

OT Survey 11 – Aug 16, 2020 – Gen 9

Genesis 8 (ESV) - ¹⁵ Then God said to Noah, ¹⁶ “Go out from the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons’ wives with you. ¹⁷ Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—that they may swarm on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.” ¹⁸ So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives with him. ¹⁹ Every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out by families from the ark. ²⁰ **Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar.** ²¹ **And when the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, the LORD said in his heart, “I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man’s heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done.** ²² While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.”

Genesis 9 (ESV) - ¹ And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.

Psalm 127:3–5 (ESV) - ³ Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward. ⁴ Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one’s youth. ⁵ Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate. *[Also Ps 128:1-4 – children = blessing from God.]*

1 Corinthians 7:26–31 (ESV) - I think that in view of the present distress it is good for a person to remain as he is. ²⁷ Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be free. Are you free from a wife? Do not seek a wife. ²⁸ But if you do marry, you have not sinned, and if a betrothed woman marries, she has not sinned. Yet those who marry will have worldly troubles, and I would spare you that. ²⁹ This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰ and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, ³¹ and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away. *[So in the last days, more may feel called to be single, like Paul. But Paul had spiritual “children,” who he actually called his “sons” in the faith.]*

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. ³ Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And **as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything.** *[Even though there WAS some understanding of clean/unclean for SACRIFICE (see 8:20), believers were free to eat ALL MEAT (see 1 Tim 4:3-4 indicating this is true for believers today also, but UNLIKE under the Mosaic law)]*

⁴ But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. *[This does NOT include a rare steak – an internet search and some science shows that’s not blood.]* 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. ⁶ **“Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.** *[God authorizing lethal force / capital punishment. Later details will be added, like government oversight – see Deut 19:15-21, Rom 13:1-5.]*

⁷ And you, be fruitful and multiply, increase greatly on the earth and multiply in it.” ⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ “Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth.

¹¹ I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹² And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷ God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

¹⁸ The sons of Noah who went forth from the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. (Ham was the father of Canaan.) *[Reflect on why only Canaan is mentioned; remember the first audience, about to enter the land of ...]* ¹⁹ These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the people of the whole earth were dispersed. *[Another reminder of “one blood/ one man” – Acts 17:26]*

²⁰ Noah began to be a man of the soil, and he planted a vineyard. ²¹ He drank of the wine and became drunk and lay uncovered in his tent. *[First mention of wine and first mention of drunkenness.]* ²² And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father and told his two brothers outside. ²³ Then Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and walked backward and covered the nakedness of their father. *[Prov 10:12, 1 Pet 4:8]* Their faces were turned backward, and they did not see their father’s nakedness.

²⁴ When Noah awoke from his wine and knew what his youngest son had done to him, *[here come the only recorded words of Noah!]* ²⁵ he said, “Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be to his brothers.” *[This has been abused to endorse the slavery of black people, but Canaan was NOT the son of Ham that were darker skinned.]* ²⁶ He also said, “Blessed be the LORD, the God of Shem; and let Canaan be his servant. ²⁷ May God enlarge Japheth, and let him dwell in the tents of Shem, and let Canaan be his servant.” ²⁸ After the flood Noah lived 350 years. ²⁹ All the days of Noah were 950 years, **and he died.**