

NOAH'S COVENANT (part two)

We have been studying the Days of Noah (Gen.6-9) to learn what Jesus was trying to warn us about the Days of the Son of Man (church age) in Matt.24:37-39.

One obvious doctrinal lesson was the divine security of a believer from divine judgment. Noah and his family were the only ones safe inside the ark while God destroyed the Antediluvian Civilization of unbelievers who remained outside the ark (2 Pet.2:5; Heb.13:5; Duet.31:6-8).

This lesson will study five aspects of Noah's Covenant (part two).

1. In part one of Noah's Covenant, we studied three "Never Again" doctrinal principles in Gen.8:21-22.

- **Never again** curse the ground.
- **Never again** destroy every living thing.
- **Never again** interfere with the uniform natural laws of creation until the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

2. In this lesson, we will study a fourth and fifth "Never Again" doctrinal principle.

(Gen.9:11) "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."

- **Never Again** will all flesh be cut off by flood water.
- **Never Again** will the earth be destroyed by flood water.

These **five Never Again promises** are important doctrinal principles to the Postdiluvian Civilization. They were given this Covenant after leaving the Ark.

3. Noah's Covenant involved five parties that extend to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

- **God**, Creator of the heaven and earth and all that they contain (Gen.1-5).
- **Noah and family** of believers (Gen.6-9; 2 Pet.2:5).
- **The Animal** kingdom (Gen.6-9).
- **The Antediluvian Civilization** (Gen.5-8)
 - The first of two phases of Gentiles:
 - Sethites The Antediluvian Civilization Gen.5
 - Shemites The Postdiluvian Civilization Gen.11
- **The Postdiluvian Civilization** (Gen.9-Rev.20)
 - Four dispensations:
 - Gentile Age
 - Jewish Age
 - Church Age First Coming
 - Millennial Age Second Coming
 - Until the end of and Great White Throne Judgment.

Noah's Covenant is both an unconditional and everlasting Covenant to the Postdiluvian Civilization.

4. As an unconditional covenant, fulfillment of the Noah's Covenant depends on the character of God and not on man in every dispensation.

For example, as **unconditional**, it depends upon the **veracity (truthfulness)** of God and the faith of the believer.

(Titus 1:2) "In the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, **promised long ages ago.**"
(1 John 5:11-13; 1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9).

The five Never Again were examples of unconditional and everlasting "**promises long ages ago**"

(1 John 5:4) "For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that overcomes the world - our faith."

5. As an everlasting covenant, Noah's Covenant will never change or be altered by man or by evil because it is based on character of God.

(Gen.6:5) "The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that **every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.**" (Gen.8:21).

For example, **everlasting unchangeable** depends on the **immutability of God** (unchanging character of God) and not upon man.

(Heb.6:18) "So that by **two unchangeable things** in which **it is impossible for God to lie**, we who have **taken refuge** would have **strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us.**" (Heb.13:8; Rom.5:1-5; Col.1:13-20; Ps.102:25-28)

"Take refuge and take hold of hope set before us" comes by completing the faith cycle.
Hope is confident expectation in God doing what He has promised.

(Rom.4:21) "and **being fully assured** that what God had promised, He was able also to perform." (Abraham and Sarah)

(Rom.15:13) "Now may the **God of hope** fill you with all joy and peace in believing, **so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.**"

Next week, we study Noah's Covenant (part three) - The Sign of the Rainbow (Gen.9:12-17)