

# **Genesis 9**

## **Genesis 9.1-7**

**V1 – What instructions did God give to Noah and his family?** To reproduce and fill the earth  
-Is this command binding on us today? "Zero population growth" is not scriptural

**V2 – What is the relationship between humans and animals?** Terror on the animals (animals would be afraid of humans)  
-Generally true in the world today (exception: Galapagos Islands)  
-**Why are animals afraid of humans – have you wondered?**  
-**Do humans have authority over the animals?** Yes

**V3 – Can we scripturally eat meat today?** Yes – no need to be a vegetarian  
-We can eat (including fish) and every green plant, but being a vegetarian is certainly allowed in *Rom. 14*

**V4 – Exception?** Cannot eat blood (same under New Covenant, as under the Old Covenant)  
**Read Acts 15.28-29**

**V5 – Consequences of eating blood?** Fatal (in God's eyes)

**V6 – Punishment for the murderer?** Death  
-**Why?** Because the blood is special in God's eyes (looking forward to the shedding of Jesus' blood)

**V7 – Instructions again to multiply and fill the earth**

## **Genesis 9.8-12**

**V8 – God spoke to Noah**

**V9 – What is a covenant?** A binding agreement – two parts (as in a car loan or in buying a house)

**V10 – Who else was part of the covenant?** All animals  
-**Why did God establish this covenant?** He loved the human race

**V11 – God's part of the covenant?** Never again to destroy the world by water (flooding)

**V12 – Strictly the grace of God**

## **Genesis 9.13-17**

**V13 – The sign of the covenant?** Rainbow

**V 14** – The rainbow would be associated with clouds

**V 15** – Restatement of the covenant – no more destruction of the world by water

**V 16** – **Where else did God say he “remembered”?** *Genesis 8.1*

**V 17** – Restatement of the covenant

### **Lessons of the flood?**

1. Evil can only reach a certain point before God will bring judgment on the people – God will not tolerate sin indefinitely  
-Examples: Sodom and Gomorrah; Jesus and 70 A.D.
2. God provided for his faithful followers
3. God invited all to be saved (through the preaching of Noah)
4. Noah and his family were not forgotten in God’s mind  
-Through the dangerous days of the flood, he had them in his thoughts
5. God loved them so much he made covenant with them

## **Genesis 9.18-29**

**V 18-19** – **Who were the three sons of Noah?** Shem (in the lineage of Jesus Christ), Ham, and Japheth

**V 20** – **How did Noah support himself?** Farming

**V 21** – First reference to the wine in the Bible

- Possible that Noah did not know that wine was intoxicating – **Read Matthew 24.37-39**
- Interesting: First mention of the wine was as a sign of disgrace
- Noah got drunk and took off his clothes – a sign of disgrace in the Old Testament (*Leviticus 18.5-19, 20.17-21, 1 Samuel 20:30*)
- If we think that there is no danger to alcohol, let us remember that Noah was a righteous man and one of the greatest of the Patriarchs in the Old Testament, but he was led into sin by alcohol

**V 22** – **Which son saw his father naked?** Ham

- What did he do?** Told his brothers (maybe ridiculing his dad)
- Ham should have covered up his father (respect for our parents)

**V 23** – **What did Shem and Japheth do?** Walked in backwards and covered Noah up

**V 24** – Noah sobered up

**V 25 – Who was Canaan?** Son of Ham

-**What was the curse?** Descendants of Ham would be servants and slaves

-Canaanites did later become servants to the Israelites (after 1405 B.C. – including days of Solomon – they were forced labor in the building of the temple)

-**Any evidence Noah had power to curse people?** No

-**Race question – Did black people come from Ham?** Many people have been slaves (not just black people)

-The belief that black people today are the descendants of Ham is totally wrong and foolish and was a way to try to justify slavery back in the days before the Civil War

**V 26 – Blessing on \_\_\_\_\_?** Shem

**V 27 – Blessing on \_\_\_\_\_?** Japheth – descendants

**V 28 – Noah lived 350 more years**

**V 29 – 950 years old at his death**

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