



Genesis: God's Covenant with Noah

Feb 7

INTRODUCTION: The flood was an act of re-creation. It was a fresh start. Echoing the Garden God makes a covenant with Noah and institutes some new commands. However, human nature has not been cleansed.

REVIEW: The Bible Project, [Genesis](#) (be cautious with other videos)

KEY POINT: worship, blessing, life, covenant, rainbow

A.M. SERMON RECAP (Gen 6:9–22, Noah & the Ark)

- Who was Noah? How did he stand out? Why did it flood?
- Why was the flood global and not local? Could Noah have built the Ark? Could all the animals have fit?
- What did Noah do while building? (2 Pe 2:5). How does this compare to today?
- What is our Ark today?

P.M. SERMON RECAP (Gen 7–8:19, Noah & the Flood)

- What evidence is there of a global flood? How does catastrophism & not uniformitarianism best explain geology?
- What was it like inside & outside of the Ark?
- How does the NT use the Ark (2 Pet 2:5)?

READ: Genesis 8:20–9:17

QUESTIONS:

1. **What might it have been like to step off the Ark? Have you ever had a new beginning or woken in a new environment?**

Worship

2. **Of all the things Noah could have done first, what did he prioritize, why? What does this teach us for life and family?**

3. *It was a burnt offering (c.f. Lev 1:1–17), when a whole animal was offered in worship. How are we to be that “living sacrifice” (Ro 12:1)?*
4. *This is another example from Genesis that the godly were aware of basic moral commands of God long before the Law was given.*
5. *It was also a substitutionary and propitiatory sacrifice, an offering that soothes God's wrath. Why was this needed if judgement had come upon the sinful earth?¹*
6. *How did Noah assume the role of a universal priest, symbolic of the coming seed (Col 1:20)?*

A Renewed Creation

7. *The Flood was a de-creation. This is now a new world, a fresh start. However, it was still an old world. How?*
8. **Why do we need a new beginning in Christ?**
9. *When will there be a fully new Creation (2 Pet 3:10, 13)?*
How is our new life in Christ a foretaste of this?
10. *What blessings & commands here are reminiscent of Gen 1?*

Some New Commands

1. *What commands are different or new?*
2. **Given the value God places on life, and especially human life made in His image, what checks against violence and personal revenge does God institute for society? (c.f. Lev 24:17–22; Ro 13:1–7).²**
3. *Sadly, between 1962–1998, Capital Punishment was gradually abolished in [Canada](#). If justice is punishment for a crime, how is our present system actually unjust?*
4. **How does our ‘law’ and culture devalue life?**

The Covenant

1. *God now entered into a unilateral/unconditional/universal covenant with Noah as head (it depends on God alone). What did He promise Noah's seed?*
2. *Might Noah's family have feared God's judgement might return again? What was the sign that He would keep His word? What assurance do we have? (Ro 8:1)*
3. *What perversions of this sign exist today?*

NEXT WEEK: February 14- Round Up: Genesis Part One

¹ In the Flood God had cursed the earth beyond the Garden curse. Here he promises that the initial curse is enough.

² Jesus is not suggesting legal reform in Mt 5:38–42, but speaking to inter-personal relationships and retaliation.