

# Noah and the Flood

## Lesson #7 - Genesis 9:5-29

(Most Scriptures used are from the New King James Version)

**Genesis 9:5-7** "Surely for your life blood I will demand a reckoning; from the hand of **EVERY BEAST** I will require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man's brother I will require the life of man. **Whoever sheds man's blood, BY MAN his blood shall be shed; for in the image of God He made man.** And as for you, be fruitful and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth and multiply in it.

- **Exodus 21:12-14** "He that \_\_\_\_\_ a man so that he \_\_\_\_\_ shall surely be put to \_\_\_\_\_. But if he did \_\_\_\_\_ lie in wait, but God delivered him into his hand, then I will appoint for you a \_\_\_\_\_ where he may \_\_\_\_\_. But if a man acts with premeditation against his neighbor, to \_\_\_\_\_ him with guile, you shall take him from My altar, that he may \_\_\_\_\_."
- **Exodus 21:28-29** "If an \_\_\_\_\_ gores a man or a woman to \_\_\_\_\_, then the \_\_\_\_\_ shall surely be stoned (put to death), and its flesh shall not be eaten; but the \_\_\_\_\_ of the ox shall be acquitted. But if the ox tended to thrust with its horn in times past, and it has been made known to his \_\_\_\_\_, and he has not kept it confined, so that it has \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ or a \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ shall be stoned and its \_\_\_\_\_ also shall be put to \_\_\_\_\_."

**Definition: "Whoever sheds man's blood, BY MAN his blood shall be shed" -**

Man was created in God's image, and God places such value on human life that even if an animal killed a human being, that animal must be put to death. It has been found that if the animal is not killed, then it develops a taste for human blood, and will kill more humans. If a person commits a **premeditated MURDER**, he was to be EXECUTED! A life for a life! This is **CAPITAL PUNISHMENT, and it is absolutely NECESSARY** for the protection of innocent people in a society. This is especially true of serial killers, and those who kidnap, rape, torture and kill women and children. Not only do these serial killers or rapists get out of prison and COMMIT MORE CRIMES, but there is **no DETERRENT to others** by their example in being executed. **God DID give an EXCEPTION for an accidental killing, or what we would call manslaughter or a murder that was NOT premeditated, but maybe just happened in the heat of anger.** God provided certain "safe cities" where the manslayer could go to keep him safe from retribution from the family members of the one who had been killed.

- **Exodus 21:18-20** "If men contend with each other, and one \_\_\_\_\_ the other with a stone or with his fist, and he does \_\_\_\_\_ die but is confined to his bed, if he rises again and walks about outside with his staff, then he who struck him shall be acquitted. He shall only \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ of his time, and shall provide for him to be thoroughly healed."
- **Exodus 21:22-25** "If men \_\_\_\_\_, and hurt a woman with child, so that she gives birth prematurely, yet no lasting harm follows, he shall surely be punished accordingly as the woman's \_\_\_\_\_ imposes on him; and he shall pay as the \_\_\_\_\_ determine. But if any lasting harm follows, then you shall give \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe."

**Definition: "You shall give LIFE for LIFE, EYE for EYE, TOOTH for TOOTH" -**

Some people get all worked up and confused over this verse, thinking God is harsh

and vengeful in the Old Testament, but loving and compassionate in the New Testament. First of all, we must **NOT** take **just one verse out of context**. This whole chapter in Exodus is speaking about **laws for CONDUCT in society**. Laws are needed and must be enforced to keep order in any society, for the protection of human life and property. These are not "religious" laws relating to God, our worship of Him, or salvation. **These are the equivalent of our CIVIL LAWS today, that our POLICE and GOVERNMENT must enforce** (see Romans 13:1-7). In this chapter, God gives rules for making RESTITUTION when someone has been injured, or someone's property (livestock, slaves) is injured. Rather than God being HARSH, **He is LIMITING the punishment for a crime and the VENGEANCE that a person could take on another person** for an injury. In other words, if someone got in a fight and poked someone's eye out, that person or his family was **NOT to take vengeance or get retribution by KILLING the other person** ("an eye for an eye"). If men got in a fight, and a woman nearby was injured so as to have a miscarriage, the men would have to pay a fine (similar to personal injury cases today, paying for medical expenses). However, if the woman was injured so as to be unable to have any more children, or if someone was killed, it became a capital crime. **Jesus, in His "Sermon on the Mount" only revised God's original law in that He said we should NOT seek revenge or retribution at all, when on a PERSONAL LEVEL**. Jesus was not talking about civil laws for the safety of members of the society or local community.

- **Matthew 5:38** "You have heard that it was said, 'An \_\_\_\_\_ for an \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_,' but I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ to him also. If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, \_\_\_\_\_ have your cloak also."

**Genesis 9:8-17** "Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying, 'And as for Me, behold, **I ESTABLISH My COVENANT with you and with your descendants after you**, and with every living creature that is with you; the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you, of all that go out of the ark, every beast of the earth. Thus I establish My covenant with you: **Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood**; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' And God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: **I set My RAINBOW in the cloud, and it shall be for the SIGN of the COVENANT between Me and the EARTH**. It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud; and I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; **the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh**. The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth. And God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth.'"

- **Genesis 6:18-22** "But I will \_\_\_\_\_ My \_\_\_\_\_ with you; and you shall go into the \_\_\_\_\_ - you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. And of every \_\_\_\_\_ thing of all \_\_\_\_\_ you shall bring two of every sort into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. Of the birds after their kind, of animals after their kind, and of every creeping thing of the \_\_\_\_\_ after its kind, two of every kind will come to you to \_\_\_\_\_ them \_\_\_\_\_. And you shall take for yourself of all food that is eaten, and you shall gather it to yourself; and it shall be food for you and for them. Thus Noah did; according to all that God \_\_\_\_\_ him, so he \_\_\_\_\_."

**Definition: "I will ESTABLISH My COVENANT with you"** - A covenant is an agreement or contract between two people or groups of people. The first covenant was

with Noah and his family personally. **God's part of the covenant was to protect and deliver Noah and his family, and to preserve the different types of animals to repopulate the earth.** Noah's part was to obey God's instructions by building the ark and gathering the animals and their food. Later, when the ark landed, the responsibility of Noah and his family members was to multiply and scatter throughout the earth to repopulate the earth. Now, after getting off the ark, God's covenant is with man, the animals, and the whole earth, as He says, **"Never again shall ALL FLESH be cut off by the WATERS of the FLOOD" and "The waters shall NEVER AGAIN become a FLOOD to DESTROY all FLESH."** By the time of Moses, **God made another covenant**, this time with the nation of Israel. Their responsibility was to keep His commandments and offer animal sacrifices that pointed toward the coming Messiah and sin-bearer. For us, **OUR COVENANT with God is to BELIEVE in His Son, Jesus Christ, and to accept His SACRIFICE on the cross to pay for our sins.**

- **Psalm 50:5** "Gather my \_\_\_\_\_ together to Me; those who have \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_."
- **Luke 22:20** "Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup is the \_\_\_\_\_ in My \_\_\_\_\_, which is \_\_\_\_\_ for you.'"

**Definition: "I set My RAINBOW in the cloud, and it shall be for the SIGN of the COVENANT"** - Every time we see a rainbow in the sky, we should be reminded that God has promised to never again destroy the earth as He did in the Flood. **The rainbow is a "sign" of that covenant, just as circumcision was the "sign" of the covenant with Abraham and with Moses and all of Israel.** As believers in Jesus Christ, **we enter the New Covenant by faith in Jesus as our Savior**, and follow Him by His word and by being led by the Holy Spirit. The only outward "sign" that we have as believers under the New Covenant, something that others can see (because faith is inward and not visible to outsiders) is possibly water baptism, because that is a public, outward confession of our inward faith. Also, **our good works SHOW to others** that we are followers of Jesus Christ.

- **Revelation 4:3** "And \_\_\_\_\_ who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a \_\_\_\_\_ around the \_\_\_\_\_, in appearance like an emerald."

**Genesis 9:18-20** "Now the sons of Noah who went out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And Ham was the father of Canaan. **These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was populated.** And Noah began to be a farmer, and he planted a vineyard."

- **Acts 17:26** "And He has \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ blood \_\_\_\_\_ nation of \_\_\_\_\_ to dwell on all the face of the \_\_\_\_\_, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their habitation."
- **Genesis 8:15-17** "Then God spoke to Noah, saying, 'Go out of the ark, \_\_\_\_\_ and your \_\_\_\_\_, and your \_\_\_\_\_ and your sons' \_\_\_\_\_ with you. Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that is with you: birds and cattle and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, so that they may abound on the earth, and be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ on the earth.'"

**Definition: "From THESE the WHOLE EARTH was POPULATED"** - Starting with Adam, and then through Noah and his family, every single person on the earth today is "made of one blood" and descended from Noah and his three sons and their wives. All the races are descended from Noah, and the racial differences such as skin color, curly or straight hair, and so forth all came from the original DNA of these eight people. As different groups of people migrated to certain areas in the earth, and were

cut off from other people, they would have only married amongst themselves, and become inbred until their racial characteristics were very distinctive. That is what is meant by the "boundaries of their habitation" - the different areas of the world where people groups spread out after the Flood and populated the earth.

**Genesis 9:21-23** "Then **he drank of the wine and was DRUNK**, and became uncovered in his tent. And **Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the NAKEDNESS of his father, and TOLD his two brothers** outside. But Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were turned away, and they did not see their father's nakedness."

- **Proverbs 20:1** "\_\_\_\_\_ is a mocker, intoxicating \_\_\_\_\_ arouses brawling, and whoever is led \_\_\_\_\_ by it is not \_\_\_\_\_."
- **Revelation 3:18** "I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be \_\_\_\_\_, that the \_\_\_\_\_ of your \_\_\_\_\_ may not be \_\_\_\_\_; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see."

**Definition: "Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the NAKEDNESS of his father, and TOLD his two brothers"** - Ever since Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden and lost the glory of God that was their covering, **NAKEDNESS has always been a SHAMEFUL thing in God's eyes**. It seems that the sin here is that **Ham was gloating over his father's shame and nakedness**, and went to tell his brothers so that they might come and laugh at him, also. **It was a complete LACK of RESPECT**, and if Ham were truly respectful of his father, he should have been the one to cover up Noah's nakedness, without telling anyone else! Leviticus 18:7 says, "The NAKEDNESS of your FATHER or the NAKEDNESS of your mother you shall not uncover. She is your mother; you shall not uncover her nakedness." **Love COVERS a multitude of sins**, and does not broadcast someone's sins to other people.

- **Exodus 28:42** "And you shall make for them linen trousers to \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_; they shall reach from the waist to the thighs."
- **I Peter 4:8** "And above all things have fervent \_\_\_\_\_ for one another, for '\_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.'"
- **I Corinthians 13:4-5** "\_\_\_\_\_ suffers long and is \_\_\_\_\_; love does not envy; \_\_\_\_\_ does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does \_\_\_\_\_ behave \_\_\_\_\_, does not seek its own, is not provoked., thinks not evil...."
- **Exodus 20:25** "And if you make an \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ for Me, you shall \_\_\_\_\_ build it of cut stones, for if you wield your tool on it, you will profane it. Nor shall you go up by \_\_\_\_\_ to My altar, that your \_\_\_\_\_ not be \_\_\_\_\_ on it."

**Genesis 9:24-29** "So Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done to him. Then he said: '**CURSED be CANAAN; a servant of servants he shall be to his brethren.**' And he said: 'Blessed be the Lord, the God of Shem, and may Canaan be his servant. May God enlarge Japheth, and may he dwell in the tents of Shem; and may Canaan be his servant.' And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years. **So all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years; and he died.**"

**Definition: "'CURSED be CANAAN"** - It could be that **the lack of respect that Ham had for his father** was the beginning of rebellion in his family. God saw the evil and rebelliousness of Ham's son Canaan, and said that **Canaan would be cursed BECAUSE of how evil he and his descendants would become**. This in no way means that God CAUSED an innocent man, Canaan, to be cursed in some way! God does not CAUSE people to become evil and behave in a cursed manner. The evil sin

nature of man causes his own descent into a CURSED STATE and evil way of life. **In later years, the land of Canaan, peopled by the descendants of Ham's son Canaan, would be so evil, that God would allow Israel to wipe them out and take over their land.**