

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](https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/genesis-1-11/) (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 doing 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*

1. **Of all the things Noah could have done first, what did he prioritize, why? What does this teach us for life and family?**
2. *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)?**
3. *This is another example from Genesis that the godly were aware of basic moral commands of God long before the Law was given.*
4. *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]](#footnote-1)
5. How did Noah assume the role of a universal priest, symbolic of the coming seed (Col 1:20)?

*A Renewed Creation*

1. *The Flood was a de-creation. This is now a new world, a fresh start. However, it was still an old world.* **How?**
2. **Why do we need a new beginning in Christ?**
3. When will there be a fully new Creation (2 Pet 3:10, 13)? **How is our new life in Christ a foretaste of this?**
4. 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]](#footnote-2)**
3. *Sadly, between 1962‒1998, Capital Punishment was gradually abolished in* [*Canada*](https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/capital-punishment)*.* **If justice is punishment for a crime, how is our present system actually unjust?**
4. **How doe 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. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Jesus is not suggesting legal reform in Mt 5:38‒42, but speaking to inter-personal relationships and retaliation. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)