



THE FLOOD, PART XIII- THE CONCLUSION

The flood has come and gone. This week we finish up with a few of the things that happened at its conclusion.

Verses 8:20: After the flood, Noah offered a sacrifice to the lord of *every clean animal and of every clean bird*. This, then, is the reason for taking seven of the clean animals on the ark rather than just two. Some of these were for sacrifices.

Verses 9:1-3: After blessing Noah and his family, God told them to multiply to replenish the earth. In so doing, He stated, Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. There are those who insist on being vegetarians. If this is what they want, it is their choice - God will not condemn them for it. But, there is no Biblical basis for being a vegetarian.

Verses 9:4-6: God instructed Noah and that living things were to be food for him. He did not include cannibalism! As a matter-of-fact, God said, "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed." Those who claim that Bible teaches against capital punishment have to throw this passage out. This is not even part of the Mosaic Covenant ("The Law") and so it applies to us today as well as to Noah and his family.

The most important section of this conclusion is found in verses 9:11 to 17. *Thus I establish My covenant with you: Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.*" This was an unconditional covenant. Noah had nothing to fulfill in order for it to be. You and I do not have to do anything. Not only is it an everlasting and unconditional covenant, it is one in which God has given us a specific sign to remember it by. *"This is the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations:*

I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud; and I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. You see, since there had been no rain before the flood, there had been no rainbow. You have to have two things to have a rainbow: rain and the sun. We still have these two things today!

Pastor Jim has taught us the horrible things which will happen in the Great Tribulation. Note, however, that none of these things (a) involves destroying all things or (b) using a flood to destroy all things. God will never go back on His unconditional promises. God will never go back on His promise to "go and prepare a place for us."

P.S. God commanded Noah to "go forth and replenish the earth." There are some people who have not figured out that this job has already been completed!

STARTING NEXT WEEK

With next weeks words, Lord willing, I will be bringing you some words of great wisdom. No, I am not that wise - but Solomon was. The words I will be bringing you are those of Solomon (Book or Proverbs) along with some modern day applications of them.

IN THE FUTURE

Is there some topic you would like me to cover in future Weekly Words? Do you prefer weekly topics or topics spread out over time (such as the Flood was)? The only way I have of knowing what would be best for you is if you tell me. Please let me know what you would like. Thanks

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