

Unlocking The Mystery & Treasure Of My Inheritance

Lesson #4 Rightly Dividing The Word - *Conscience & Human Government*

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Wickedness Of Man & God' Judgment

Gen. 6:1-7 Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, ² that the sons of God SAW the daughters of men, that they *were* beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.

³ And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he *is* indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years." ⁴ There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore *children* to them. Those *were* the mighty men who *were* of old, men of renown.

⁵ Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every intent of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. ⁶ And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. ⁷ So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them."

Gen. 6:8-9 But Noah Found Grace [1st use in Bible] in the eyes of the LORD.

Noah was a just man, Perfect In His Generations.

[Gen. 6:4 GIANTS ALSO AFTERWARD: Satan's Ploy To Contaminate The Line Of The Messiah

Satan learned in the Garden of Eden the Promised Seed [Messiah] would be a descendant of Adam. It seems Satan's subsequent strategy was an attempt to contaminate the human gene pool with ineligible hybrids-the Nephilim. This failed when Noah and his family were saved from the judgment of the flood.

When God revealed that His plan would focus on a descendant of Abraham, Satan had 400 years to lay down a mine field. Again we encounter some post-flood hybrids: the Rephaim, the Anakim, the Emim, the Zamzummim, et al.

Then God revealed the Promised One would be a descendant of David. Ominously, a chain of attacks ensued to wipe out his family. Again and again there were attempts to eliminate his heirs-but there was always an intervention that foiled the diabolical plots of Satan.]

Gen. 6:11-13 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

¹² So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for All Flesh Had Corrupted their way on the earth. ¹³ And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

God's Grace & Longsuffering: Warning:

Gen. 6:17 And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which *is* the breath of life; everything that *is* on the earth shall die.

II Pet. 2:6 and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, *one of eight people*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;

I Pet. 3:18-20 when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while *the ark* was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.

Enoch was "raptured" out first; then Noah's family of eight were preserved through this global ordeal.

Dr. A.T. Pierson: *Characteristics Of The Antediluvian Dispensations*

"First, an advance in fullness and clearness of revelation. Then gradual spirit declension;

Then conformity to the world, ending with amalgamation with the world.

Then a gigantic civilization, brilliant but godless. Then parallel development of evil and good.

Then an 'apostasy' and finally a catastrophe."

This dispensation which lasted over 1600 years shows what mankind will do if left to his own will and conscience which has been tainted by his inherited sin nature. "All flesh had corrupted his way on the earth," and "the wickedness of man was great in the earth and every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." He again FAILED to fulfill his responsibility. The earth suffered a catastrophic and climatic change which ended the Antediluvian Age.

We now enter the Post-Diluvian Age called "The Present Age."

It is comprised of 4 Dispensations and extends from the Flood to the 2nd Coming of Jesus Christ after the 7 year "Time of Jacob's Trouble."

God made an UNCONDITIONAL [based on God's Faithfulness alone] covenant with him.

The Noahic Covenant [Gen. 8:20-9:17] ushers in the next Dispensation of Human Government.

1. God will not curse the ground any more, nor destroy all the living.

Day and night and the seasons will not cease.

2. Noah and his descendants were to be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth.

3. They should have dominion over the animal creation as before.

4. They were not to be restricted to a "vegetable" diet and could eat meat if they drained the blood from it.

5. Law of "Capital Punishment" was established.

6. The earth would never be destroyed again by the "waters of a Flood."

7. This covenant has a SIGN: Rainbow. It reaches until the "renovation of the earth by fire."

Note: This does not mean God will never again destroy the earth. He has promised to one day destroy the earth by fire. (II Peter 3:10; Rev. 20:9, 21:1)

Application: When we see a rainbow we should always be reminded of God's faithfulness and His amazing grace. We should be reminded our God is a holy and righteous God who has a holy hatred for sin and who will not allow sin to go unpunished forever. Just as God provided a way for Noah and his family to be saved in the ark [type of Jesus Christ], He also has provided a

way for us to be saved through Jesus Christ. Noah and his family were saved from the wrath of God that came in the flood, just as those who are in Christ are saved from the "wrath to come" I Thess. 1:10 and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *even* Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Dispensation #3 God works in a new way with His creation via Human Government. ~429 yrs.

[Gen. 8:15 to 11:9] We are in The Present Age and still in Time Past.

Stewards: Noah [1st Civil Leader] and his descendants

The Period: From the Flood to the confusion of tongues at Babel, about 429 years

Responsibility: Obey God; To scatter and multiply (Gen. 9)

Failure: Refusal to scatter and the building of the tower of Babel (Gen. 11:1-4)

Judgment: Confusion of languages (Gen. 11:5-9)

Grace: Abraham is chosen—the start of the Jewish race (Gen. 12:1-3)

Gen. 8:15-17 God commands Noah to come out of the ark. The earth has been washed clean with the flood waters; wickedness and evil have been destroyed. A new age and a new dispensation begin with an altar as Noah re-established the true mode of worship by offering a sacrifice as a substitute for the sins of mankind.

Gen. 8:21 And the LORD smelled a soothing aroma.

Literally, the Lord smelled, recognized, or detected a sense of rest. It would have been wonderful if this Dispensation of Human Government had continued in that state of rest, but we will find, such was not the case.

A human agency known as CIVIL GOVERNMENT was divinely appointed to restrain evil and protect man from his own sinful nature.

1. Following the Flood the human race has a great opportunity to employ self-government.

a. Noah was over 600 years old, full of wisdom and experience.

b. Shem is 98. All were qualified for self-government.

c. They had practical knowledge of the failure under the dispensation of Conscience.

d. They were fully aware of the warnings due to the Flood and had the advantage of the Noachic Covenant with God.

Man's Government Over The Earth

1. Noah and his descendants were responsible for governing the earth.

2. Man's responsibility to God was obedience to the Noachic Covenant.

a. Establish Human Government which would have the authority to enforce its rules and regulations to the point of execution. Man must obey it. [part of test]

3. God made them responsible to protect the sanctity of human life.

a. Gen. 9:6 "Whoever sheds man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed, for in the image of God He made man".

b. God established the orderly rule of mankind for the good of society.

c. Capital punishment is the most potent function of human government.

d. People were given the right to determine life and death over others.

e. In Romans 13, man is still responsible to use this authority to enforce righteousness. God's command in Gen. 9:6 has NOT been rescinded.

God's Command from Noahic Covenant to Scatter, Multiply and Fill The Earth

Noah's three sons and their wives began to repopulate the earth.

1. Shem would become the father of the brown or Mediterranean region dwellers and eventually the Jews (*Semitic* comes from the Latin word for "Shem").
 2. Ham fathered the black race.
 3. Japheth fathered the Anglo or white race, which would become the Europeans.
- God said SCATTER! Do Not Stay In One Place!

Genesis 10 & 11 tell us about Noah's great Grandson, Nimrod, who lived 200 or 300 years after the flood. Ham became the founder of a race that departed from the living God and led the way into idolatry, worshipping and serving the creature more than the Creator. (Romans 1:18-31) Genesis 10:8-11 "And Cush begat Nimrod (Let us REBEL): he began to be a mighty one (Hebrew gibborim > TYRANT) in the earth. He was a mighty hunter (The rabbis said: "hunter of the souls of men"; conquers men) before (Hebrew translation = AGAINST = hostile) the LORD: therefore it is said, Like Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD.

The term is not complimentary, but implies ruthlessness and a lust for power. [The Jewish Encyclopedia says, Nimrod was "he who made all the people rebellious against God."]

Josephus: Nimrod gradually changed the government into tyranny...turning men from the fear of God. Targums: [Aramic translation of Hebrew Bible] In the face or in defiance of YHWH A study will show he was also into Satanic rituals and heathenism.

¹⁰ And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. ¹¹ From that land he went to Assyria and built Nineveh, Rehoboth Ir, Calah, ¹² and Resen between Nineveh and Calah (that *is* the principal city).

Nimrod, a powerful potentate, established his kingdom in the city of Babel, which later became the empire of Babylon, which God Himself had to destroy because of its rebellion against Him. The area of the Euphrates and Tigris Rivers, the "Cradle of Civilization," is the location of the city of Babylon.

Note: 1st mention of Babylon > Gen. 10-Rev. 18 > City Of Man Vs. City Of God - Comes to its height symbolically through Anti-christ.

Shortly after the flood men began to migrate from the east and settle into one place.

In Genesis 9:1, 7 God gave the mandate twice to Noah and his family "to be fruitful and multiply and FILL THE EARTH.

Note: God's intent for the nations was for people to scatter across the earth; not to congregate in one place. He wanted the whole earth populated with His image-bearers (Gen. 1:26-27). However, the time of Human Government was characterized by great idolatry and moral degradation.

Gen 11:1-2 Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there.

David Jeremiah: Nimrod's "new world order" was an act of rebellion against God because it was motivated by pride. The presumption of utter independence forced God out of the people's hearts and deposed Him as the rightful King of their lives, replacing Him with self.

Nimrod: A. First to organize cities into a kingdom under human rule. "Going out from the presence of the Lord, he impiously sought to gather a multitude about himself, and in defiance of the express command of God to spread abroad upon the face of the earth, he persuaded his associates and followers to join together in: (1) building a city and (2) a tower of renown which should reach unto heaven," and (3) to make a name for themselves [to glorify man]. Their tower which symbolizes the religious unity that dominated Babylon would be recognized as a temple for those who did not walk in obedience to the word of the Lord.

Charles Beard: "Whom the gods would destroy, they first make drunk with power."

B. Nimrod became the first world dictator, and built two of the greatest cities and empires the world has ever known, Babylon and Nineveh!

Note: Often power helps corrupt a man ... Nimrod also began to lead people away from his grandfather's (Noah) God. (Josephus, Antiquities 1:4:2)

Gen. 11:4 And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top *is* in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth." The two idols of the tower builders' hearts were:

1. Security - Controlling their circumstances
2. Significance - Create a city and tower to magnify their name

"With all the effrontery of our modern apostates, they called their city and tower Bab-El, the gate of God." This first federation of man was a society built to bring the human race together to exalt man and exclude God - to deify man and dethrone God.

This project was an arrogant declaration of war against God.

Note: The Tower of Babel has a symbolic and a literal purpose.

1. The symbolic purpose was to deliberately disobey God's command to spread all over the world.
2. It served as a meeting center to attract many people, keep humanity together so they would not spread out. A unifying symbol; a center to stay together > AFFRONT to God
3. The intent was not to move outside of the Babylonian area which lies between the Euphrates and the Tigris Rivers which is in modern day Iraq.
4. Instead of using government properly, Nimrod led the people against God's command and became the first occultic anti-God empire builder.
5. The Tower of Babel was an attempt to build a high tower to increase astrological knowledge. The Study Of Astrology was a renouncing of God's control as the ultimate and only Creator. Since astrology was a repudiation of the worship of the One God, man started to worship the occult and other demonic entities including the stars of heaven instead of the Creator.

- a. Nimrod built a system of study of the stars, astrology, occultism and devil worship.
- b. The Tower of Babel was a ziggurat built for religious purposes. It was like a pyramid except the successive levels were recessed with steps so you could walk to the top where there was a special shrine dedicated to a god or goddess who could come down from heaven to meet them. It also provided a place for occult worship of the stars and heavens.

Result: Mazzeroth, God's message of the stars in the heaven, was being corrupted by astrology. God placed His intriguing message in the constellations. In the original this system depicted by means of constellations told the story of Satan's rebellion and the war in the heavens, his subversion of mankind, the fall of Adam and Eve, the promise of One to come who would suffer and die to relieve man from the curse of sin then be installed as Lord of Creation. ("Gospel of the Stars") God's Mazzaroth begins with constellation Virgo and ends with constellation Leo.

Astrology, a wicked, perverted and satanic religion was the idolatry of the Old Testament. It distorted the original purpose of the stars by using the same constellations of the mazzaroth, but attaching different meanings to them. The great dragon is depicted as the rightful lord of the universe whose throne has been temporarily usurped by One whom we can recognize as the God of the Bible. The serpent creates man in his present miserable state, but promises a child would be born of a divine mother. This child would supplant God, become a god himself, and return rulership of the Earth to the serpent. These fables were based upon the then widely-known story of the constellations, and were introduced under the guise of revealing the hidden esoteric knowledge concealed in them.

"An imitation of what is real and true has ever since characterized Babylon in all ages."

Every pagan religion throughout history is nothing more than a perversion of that original story. One purpose of the tower reaching towards heaven was to consult the fallen angels through the use of astrology.

We know Satan was behind this master plan to be "god" in the eyes of all men through occult worship and practices. Evil could spread through the whole race with ease since everyone was in one place speaking one language. Masses could be converted to his false religion.

Sovereign God is never perplexed or paralyzed by what people do on earth.

Babel's conceited "Let's go up" was answered by heaven's calm "Let's go down."

Gen. 11:6 "Indeed the people *are* one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them.