

## GOD'S PROMISE | GENESIS 8:20-22

- This is the second of seven covenants which God gives to man
  - Adamic: enjoy Eden as you refrain from the forbidden fruit
  - Noahic: enjoy earth as you refrain from blood and murder
  - Abrahamic: enjoy the Promised Land as you look for the fulfillment of the redemption
  - Mosaic: enjoy God's favor as you obey God's law
  - Levitic: God's work will be done through a specific tribe
  - Davidic: God's work will be fulfilled in a specific King
  - Messianic: God's work will be fulfilled on earth
- In the Noahic covenant, God Himself initiates and fulfills, regardless of the fulfillment of the obligation upon man. God was the giver, man the receiver. (Note v. 11, 12, 13, 15, 18)
- The unailing nature of God's covenant can be seen in 4,000 years of annual fulfillment.

## MAN'S OBLIGATION | GENESIS 9:1-11

### EAT MEAT, BUT NOT BLOOD

- First references to major concepts forecast the Biblical outline on a subject. God's outline on blood give a complete summary of this fundamental theme:
  - Genesis 4:10 – blood cries out to God
  - Genesis 9:4-6 – Blood is the life and must be held sacred
  - Genesis 37:22-31 –Blood of the son is presented to the father
  - Genesis 42:22 –Blood is required by those who shed it
  - Genesis 49:11 –Poetically, Judah's clothes are washed in blood
  - Exodus 4:9 –Blood is the symbol of God's judgment
  - Exodus 12:13 –Blood provides a covering from death
- This theological outline in summary:
  - Blood is life
  - Life is sacred
  - Sacred life will be presented to the Father
  - We owe a blood payment for the sin that crucified Jesus

- We can be washed in the blood of the Savior
- We will either be condemned by the blood or covered by the blood

## ESTABLISH CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

- The principle of human government is established in the requirement for capital punishment.
  - For the first time, human government is designated for the punishment of murderers.
  - The establishment of Government by will remain until the New Heaven and New Earth.
- Capital punishment is given as man's responsibility for all time.
  - This is for the well-being of man, but that is not the basis
  - The basis is because man is created in God's image
    - 1 Corinthians 11:7 – man "is the image and glory of God"
    - James 3:9 – man is "made in the likeness of God"

## MULTIPLY AND POPULATE THE EARTH

- This is a renewal of God's word to Adam (Genesis 1:28)
  - With only eight people, it is a very necessary renewal
  - Eight is a renewal number in the Bible
- The reason for repopulation was to fulfill one of the reasons for man's creation: to subdue the earth and rule over it (Genesis 1:28)

## THE TOKEN OF THE COVENANT | GENESIS 9:12-16

- It is not only man's eye that is drawn to the rainbow, but God's as well, as an eternal reminder of the covenant with man given to Noah.
  - "When the bow is in the cloud, then I will look upon it" (Genesis 9:16)
- The rainbow helps us to see some of the manifold beauty of God
  - God is light – and light is a mixture of all color
  - The water of the cloud serves as a prism to separate the colors and make them visible to the human eye
  - In a poetic sense, it is often the storms of life that serve to enable us to see the "variegated grace of God."