

The Bible Ark Bible Study Program

Genesis – Verses 9:1–9:29, The Noahic Covenant

Today we are going to be learning about the covenant that God established with Noah and the new generation of man that follows after Noah, after the flood.

Let us ask God to bless us in our studies.

Heavenly Father, thank you for your righteousness and for your judgement. It is such a blessing to know that you will someday throw down all unrighteousness and stand up a world of peace, tranquility, and joy. It is wonderful to understand that you are still in control of this current age that we live in. Even though, our world can seem like it is falling apart around us, we can rest assured that your Word and your promises will prevail. Bless us Father with understanding and assurance in your promises, the blessings to come, and also in the manifold blessings that you shower upon us, even in this fallen world. Help us to see how your hand is at work in our lives every passing day. Teach us the truth of your Word, and teach us about the love, the salvation, and the faithfulness of your Son, Jesus Christ.

We pray in Jesus's name. Amen!

In our study today, we will be covering Chapter 9 of Genesis. As usual, we will go through Dr. Scofield's comments on these verses, and in the process I will make my own comments and review. However, as I did in our last study, I will not be reading these verses again a second time.

Genesis, Chapter 9, verses 1 through 29, Scofield's Comments (+Dale's)

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1 And God blessed Noah and his sons, and ²said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

2 The Noahic Covenant. The elements are:

- (1) The relation of man to the earth under the Adamic Covenant is confirmed (Genesis 8:21).
- (2) The order of nature is confirmed (Genesis 8:22).
- (3) Human government is established (Genesis 9:1–6).
- (4) Earth is secured against another universal judgment by water (Genesis 8:21 & 9:11).
- (5) A prophetic declaration is made that from Ham will descend an inferior and servile posterity (Genesis 9:24 & 25).
- (6) A prophetic declaration is made that Shem will have a peculiar relation to Jehovah (Genesis 9:26 & 27). All divine revelation is through Semitic men, and Christ, after the flesh, descends from Shem.
- (7) A prophetic declaration is made that from Japheth will descend the "enlarged" races (Genesis 9:27). Government, science, and art, speaking broadly, are and have been Japhetic, so that history is the indisputable record of the exact fulfilment of these declarations.

See, for the other seven covenants: *Edenic* (Genesis 1:28); *Adamic* (Genesis 3:15) ; *Abrahamic* (Genesis 15:18); *Mosaic* (Exodus 19:25); *Palestinian* (Deuteronomy 30:3); *Davidic* (2nd Samuel 7:16); *New* (Hebrews 8:8).

If you recall from our last study, we spent quite some time looking at Genesis 8:21 & 22. This is that passage of scripture where God tells us that He will never again curse the ground for man's sake, neither will He again smite any every living thing, as long as the earth remains.

On Scofield's 3rd point about human government, we are looking at those verses right now, and we will be looking at verse 11 in a few moments, regarding element 4.

The prophetic declaration that he speaks about is something that I mentioned in our last study, and we will be looking at that at the end of this chapter. Therefore, what I am going to do is read this explanation to you again after we finish reading this chapter.

2 And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered.

3 Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things.

4 But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat.

5 And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man.

6 ^cWhoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.

b *Kingdom* (Old Testament). Exodus 3:1–10. (Genesis 1:26; Zechariah 12:8).

7 And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein.

8 And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, ^asaying,

a See Genesis 8:21, *note*; 9:1, *note*.

We spent about the last ten minutes of our last study looking at Scofield's note on Genesis 8:21, in regards to the Third Dispensation: Human Government, and, of course, we just looked at his note on 9:1, regarding the Noahic Covenant.

9 And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you;

10 And with every living creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth.

11 And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.

12 And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations:

13 I do set my ^bbow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.

b The bow is not said to have come into existence at this time, but only have been here invested with the character of a *sign*. Compare Exodus 31:13. Typically, the bow, seen upon the storm

clouds of judgement (Genesis 7:11), has been thought to speak of the cross where judgement, never to be repeated, has been visited upon the believer's sins (Galatians 3:10–14; Hebrews 10:14–18).

“¹²And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, ¹³Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you. ¹⁴Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you:” – Exodus 31:12–14

“... in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.”
– Genesis 7:11 [in reference storm clouds of judgement]

“¹⁰For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. ¹¹But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith. ¹²And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them. ¹³Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: ¹⁴That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.” – Galatians 3:10–14 [“The promise” here comes to you and I through the cross, never to be repeated.]

“¹⁴For by one offering he [that's Jesus] hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. ¹⁵Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, ¹⁶This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; ¹⁷And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. ¹⁸Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.” – Hebrews 10:14–18

14 And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall 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 the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.

16 And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.

17 And God said unto Noah, This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.

18 And the sons of Noah, that went forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth: and Ham is the father of Canaan.

19 These are the three sons of Noah: and of them was the whole earth overspread.

Parenthetical: the shame of Noah and the sin of Ham.

20 And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard:

21 And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent.

22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without.

23 And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness.

Conclusion of Noahic Covenant: the prophetic declaration.

24 And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him.

25 And he said, 'Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.

c See Genesis 9:1, *note 2, subdivisions 5–7.*

26 And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant.

27 God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant.

Now let me read to you Scofield's comments from verse one about the Noahic Covenant. The first two elements have reference to Genesis 8:21 & 22 where God tells us that He will never again curse the ground for man's sake, neither will He again smite any every living thing, as long as the earth remains.

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(1) The relation of man to the earth under the Adamic Covenant is confirmed.

(2) The order of nature is confirmed.

(3) Human government is established. *[We covered this in verses one thru six, "Whoso sheddeth man's blood."]*

(4) Earth is secured against another universal judgment by water.

And then these last three elements are all regarding the last two verses that we just read, verses 26 & 27.

(5) A prophetic declaration is made that from Ham will descend an inferior and servile posterity (Genesis 9:24 & 25).

(6) A prophetic declaration is made that Shem will have a peculiar relation to Jehovah (Genesis 9:26 & 27). All divine revelation is through Semitic men, and Christ, after the flesh, descends from Shem.

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The family of Noah (Genesis 9:28–10:32).

28 And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years.

29 And all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years: and he died.

And that is all that we have for today. In our next study we will learn about the family of Noah, when we study Chapter 10, and we will also look at the first three verses of Chapter 11.

Closing Remarks

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