

Genesis 9:1-17

We left off last week, with this promise of God from Gen 8:22, in Hebrew poetic form

²² “As long as the earth endures,
seedtime and harvest,
cold and heat,
summer and winter,
day and night
will never cease.”

We know from this that the earth will continue as long as it endures

The regular cycles we are used to will not cease until the end of the world

- Will “Climate Change” stop this?
- Will Nuclear War stop this?
- Will the Tribulation stop this?
- We will continue to have all this even into the Millennial Kingdom of God on earth

QUESTION: How long will the earth endure? Until the new heavens and new earth

- After the Rapture
- After the Tribulation
- After the Millennial Kingdom
- After the Great White Throne, where Satan and all the unrighteous are judged
- A New Heavens and New Earth

Isaiah 65:17-19 - “See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more.”

Isaiah 66:22 - ““As the new heavens and the new earth that I make will endure before me,’ declares the Lord, ‘so will your name and descendants endure.””

2 Peter 3:13 – “But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.”

Revelation 21:1 – “Then I saw ‘a new heaven and a new earth,’ for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.”

- So, Noah and his family have been on the ark for a little over a year
 - We believe it was a rough ride (as we discussed last week)
 - The earth has been devastated
 - all the humans and all the animals are dead
 - There may even be dead creatures everywhere

- The face of the land has changed
 - Mountains have lifted up and valleys have formed
 - The forests are gone, plants are beginning to regrow
 - The continents are splitting up and drifting apart
 - Even the earth's axis may have changed! QUESTION? What does the tilt accomplish?
- The climate has changed drastically
 - There is no more vapor canopy protecting the earth
 - Lots of volcanic dust in the atmosphere remains for years
 - This decreases sunlight hitting the earth and provides a catalyst for precipitation
 - Temperatures in the upper atmosphere are lower (no more greenhouse)
 - Atmospheric pressure was also most likely much lower
 - QUESTION? What does low pressure mean? more storms
 - Rain, wind, and snow are now regular occurrences
 - This is the beginning of the hydrological cycle
 - The oceans have been warmed from the greenhouse earth and volcanic activity
 - Leading to more evaporation
 - What ramifications do warmer oceans have? Hurricanes
 - What if the oceans in the upper latitudes are also warm? Snow
- This may have even begun an Ice-Age (the only one that can be explained)
 - The Ice Age and the Genesis Flood, BY [MICHAEL OARD, M.S.](#) | June 1, 1987, Institute for Creation Research
 - The origin of the ice age has greatly perplexed uniformitarian scientists. Much cooler summers and copious snowfall are required, but they are inversely related, since cooler air is drier. It is unlikely cooler temperatures could induce a change in atmospheric circulation that would provide the needed moisture. As a result, well over 60 theories have been proposed.
 - A uniformitarian ice age seems meteorologically impossible.
 - The climate change following the Genesis Flood provides a likely catastrophic mechanism for an ice age. The Flood was a tremendous tectonic and volcanic event. Large amounts of volcanic aerosols would remain in the atmosphere following the Flood, generating a large temperature drop over land by reflecting much solar radiation back to space. Volcanic aerosols (QUESTION? What are volcanic aerosols and why are they needed? -snow and rain form around dust particles in the air) would likely be replenished in the atmosphere for hundreds of years following the Flood, due to high post-Flood volcanism, which is indicated in Pleistocene sediments. ² The moisture would be provided by strong evaporation from a much warmer ocean, following the Flood. The warm ocean is a consequence of a warmer pre-Flood climate and the release of hot subterranean water during the eruption of "all the fountains of the great deep" ([Genesis 7:11](#)). The added quantity of water must have been large to cover all the pre-Flood mountains, which were lower than today. Evaporation over the ocean is proportional to how cool, dry, and unstable the air is, and how fast the

wind blows. ⁸ Indirectly, it is proportional to sea surface temperature. A 10 degree C air-sea temperature difference, with a relative humidity of 50%, will evaporate seven times more water at a sea surface temperature of 30 degrees C than at 0 degrees C. Thus, the areas of greatest evaporation would be at higher latitudes and off the east coast of Northern Hemisphere continents. Focusing on northeast North America, the combination of cool land and warm ocean would cause the high level winds and a main storm track to be parallel to the east coast, by the thermal wind equation. ⁹ Storm after storm would develop near the eastern shoreline, similar to modern-day Northeasters, over the continent. Once a snow cover is established, more solar radiation is reflected back to space, reinforcing the cooling over land, and compensating the volcanic lulls.

- As the oceans cooled and volcanic dust decreased,
- In fact, what the “progressives” believe to be climate change may be just the earth continuing to gradually warm since the Ice Age (about 0.5 degrees C every 50 years)

So, in short, this is a completely different world than the one existing before the flood

- Noah and his family and all the animals climb down out of the ark after God gave the word.
 - QUESTION? How many people are on earth at this point?
- God asks Noah to do some things in 1-7, and promises to do some things in 8-17
 - *Gen 9:1-7, And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. ² The fear of you and the terror of you will be on every beast of the earth and on every bird of the ^[a]sky; with everything that creeps on the ground, and all the fish of the sea, into your hand they are given. ³ Every moving thing that is alive shall be food for you; I give all to you, as I gave the green plant. ⁴ Only you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. ⁵ Surely I will require ^[b]your lifeblood; ^[c]from every beast I will require it. And ^[d]from every man, ^[e]from every man’s brother I will require the life of man.*
 - ⁶ “Whoever sheds man’s blood, By man his blood shall be shed, For in the image of God He made man. ⁷ “As for you, be fruitful and multiply; ^[f]Populate the earth abundantly and multiply in it.”
- First, God blesses Noah and his family, just as in Gen 1:28, and 5:2, he blessed man
 - Right after destroying everything, God pronounces a blessing! QUESTION? Why?
 - Man is sinful, contrasted with the graciousness and forbearance of God
 - Literally, for 4500 years since the flood, God has been pouring out His grace
 - But another judgment is coming!
 - *Act 17:30-31, Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, ³¹ because He has fixed a day in which He will judge ^[a]the world in righteousness ^[b]through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men ^[c]by raising Him from the dead.”*

- The day is FIXED!
- Next, God repeats his commandment to populate the earth, “Be fruitful and multiply”!
 - Even though man’s thoughts are evil continually, God still allows us to reproduce
 - Gen 1:22, 1:28, 9:1, 9:7, then chapters 17, 26, 28, 35
 - QUESTION? Why is God in continually promoting procreation? Listen for a theme as I read these verses!
 - *Ex 19:5, Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession.*
 - *Isa 43:21, “The people whom I formed for Myself Will declare My praise.*
 - *Mal 3:17-18, “They will be Mine,” says the LORD of hosts, “on the day that I [a]prepare My [b]own possession, and I will [c]spare them as a man [d]spares his own son who serves him.”¹⁸ So you will again distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.*
 - *Tit 2:13-14, Christ Jesus,¹⁴ who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.*
 - *1 Pet 2:9, But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God’s OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;*
- God also reiterates man’s pre-eminence on earth, his sovereignty over creation
 - Into your hand they are given
 - He places the fear of man into all the animals, perhaps for the first time
 - It’s a good thing, He now allows man to eat animals, so they need a healthy fear of us!
 - Plus, animals who might otherwise harm us are now afraid of us
 - QUESTION? According to God, what is one of the purposes for animals?
 - To feed man. QUESTION? Is eating animals morally wrong? No
 - People were probably eating animals soon after the fall
 - But here is God’s official permission to do so
 - QUESTION? Why was there no eating of animals before the fall?
 - Gen 2:16, “From any tree of the garden you may eat freely”
 - QUESTION? What are other purposes for animals?
 - All your answers are to serve man
 - We are predominant, pre-eminent on earth. The animals are here for us!
 - QUESTION? Do we need to believe in God to enjoy all these blessings?
- BUT, consuming blood is prohibited! Here’s the first prohibition in the list
 - QUESTION? Why does God prohibit consuming blood?
 - Possibly two reasons
 - The life is in the blood, we don’t want animal life in us, just flesh
 - There is also death in the blood – health issues! God’s Curse-ENTROPY!
 - QUESTION? What disclaimer you often see at the bottom of a menu?
 - QUESTION? Do you think blood-borne diseases existed before the fall?

- Ebola, Malaria, HIV, Trichinosis, Salmonella, Tapeworms
 - So what can we do? Drain out the blood and COOK IT!
 - “Monsters Inside Me” - Youtube
- Then God goes into another prohibition by pronouncing a Societal Law
 - Any man who sheds man’s blood shall have his blood shed by man A reflexive statement
 - It’s what’s called a lapidary style. It is a chiasmic parallelism
 - Every word is repeated in exact reverse order
 - English: “Shed the blood of man, by man your blood will shed”
 - Hebrew Roots: “Sapak dam adam, adam dam sapak”
 - This is the first mention of and support for capital punishment
 - This also applies to beasts. Any beast that kills a man must be killed
- QUESTION? We know that the life is in the blood. What’s ANOTHER reason God gives for this rule in verse 6?
- QUESTION? What would killing a killer accomplish? Is it a deterrent?
 - This is one of the most debated topics in society
 - Google it, all the liberal sites say studies “prove” not is not a deterrent
 - Other, mostly conservative studies, “prove” that it does.
 - You can “make” data say whatever you want
 - For CERTAIN, if you kill a killer, that killer will never kill again
 - I’m inclined to go with what God says!
 - The Alex Murdaugh case, 2-life sentences, what’s the point?
 - Georgia spends 30K, and California 130K per year, per prisoner
 - What would God have us do? Share the gospel with him, offer him eternal salvation, then execute him. He made his choice, and choices have consequences!
 - Isn’t that what Christ did on the cross?
- **Can we get to the second part of our passage?**
- *Gen 9:8-17, ⁸ Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying, ⁹ “Now behold, I Myself do establish My covenant with you, and with your ^[a]descendants after you; ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you; of all that comes out of the ark, even every beast of the earth. ¹¹ I establish My covenant with you; and all flesh shall never again be cut off by the water of the flood, neither shall there again be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹² God said, “This is the sign of the covenant which I am making between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for ^[b]all successive generations; ¹³ I set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth. ¹⁴ It shall come about, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow will be seen in the cloud, ¹⁵ and I will remember My covenant, which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and never again shall the water become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the bow is in the cloud, then I will look upon it, to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷ 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."

- God makes a covenant
 - With Noah, his descendants, and every creature, for all generations
 - He will never again destroy the earth by water
 - He prepares a sign to seal his covenant promise
- QUESTION? What is a covenant?
 - What's an earthly example of a covenant relationship?
- QUESTION? How long will this covenant last?
- QUESTION? Is this a conditional or an unconditional covenant?
 - QUESTION? Does Noah have to do anything to benefit from the covenant?
- QUESTION? What is the sign God institutes?
 - What's a bow? It's the most common weapon of antiquity!
 - 72 occurrences of the Hebrew "qesheth" in the OT, 3 of them are in our passage
 - A bow without arrows typically signifies peace
 - The Greek for bow "toxon" appears only once in the NT
 - *Rev 6:2, I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.*
 - No arrows, this is NOT Jesus, but rather seems to represent a time of peace on earth during the Great Tribulation, because the horse is white and there are no arrows.
 - No arrows, peace by negotiation instead of bloodshed
 - But it is a false peace, since immediately following is the red horse of war.
 - God says, "I set My bow in the cloud"
 - "To set" means to give up or to place
 - The sense is that God is hanging up his bow for all to see
 - *Isa 54:7-9, "[a]For a brief moment I forsook you, But with great compassion I will gather you.⁸ "In an [b]outburst of anger I hid My face from you for a moment, But with everlasting lovingkindness I will have compassion on you," Says the LORD your Redeemer.⁹ "For [c]this is like the days of Noah to Me, When I swore that the waters of Noah Would not [d]flood the earth again; So I have sworn that I will not be angry with you Nor will I rebuke you.*
 - Here you can see the victory of grace over judgment
 - This is our opportunity to tell the world of God's grace
 - So, what creates the colors of the rainbow?
 - See the website!