

DESCENT

A STUDY OF GENESIS 4-11

The Noahic Covenant
Genesis 9:8-17
June 21, 2020

Then God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth." - **Genesis 9:17**

I. A COVENANT OF PEACE

- The Noahic Covenant marks the first of five major biblical covenants - Noahic, Abrahamic, Mosaic (Israel), Davidic, and New (Gen. 6:18; 8:20-9:17; 15:18; Exodus 19-24; 2 Sam. 7; 1 Chron. 17; Jer. 31:33; Ezek. 36:22-38; Matt. 26:28).
- The covenant with Noah is actually with Noah, his offspring, and "every beast of the field" (Vss. 8-10).
- This covenant is a one-sided promise from God, with no corresponding action required of Noah.
- The "bow" becomes the sign of remembrance both for God and for the creatures (Vss. 13-17; Isa. 54:9-10).

II. APPROACHING HOOFBEATS

- The earth will not be destroyed by flood ever again, but a fire is coming (2 Peter 3:1-10; Rev. 6).
- In light of this, what sort of people should we be? (2 Peter 3:11-13).
- Today is the day of salvation (Rom. 13:11-14; 2 Cor. 6:1-2).

KNOW: God has established a covenant with all living creation. Morning and evening shall come to us every single day until the return of Jesus Christ in his glory.

DO: Give yourself whole-heartedly to Christ today, while there is still time.

Suggested Reading:

**God's Big Picture* by Vaughn Roberts

**The Christ of the Covenants* by O. Palmer Robertson (Covenantal View)

**Dispensationalism Today* by Charles Ryrie (Dispensational View)

**Progressive Dispensationalism* by Craig Blaising and Darrell Bock

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please Read Genesis 9:8-17

1. What stands out to you in our narrative from Sunday?
2. What does the "bow" in the heavens signify?
3. What did Noah do when God warned him of an impending flood? What should we do with the warning of an impending fire? (see 2 Peter 3).
4. What "covenant" are we as Christians living under? (see Jer. 31:33; Matt. 26:28).
5. What steps can you take to heed Peter's warning in 2 Peter 3:1-10 and live as he calls us to live in 11-13?
6. Will you warn people of the coming day of judgment?
7. What are your takeaways from Sunday's message?