

## IN THE BEGINNING

### Part Forty-Seven: The Beginning of the Noahic Covenant

Text: Gen. 9:1-17

#### THE BIG PICTURE ON COVENANTS

- Meaning: An unbreakable \_\_\_\_\_ made by one person to another, and often reciprocated.
  - Kinds in the Bible:
    - Between two people or \_\_\_\_\_ of people
    - Between \_\_\_\_\_ and people
  - Characteristics of \_\_\_\_\_ covenants:
    - Enduring
    - \_\_\_\_\_
    - Symbolized by \_\_\_\_\_
    - Unconditional
    - Secured by \_\_\_\_\_
    - Models for us
- I. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE NOAHIC COVENANT (8:21)**
- God determined this covenant “in His \_\_\_\_\_” before announcing it to Noah (Isa. 54:9).
- II. THE \_\_\_\_\_ TO THE NOAHIC COVENANT (VS. 1, 8-10)**
- On the one side, \_\_\_\_\_.
  - On the other side:
    - Vs. 1, \_\_\_\_\_ and his sons
    - Vs. 8-10, their \_\_\_\_\_ after, and the animals as well
- III. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE NOAHIC COVENANT (VS. 2-7, 11)**
- New prerogatives and obligations given to the human race:
    - To repopulate and \_\_\_\_\_ the earth
    - To eat the \_\_\_\_\_ of animals.
    - To not eat the \_\_\_\_\_ of animals along with meat.
    - To be accountable to God for the sin of \_\_\_\_\_.
    - To exercise capital \_\_\_\_\_ upon those who commit the sin of murder.
    - To establish human \_\_\_\_\_ to make and enforce laws intended to preserve human life.
  - One new obligation placed upon God (vs. 9, “And I...”; what follows = God’s new commitment):
    - To never again send a \_\_\_\_\_ to destroy the earth.
      - An unconditional, unilateral, unbreakable promise.

#### IV. THE DURATION OF THE NOAHIC COVENANT (VS. 12, 16)

- Vs. 12, “perpetual generations”
- Vs. 16, an “everlasting covenant” as long as the earth \_\_\_\_\_ (8:22).

#### V. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE NOAHIC COVENANT (VS. 12-17)

- “Token” (3x) = sign = the rainbow

#### A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Rainbow (vs. 13-14)

- Vs. 13, “I do set” = for the \_\_\_\_\_ time (after the Flood)

#### B. The Owner of the Rainbow (vs. 13)

- \_\_\_\_\_: “I do set my bow”

#### C. The Meaning of the Rainbow (vs. 15)

- A merciful \_\_\_\_\_ that all rain and water events on earth after Noah’s Flood will be limited in scope.

#### D. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Rainbow (vs. 15-16)

- “I will \_\_\_\_\_” (2x). When you see the rainbow, you can be sure:
  - God has also seen His bow (vs. 16).
  - God has remembered His \_\_\_\_\_ (giving us hope).
  - God has remembered His \_\_\_\_\_ (to bring the storm to an end).

#### E. The Glory of the Rainbow (vs. 9)

- Vs. 9, “Behold!”
- The rainbow is a manifestation of \_\_\_\_\_ own glory in creation (Ezek. 1:28, Rev. 4:3)

#### APPLICATIONS

- Four right responses:

#### 1. We should \_\_\_\_\_ our obligations under the Noahic Covenant.

- To be \_\_\_\_\_ and multiply.
- To not eat the blood (Acts 15:20).
- To not commit murder and to personally work to \_\_\_\_\_ and uphold human life.
- To honor and encourage the preservation and protection of human life by \_\_\_\_\_.

#### 2. We should imitate God’s faithfulness by faithfully doing right and keeping our \_\_\_\_\_.

#### 3. We should never stop \_\_\_\_\_ in God’s promises and waiting for His mercies.

- What we know in storms:
  - God is in \_\_\_\_\_.

- God's Word is still \_\_\_\_\_ and His promises are still in force.
- God has not \_\_\_\_\_ about us.
- God will mercifully bring our storms to an end in His time.
- God is working \_\_\_\_\_ the storm to fulfill His Word to us.

**4. We should allow God to \_\_\_\_\_ us with His presence and promises in times of storm (Ps. 4).**