

# Noah Makes Landfall

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Genesis 9

- At the end of chapter 8 and moving into chapter 9, Genesis records the fresh start of Noah after God's wrath deluged all the earth with water. **Genesis 7:21**, *And all flesh died that moved on the earth, birds, livestock, beasts, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all mankind.* All God rejecting sinners died.
- As we read the account of Noah's emergence from the ark, we see an extraordinary resemblance to Adam.
  - Adam was placed on the earth that emerged from the deep waters (Gen 1:2; 8:18).
  - Adam and Noah were told to "fill/replenish" all the earth (Gen 1:28, cf. 9:1)
  - Adam was made lord of creation (dominion) as Noah is given all into his hand (Gen 1:28, cf. 9:2b)
  - Adam was instructed to keep the garden, and Noah began to work his vineyard (Gen 2:15, cf. 9:20)
  - Adam and Noah transgressed and sinned against God in their respective gardens (
  - The transgression of Adam and Noah resulted in their nakedness (Gen 3:7; 9:21)
  - Their nakedness was covered by someone else (Gen 3:21; cf. 9:23)
  - Their sin brought a terrible curse on future generations (Rom 5:12; cf. Gen 9:24,25)
  - Adam had three sons (Cain, Abel, Seth), the last (Seth) from whom the promised seed would come. Noah had three sons (Japheth, Ham, and Shem), the last from whom the Messiah would come.

## I. Noah's Profound Obedience (Genesis 8:15-19)

- A. Calvin said this about Noah, *"How great must have been the fortitude of the man, who, after the incredible weariness of a whole year, when the deluge has ceased, and new life has shone forth, does not yet move a foot out of his sepulchre, without the command of God."*
- B. When God speaks, Noah obeys (15)
  - 1. Genesis 6:13,22. Genesis 7:1, 5, 15, 16. Genesis 8:15, 18. Genesis 9:1, 8, 17.

## II. Noah's Priority in Worship (Genesis 8:20-22)

- A. He built an altar (cf. Genesis 6:9,18)
- B. He offered burnt offerings (Lev 1:4, Job 1:5)
  - 1. Burnt offerings were offerings of penitence – recognition of sin and the need for a substitute.
  - 2. Expression of gratitude for the mercy of God toward Noah and his family.
- C. God smelled the pleasing aroma (anthropomorphic – ascribing human characteristics)
  - 1. Indicative of God's favor and pleasure to ward the sacrifice and Noah.
  - 2. Ex 29:18, Lev 1:9; Lev 3:16; Num 15:3
  - 3. Noah escaped judgment, not because he was sinless or righteous, but because he believed.
  - 4. Noah became the first priest in this new era for humanity.

## III. Noah's Unmerited Blessing (Genesis 9:1) (These are common graces)

- A. **Romans 2:4**, *Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?*
- B. **Procreation**
  - 1. **Genesis 9:1**, *And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. Genesis 9:7, And you, be fruitful and multiply, increase greatly on the earth and multiply in it."*
  - 2. Seed (descendants, family generations) are promised throughout Genesis (chapters 17, 22, 24, 26, 28, 35, 48, 49)
    - a) Man was created as a transcendent being in the image of God.
    - b) Man is eternal, though confined in time for now, and his soul will survive eternally.
    - c) God created man in His image and granted him the ability to procreate (Gen 2:24).
- C. **Prominence**
  - 1. **Genesis 9:2**, *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.*

2. Man (Adam, specifically) was created as King of the earth. (Genesis 1:26, 28; 2:19). Fear and dread of man was evidence of the curse and hostility that existed between man and animals. It was subdue and rule (Adam) and is now fear and dread (Noah).
3. Adam named the animals, Noah led the animals on the ark, but now there is fear and terror.
4. *"Into your hand they are delivered."* The entire animal kingdom is under the reign of man. The evolutionary view is man is no better than an animal because of common ancestry.
5. Ingrid Newkirk, PETA's controversial founder, said, "There is no rational basis for saying that a human being has special rights. A rat is a pig is a dog is a boy." There is more outrage over the killing of animals than the killing of people.

#### D. Provision

1. **Genesis 9:2–3**, *"... 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."*
2. Under the original creation, there were no dietary laws. Every meant every.
3. It stands to reason that, originally, man was vegetarian. There was no death (Gen 1:28-29) Genesis 4:20 speaks to men keeping livestock.
4. **1 Timothy 4:4**, *For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving*, The context is food from verse 3.

#### E. Prohibition

1. Do not eat live meat.
2. *The great Old Testament commentators, Keil and Delitzsch, record the history of the Abyssinians. That's another name for Ethiopians in northern Africa. And Keil and Delitzsch record the Abyssinians would cut out a piece from a hind quarter of a cow that they were driving. They had a – they were driving a cow or an ox pulling a cart, and they got hungry. They didn't want to kill the thing, they only had one, but they just wanted to eat it piece by piece. And so while they were driving, they would take some kind of an instrument and cut out a chunk of its raw flesh with its blood with the muscular contortions still visible, and they considered that as the greatest of dainties.* (Quote from J. Macarthur)
3. Raw or living meat, with blood, carried parasites, bacteria, etc. that would be harmful, even deadly, if eaten.

#### F. Protection

1. **Genesis 9:5**, *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. Genesis 9:6–7*, *"Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image. 7 And you, be fruitful and multiply, increase greatly on the earth and multiply in it."*
  - a) Require = compensation, recompense, satisfaction, literally to avenge.
  - b) God did not require the life of Cain and Lamech.
2. God is He who avenges blood. **Psalm 9:12**, *For he who avenges blood is mindful of them; he does not forget the cry of the afflicted.*
  - a) Joash complicit in the murder of Zechariah. **2 Chronicles 24:20–22**, *Then the Spirit of God clothed Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, and he stood above the people, and said to them, "Thus says God, 'Why do you break the commandments of the Lord, so that you cannot prosper? Because you have forsaken the Lord, he has forsaken you.' "* **21** *But they conspired against him, and by command of the king they stoned him with stones in the court of the house of the Lord. 22 Thus Joash the king did not remember the kindness that Jehoiada, Zechariah's father, had shown him, but killed his son. And when he was dying, he said, "May the Lord see and avenge!"*
  - b) **Matthew 23:35**, *So that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah the son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar.* 2 Sam 4:10. Ex 21:28, 21:12. Rom 13:1-6

Acts 17:24-31