

Genesis 9 part 1

After the flood, God is beginning once again with humanity and the world. Some things will remain the same, but it will serve as a transition.

1. Reaffirmation of God's purpose for mankind. Genesis 9:1,7

God is life! He states once again, be fruitful and multiply! God is not supportive of population control. He intended mankind to fill the earth! There are world leaders in government, science and business who are pushing for methods to control the world's population (look up online Bill Gates and other individuals of influence concerning population control)

2. Reaffirmation and expansion of Man's authority over animals Genesis 9:3-4

Before the flood, animals were not afraid of humans. Afterward, God placed the fear of humans in the animals and allowed humans to kill animals for food.

We can probably assume there were people on the earth that were killing animals for food before the flood, in defiance or ignorance of God's command. Genesis 1:39-30 But now permission is given.

3. Reaffirmation of God's Authority over all things living creatures. Genesis 9:5

God will hold everything accountable to himself. Here he makes a distinction between humans and animal life once again.

4. Institution of Human Capital Punishment by God. Genesis 9:6

Human blood is not to be shed by another human.

God instituted capital punishment after the flood as the penalty for murder. It is to serve as restraint for evil. Governments are to use it or are at least permitted by God to use it to punish the murderer and to protect its citizens.

Before the flood, it is apparent that there was no restraint on evil. (Other than personal vengeance that one might carry out against an evildoer). After the flood, the nations of earth were established through Noah's sons. (Genesis 10) The nations are to carry out the penalties for crimes including murder. Leviticus 24:17; Romans 13:1-7.

5. The Noahic Covenant established by God and given a sign. Genesis 9:8-17

God promises to Noah and his descendants and all the animals, that he will never destroy the earth with a flood again.

To confirm the covenant, he set a rainbow in the sky to serve as a reminder (to himself and to us) that he will never destroy the earth through a flood again. This confirms that the flood in Noah's time was worldwide, for regional and local floods still occur regularly. In addition, rainbows can be seen in the sky anywhere in the world after a storm. The sign has a worldwide context therefore the flood must have had a worldwide context.

How offensive to God and sad that the rainbow has become a symbol in our world of perversion and not the promise of God to never flood the earth again. Next month, all over the world it will be flown at United States Embassies, right under the American Flag. 2 Peter 3:1-15.

But God is patient, he waits for people to repent and come to faith.