



Genesis: *Creation and Covenant*
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Introduction

Structure

1. God announces judgment and promises a covenant: "I will destroy the world...but I will make my covenant with you" (Genesis 6:13-22)
2. God says: "Go into the Ark...there you will find life and salvation" (Genesis 7:1-5)
3. Flood waters begin to increase (Genesis 7:6-16)
4. Flood waters prevail (Genesis 7:17-24)
 - ★ **God remembers Noah (Genesis 8:1)**
5. Flood waters recede (Genesis 8:2-5)
6. The earth begins to dry (Genesis 8:6-14)
7. God says: "Get out of the Ark" (Genesis 8:15-19)
8. *God's Judgement is indeed Accomplished and His Covenant is Established. (Genesis 8:20-9:17)*

The Noahic Covenant

❖ **Genesis 6:18-19**

God's Covenant Blessings

❖ **Genesis 9:1-7**

❖ Jeremiah 17:9—*heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick;*

1. **God's blessing is still upon man**
2. **God's blessing is still upon marriage**
3. **God still grants his image bearers dominion**
4. **God still provides his image bearers with food**



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"The sole intention of this prohibition was to prevent these excesses of cannibal ferocity in eating flesh of living animals, to which men in the earlier ages of the world were liable.¹"

5. God protects his image bearers

"It is true that image has been injured by the fall, but it is not lost."²

"To murder another human being is to murder what is most like God, and is thus like an attack on God himself."³

6. God still desires this world to be filled with those who bear his image

- ❖ Genesis 6:5-7—*The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the Lord regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. So the Lord said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them.*
- ❖ Genesis 8:21—*the intention of man's heart is evil from his youth.*
- ❖ Psalm 103:8-11—*The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;*

God's Covenant

❖ **Genesis 9:8-11**

- 1. This is a unilateral covenant**
- 2. This is a covenant with all creation...not just the elect**
- 3. This is a non-redemptive covenant**

¹ JFB Commentary, Olivetree Edition

² Ibid

³ ESV Global Study Bible, Olivetree Edition



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"The covenant God made with Noah and his posterity does not contain a promise of redemption...it certainly does serve redemption."⁴

- ❖ 2 Peter 3:8-10—*knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation." For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.*

*But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. **The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you,** not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.*

- ❖ Isaiah 54:9-14—*"This is like the days of Noah to me: as I swore that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you, and will not rebuke you. For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed," says the Lord, who has compassion on you. "O afflicted one, storm-tossed and not comforted, behold, I will set your stones in antimony, and lay your foundations with sapphires. I will make your pinnacles of agate, your gates of carbuncles, and all your wall of precious stones. All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the peace of your children. In righteousness you shall be established; you shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; and from terror, for it shall not come near you.*

God's Sign of His Covenant Promise

❖ Genesis 9:12-17

1. The Covenant is Signified
2. The Sign is to Remind God and Encourage Men

⁴ Michael Carpenter, *RCF Covenant Theology Course*