

A New Beginning Genesis 8:20-10:32

I. A New Commission – 8:20-9:7

1. Noah & family worship, give thanks – 20
They offer a blood sacrifice
2. God accepts their offering – 21
Promises to add no further curse
Will not destroy everything as in a flood
3. God promises a cycle of seasons - 22
While the earth remains
Seedtime and harvest
Cold and heat; summer and winter
Cycle of days & nights will continue
4. With God's blessing, go multiply – 9:1
They are to begin to repopulate the earth
5. Change in relationship with animals - 2
Fear is now present in this relationship
6. A change in diet is authorized – 3-4
Humans now permitted to eat animals
But not to eat the blood with the meat
7. Human life to be protected as sacred – 5-6
God will hold animals & men accountable – 5
Humans are to hold others accountable – 6
Human life is sacred, made in God's image
8. Charge to multiply is repeated - 7

II. A New Covenant – 9:8-17

1. God's covenant with Noah & seed – 8-11
Applies to all future humans & animals – 9-10
Never again a world-wide flood – 11
2. Token of God's covenant – 12-15
Rainbow is God's bow – His glory
Ezekiel 1:28; Revelation 4:3
3. God sees token of His promise – 16-17
God's sees this token everyday
Somewhere on earth His bow is seen every day
We get to see it occasionally

III. Noah's Curse – 9:18-27

1. Noah's sons to repopulate earth – 18-19
All humans descend from Shem, Ham or Japheth
2. Noah's drunkenness – 20-23
Noah laid uncovered in his tent – 21
Ham, father of Canaan saw his nakedness – 22
Told his brothers, Shem & Japheth
Shem & Japheth covered their father – 23
They went backwards, did not see his nakedness
3. Noah's Curse & blessing – 24-27
Curse on Ham's son Canaan – 24-25
Canaan would be a servant to his brothers
He was evidently involved with his father in this
God's blessing will be on Shem – 26
Canaan would serve him

God will enlarge Japheth – 27
He will dwell in the tents of Shem
Canaan will be his servant

4. The Death of Noah – 9:28-29
He lived 350 years after the flood – 28
Noah died at 950 years of age

IV. Descendants of Noah – Gen. 10

1. The Sons of Japheth – 10:1-5
His family listed as Gentiles (Europeans) – 5
2. The Sons of Ham – 10:6-20
Africans & Middle Eastern peoples – 6-14
Canaanites – neighbors of Israel – 15-20
3. The Sons of Shem – 10:21-31
This is the line that leads to Abraham
The people of Israel come from Shem
This line will continue in Genesis 11:10-32
4. The family of Noah repopulates earth - 32