen 9:1,7)            | Fruitful procreation                 |
| • Predators   | (Gen 9:2)              | Fear in animal kingdom               |
| • Protein     | (Gen 9:3)              | Food (carnivorous and graminivorous) |
| • Prohibition | (Gen 9:4)              | Flesh blood (Acts 15:20)             |

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| • Punishment | (Gen 9:5-6)   | Fatal criminal behavior       |
| • Posterity  | (Gen 9:8-12)  | Future of mankind and animals |
| • Pledge     | (Gen 9:12-17) | Firmament and sign of rainbow |

## 2. Four parties are addressed in the Noahic covenant.

- **God** (Gen 9:9) Three out of seven references are titled “My Covenant” (Gen 9:9, **11**, 12, 13, **15**, 16, and 17).
- **Noah and his sons and their wives** (Gen 9:8) A new civilization from the Sethites.
- **Descendants of the Postdiluvian world** (Gen 9:9) There are four dispensations (Gentile, Jewish, church Age and the Millennium).
- **Animals** (Gen 9:10) Survivors of the Antediluvian judgment.

## 3. Four important “never” promises are given in the Noahic Covenant that apply to Postdiluvian world.

- God will **never curse** the ground again (Gen 8:21).
- God will **never destroy** all living creatures again (Gen 8:21; 9:11).
- God will **never interfere** with the uniformity of the natural laws again (Gen 8:22).
- God will **never destroy** the world by floodwater again (Gen 9:11, 15).

## 4. Noahic Covenant is an unconditional and everlasting covenant (Gen. 9:11-12, 16-17).

As an unconditional covenant it is not dependent upon the character of people, but rather upon God for fulfillment (Titus 1:2).

As an everlasting covenant, it will never change or be altered by man or evil throughout human history (Ps.102:25-28; Heb.1:10-12; 6:18; 13:8; Col.1:16-17).

God will deal with the evil of the Postdiluvian world at its end just like He did in the Antediluvian world (Matt.24:37; Gen.6:5-8; 8:21-22).

## 5. The Sovereign Plan of God calls for a universal cataclysmic judgment of fire upon the Postdiluvian world (2 Pet.3:3-13).

It is associated with the Second Coming of Christ and the final war of Gog and Magog (Rev.20:7-10; 21:1; 22:3; 2 Pet.3:10, 12-13).

The pledge of God’s faithfulness to the Noahic Covenant is the **rainbow** (Gen.9:12-17; 8:22).

- Rainbow is a sign to both man and animals (Gen.9:12).
- Rainbow is a reminder that God offers grace before judgment (Gen.9:15-16).
- Rainbow is a reminder of God’s everlasting and unconditional covenant given to Noah and his descendants (Rev.4:3; 10:1).

The rainbow is also a reminder to God of His pledge to the Postdiluvian world:

“And **I** will remember My covenant, which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and never again shall the water become a flood to destroy all flesh.” (Gen.9:15)