

Lesson 22

5.5 Noah and the flood

- We saw in previous lessons ⇒ **Genesis 6**, where the Bible shows us the attempt by Satan and his fallen angels to spoil the human race and prevent the birth of the 'seed of the woman'. The whole race was contaminated, except for one man and his family; Hallelujah! It is God keeping His Word that from a woman of the human race, one day, His Son would be born, the one who would strike off the serpent's head. That's what Satan was trying to prevent from happening.

⇒ **Genesis 6:8~9**; *But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.*

- Noah walked with God; that's the secret. He lived in a morally corrupt generation, in a totally corrupt civilization, but he walked with God and remained upright and righteous. Noah was upright and righteous because he was reached by God's grace and responded in faith.

⇒ **II Peter 2:5**; Noah was a preacher of righteousness, he was preserved along with seven other people, his family.

⇒ **Genesis 6:10 ~22**; God announces the flood.

⇒ **Genesis 7:1~24**; Noah in the ark with his family; the flood.

- Perhaps many people have never read the account of the Flood; its details are impressive, and many argue about the veracity of the Flood's occurrence. In all ancient peoples there are accounts of a total flood, apart from the Bible, and some even mention that 8 people were preserved. Another big question is whether the flood was total on earth or only in that region. If the flood was partial, then some part of the earth would be dry. If this is true, why would God have Noah build the ark? God would have sent Noah and his family to the dry part of the earth, and they wouldn't have worked for 100 years to build the ark.
- God gives impressive details in the account of the flood:
 - ⇒ **Genesis 7:11**; The date of the occurrence.
 - ⇒ **Genesis 6:21**; Food for them to eat.
 - ⇒ **Genesis 7:19**; All the mountains are covered.
 - ⇒ **Genesis 7:20**; 15 cubits above the high mountains; because of the of the ark. A reduced model of the ark was made, in proportional measurements, and it was found that the shape of the ark was excellent for withstanding water turbulence. The ark could rotate up to 60° on its axis and was able to return.
 - ⇒ **Genesis 7:15**; How did Noah manage to catch all the animals? The animals went in with Noah; God commanded the animals to go in. Is there such power?
 - ⇒ **John 21:1~6**; They couldn't pull in the net because it was so big. of fish, Jesus ordered the fish to be there.

⇒ **Genesis 7:1~4**; God commanded Noah to enter with his family and the ark remained open for 7 days. Anyone from that generation who wanted to enter the ark could have done so.

⇒ **Genesis 7:16**; Who closed the ark? God closed the ark and then no one else could enter. ⇒ **Revelation 3:7** says: what God shuts no one opens.

⇒ **Genesis 7:11** and ⇒ **Genesis 8:13~14**; the flood prevailed for a year.

- Noah spent 100 years building the ark, proclaiming that there would be a flood and that the whole earth would be covered. Can you imagine the 'mockery' of that corrupt generation? We have a similar situation today, the ark is a type, a figure of Jesus: 'whoever is inside will be saved'.

Try telling an unbeliever about the rapture, tell them that in the blink of an eye we'll disappear and meet Jesus in the air! Only by faith. It was difficult for Noah, but twice the text says that Noah did everything as the Lord commanded him; ⇒ **Genesis 6:22** and ⇒ **Genesis 7:5**.

- The flood was God's judgment on that generation, and the world was destroyed. Only eight people were saved: Noah, his wife, his three sons and his sons' wives, as well as the animals that entered the ark.
- At the end of the second epoch and now entering the third epoch, it has become clear and proven, it has been recorded in the Word of God, that man guided by his own conscience has no power, no ability, no capacity to go back or to return what he has lost, the connection and relationship with God. Without God, man has no ability to free himself from the situation in which he finds himself, separated from God.

⇒ **Genesis 8:1~14**; The waters dry up.

⇒ **Genesis 8:15~22**; Noah leaves the ark.

⇒ **Genesis 9:1~7**; God blesses Noah and his sons.

- When the flood was over, the waters receded, and Noah saw that everything was dry. He leaves the ark, and God immediately comes to speak to him.

⇒ **Genesis 8:20**; the first thing Noah makes is an altar to the Lord and offers sacrifices to God, meaning that man's relationship with God through the blood of animals continued.

- So far, we have seen in the first epoch man was in a neutral state and would have to exercise his will to prove whether or not he wanted to be with his Creator. Then in the second epoch, fallen man, but with his conscience awakened to good and evil, we saw man's failure to be self-directed. Now we're going to see God establishing something new. God will establish a government, laws, God will choose men to govern men. God's plan was to establish his kingdom on earth, where men he raised up, led by him, would lead other men. As soon as Noah leaves the ark, God comes and presents his will. But never forget that every time God reveals his will to man, Satan is there watching and will come up with another, similar plan to destroy, to try to undo and spoil God's plan.

⇒ **Genesis 9:1~7**

- God comes to speak to Noah, and we clearly see Him changing the way he deals with man here on earth again, giving new orders, revealing his will to man. Let's highlight what God has put in place again:

➤ **V.2 and V.3**; up to this point all the animals and man ate only herbs, we saw that in ⇒ **Genesis 1:29~30**, and they weren't afraid of each other. They weren't afraid, because God was warning them that from now on the animals would be afraid of man. God changes here, pay attention because it's a change, he changes the relationship between men and animals. Before, everyone ate only herbs and had nothing to be afraid of. But now, the animals would serve as food for man. God was ordering man to eat meat as well as herbs.

➤ There was a reason for this new order. What we're going to talk about now, God revealed to an American doctor, whom God prepared to minister on spiritual battle. We have a physical body, the body we see, but the Bible shows that we also have a spiritual body. Our spirit has the shape of our physical body, in other words, it has the same silhouette.

⇒ **II Corinthians 12:2~3**; Paul reports that he was caught up to the third heaven and that he had doubts as to whether it was in body or in spirit. He certainly saw the shape of his body; he saw the silhouette of himself.

➤ The shape of our spiritual body corresponds exactly to the shape of our physical body. When we fight against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly regions, it is our spiritual body that fights, under the total guidance of Jesus Christ. This is why Paul says that our weapons are not carnal but are mighty in God; ⇒ **II Corinthians 10:3~4**. Perhaps this is very strange to you, but that's exactly what happens. When we pray to put on the Armor of God, ⇒ **Ephesians 6:10~18**, it is our spiritual body, our spirit, that will be clothed.

⇒ **I Corinthians 5:3~4**; we see Paul absent here in the body but present in spirit, under the command of Jesus Christ.

➤ This leaving of the spirit from the body is also used by ungodly people with the utmost tranquility. This is what happens in 'astral travel' or when the person says they have 'went into alpha', but here they are under the order of Satan or the person's own soul. The soul never separates from the physical body, only when the body dies, it is the spirit that separates in these cases.

In order to enter into spiritual battle, to enter the breach for someone, we must first of all be under the command of the Lord Jesus Christ and clothed in the Armor of God, only then will God allow us to enter the battle. We have to be intimate with God, with the Word of God, in order to enter a spiritual battle. We're talking about a battle, not just any simple fight.

When our spiritual body enters into a spiritual battle, our physical body suffers a very high protein consumption we're not aware of it, but that's what happens. We become physically exhausted after a spiritual battle. If we don't take care to replenish these proteins, our weakened body becomes subject to demonic attacks, and we can have problems in our physical body.

And here, in ⇒ **Genesis 9:3**, God commands man to eat meat! He had a purpose for this, for man would now go to war in the spiritual realm against the hosts of wickedness, against Satan and his fallen angels. Since that day, however, Satan has been working to prevent man from eating meat. In Hinduism, as in all Eastern religions that do not follow God, abstinence from meat is taught.

Studying the Bible, we see many passages related to this new order:

- In Mosaic law, the priests and Levites were obliged to eat meat every day. They were the spiritual warriors of the people of Israel.
- When Elijah went to confront the prophets of Baal, God fed him in the desert with meat brought by ravens, after a 40-day fast.
- When the three angels came to visit Abraham, one of them being Jesus himself, Abraham offered them a calf to eat; we have already seen this in ⇒ **Genesis 18:7~8**.

- This story that eating meat is bad for you is a lie from the devil. Vegetarian movements and prohibitions on eating certain foods do not come from God.

⇒ **I Timothy 4:1~4**; *'doctrines of demons, ... commanding to abstain from foods'*; the Bible says so.

We don't mean that the day you don't eat meat, you'll suffer an attack from the devil, that's not it. We often have to fast, because Jesus himself said that there are castes of demons that only come out with fasting and prayer. But after the battle we have to replenish our proteins.

⇒ **Matthew 17:14~21**

We also have the example of Daniel, who ate only vegetables because the king's delicacies were contaminated and consecrated to evil spirits. That's why the Bible exhorts us to always pray before we eat.

- **V.4**: this command not to eat blood, given here, is repeated in the Mosaic law and repeated for the Church.
 ⇒ **Acts 15:20 and 29**; abstain from eating strangled things and blood.
 It's amazing how the same demonic cults that forbid the eating of meat, order the drinking of blood, we've seen this a lot.
- **V.5 and V.6**: God is instituting the death penalty here: if a man kills, I will require his life. Remember how it was in the previous period? You stepped on your foot, you died; they still sang and made poetry about it. God said no, let's stop this here, if someone kills the government has to intervene! God is not talking about personal revenge, he is establishing a penalty so that this aggression, this violence of man against man, would stop. But it would be the government and not the individual who would have to intervene.
- These things we've seen still apply to the human race today. So far, God has spoken to the human race as a whole. The human race was one, one language, one people, and when God revealed his will, it was for the whole race. This will be the last period in which God will speak to the whole of humanity, from now on he will speak to groups of people from humanity. Here it will be proven that man as a race, man in general, has rejected God's revelation.
- **V.7**: God confirms what he had already established for Adam.

⇒ **Genesis 9:8~17**; God establishes a covenant.

- Every time you see the rainbow in the sky, remember that God continues with His plan to save the human race, remember that He has a covenant with man and the rainbow is the sign of that covenant, His rainbow. When we arrive in the New Jerusalem, when we enter God's throne room, we will see the rainbow there ⇒ **Revelation 4:3**.