

## **CHAPTER EIGHT**

### **MAN'S CONSCIENCE**

**In the last chapter, God had just given satan what we know to be the first Messianic promise. He then told Eve and Adam what consequences that they would have to suffer as a result of their sin. He let them know that all their descendents would also have to experience the same punishments because of their sin. But, praise be to God! He never speaks what we consider a negative without following it up with a means of a positive solution. So, God now lays the redemptive foundation for mankind by making a sacrificial offering.**

**GEN 3:21**

**21 UNTO ADAM ALSO AND TO HIS WIFE DID THE LORD GOD MAKE COATS OF SKINS, AND CLOTHED THEM.**

**By shedding the blood of innocent animals, Adam and Eve's nakedness was covered. Judgment was placed on the innocent animals to provide a covering for the guilty pair. This was to become the means of covering sin for mankind until the True, once-for-all-time Sacrifice, would come. God was preaching the first Gospel Sermon--not in words, but in symbols and action. He was showing how a sinful creature could return unto his Creator. The death of the animals foreshadowed the substitutionary death of the Son of God. God did the work; Adam and Eve did nothing. This is God's saving grace at work. We are required to be clothed with Christ rather than with our good works.**

**GEN 3:22-24**

**22 AND THE LORD GOD SAID, BEHOLD, THE MAN IS BECOME AS ONE OF US, TO KNOW GOOD AND EVIL: AND NOW, LEST HE PUT FORTH HIS HAND, AND TAKE ALSO OF THE TREE OF LIFE, AND EAT, AND LIVE FOR EVER:**

**23 THEREFORE THE LORD GOD SENT HIM FORTH FROM THE GARDEN OF EDEN, TO TILL THE GROUND FROM WHENCE HE WAS TAKEN.**

**24 SO HE DROVE OUT THE MAN; AND HE PLACED AT THE EAST OF THE GARDEN OF EDEN CHERUBIMS, AND A FLAMING SWORD WHICH TURNED EVERY WAY, TO KEEP THE WAY OF THE TREE OF LIFE.**

**Man was earth's most valuable creature. Adam and Eve were now both conscious of both Good and evil. To prevent the couple from remaining in their lost state forever, God drove them from the garden. Communion with the Lord God was cut off. He stationed Cherubims there to guard the Tree of Life. The Cherubims moved their swords in a zigzagging motion so that they would be sure to hit and bring death to anyone who**

approached the garden. This would prevent them from deciding that they ought to now eat of the Tree of Life. To eat from the Tree of Life will make the pair eternally lost.

God did not, and still does not will for mankind to be separated from Him for eternity. Please understand, all that had transpired there in the garden with satan and the couple had not surprised God in any way. Everything had happened just as He knew it would. Adam and Eve were the beginning of a group of people who did not have direct fellowship with God. After their exclusion from the garden, they had to let their own conscience be their guide. They had to depend on nature and their five senses to help them learn more about God. The beauty of nature shows that there had to be a Creator, but that kind of knowledge is impersonal as the couple shortly realized after their eviction.

However, it appears that Adam may have accepted God's message through faith. If this is correct, then Adam believed that the "Seed" descendent would someday restore him and his other descendants to a victorious spiritual position in which they would once again have a supernatural relationship with God the Father. For that reason, I believe we will see Adam and Eve when we get to heaven. To verify this, Adam and Eve's son, Abel must have been taught that a blood sacrifice was necessary to be offered up to God. This fact seems to indicate that Adam and Eve must have reestablished a relationship to some degree with God. They must have taught their boys what had happened to them in the garden. So, they instructed Cain and Abel the importance of worshipping God. The boys seemed to know that there was a time, a place, and a means of how to worship. Otherwise, they would not have known to offer sacrifices to God. They must have been told that God had killed animals to cover the sin of Adam and Eve. This is why Abel brought his first and best sheep as his sacrifice. Abel knew that blood of a guiltless sacrifice had to be shed for his sin to be covered. Although Cain had been taught the same that Abel had been taught, he, without proper thought, just grabbed up the first thing that he could get his hands on for his sacrifice to God. This was not pleasing to God.

Generally speaking, the descendants of the first couple would be made to realize that man's conscience is not too good at guiding, so mankind went downhill from there. s, Cain had set into motion a religion that relies on flesh, self-willed, and tries to earn justification by works. His descendants developed a civilization that believed in works. They made rapid progress becoming skilled, especially, in the area of mechanics. Their population literally exploded, letting fleshly desires having their way. The institution of marriage was soon forgotten. When godly men tried to warn the descendants of Cain of their wicked ways, they just laughed and continued in their sinful, lustful ways. They rejected the call of God. They rejected repentance and faith. They even influenced other people outside of the descendants of Cain to compromise their beliefs and take on the way of the world. This movement was so strong that worship of God just about vanished from the face of the earth. Man became his own god which sounds just like secular humanism that we have in the world today. Such action stopped Jehovah from being able to work here on earth. So, again, it can be stated as fact that man's conscience is not adequate to provide salvation to mankind. With this kind of thinking, it is no wonder that Cain slew Abel. Sinners do not like to be in the company of dedicated godly people.

Abel was a type of people who take God's side at the expense of one's self so that they can acquire the characteristics that God has promised in His Word. They cry out to God, "Have mercy on me, a sinner." He was like the Christians who uses their faith to accept the sacrifice of Jesus at Calvary and are totally dependent on the redemptive work of the cross. In this sense, we are descendants of Abel. Even though he was killed, he died doing the right thing. He did not rely on flesh or works, he just simply gave his best to God which included his very life. We must die out to self and take up our cross and follow Jesus. Unlike the descendants of Cain, we must always live by God's Law of Love. Also, unlike the descendants of Cain who no longer possessed the qualifications to be a judge in dealing with the conflict between God and satan, we must remain faithful and always be everything that God has created us to be, including judging satan.

God had told Adam and Eve that they were to populate the earth. This ability was not taken from them when they were expelled from the garden. They obviously had several other children besides Cain and Abel. We know for a fact that they had Seth.

**GEN 4:25**

**25 AND ADAM KNEW HIS WIFE AGAIN; AND SHE BARE A SON, AND CALLED HIS NAME SETH: FOR GOD, SAID SHE, HATH APPOINTED ME ANOTHER SEED INSTEAD OF ABEL, WHOM CAIN SLEW.**

Assuming they had many more children means brothers and sisters had to marry each other, then cousins married other cousins until the relations became very distant. Otherwise, God would have stated in His Word that He had placed other people on the earth.

**GEN 4:16-17**

**16 AND CAIN WENT OUT FROM THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD, AND DWELT IN THE LAND OF NOD, ON THE EAST OF EDEN.**

**17 AND CAIN KNEW HIS WIFE; AND SHE CONCEIVED, AND BARE ENOCH: AND HE BUILDED A CITY, AND CALLED THE NAME OF THE CITY, AFTER THE NAME OF HIS SON, ENOCH.**

Of all the generations of Adam, Enoch seemingly patterned his life similar to that of Abel. He was the first godly man to live after Cain killed Abel. As a reminder, the spiritual line at this point started with Adam and Eve, then Abel, and now Enoch.

**GEN 5:21-24**

**21 AND ENOCH LIVED SIXTY AND FIVE YEARS, AND BEGAT METHUSELAH:**

**22 AND ENOCH WALKED WITH GOD AFTER HE BEGAT METHUSELAH THREE HUNDRED YEARS, AND BEGAT SONS AND DAUGHTERS:**

**23 AND ALL THE DAYS OF ENOCH WERE THREE HUNDRED SIXTY AND FIVE YEARS:**

**24 AND ENOCH WALKED WITH GOD: AND HE WAS NOT; FOR GOD TOOK HIM.**

**Enoch had reconciled with God. He walked with God which gave him a deep settled joy and peace with God. He was morally fit to be in the presence of God. He had surrendered his will to the will of God. He grew in the knowledge and grace of the Lord. He was of service to God and to the cause of God. As a result of his relation with God, he never died. He was translated into heaven by God. (We will be translated in the rapture.) I am sure you at some time, “Who is the man that lived the longest?” The answer is Methuselah, yet he died before his father.**

**Well, all of this was not new to God. He knew that no man would have a conscience strong enough to help him live a godly life. He had already taken this into consideration before the foundation of the world when He was devising His GPS. Yet, it hurt God to see how far mankind had drifted from His presence.**

**GEN 6:1-4**

**1 AND IT CAME TO PASS, WHEN MEN BEGAN TO MULTIPLY ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH, AND DAUGHTERS WERE BORN UNTO THEM,**

**2 THAT THE SONS OF GOD SAW THE DAUGHTERS OF MEN THAT THEY WERE FAIR; AND THEY TOOK THEM WIVES OF ALL WHICH THEY CHOSE.**

**3 AND THE LORD SAID, MY SPIRIT SHALL NOT ALWAYS STRIVE WITH MAN, FOR THAT HE ALSO IS FLESH: YET HIS DAYS SHALL BE AN HUNDRED AND TWENTY YEARS.**

**4 THERE WERE GIANTS IN THE EARTH IN THOSE DAYS; AND ALSO AFTER THAT, WHEN THE SONS OF GOD CAME IN UNTO THE DAUGHTERS OF MEN, AND THEY BARE CHILDREN TO THEM, THE SAME BECAME MIGHTY MEN WHICH WERE OF OLD, MEN OF RENOWN.**

**Remember, when satan was removed from heaven, a third of the angels fell with him. They were spirit beings and needed a body through which to their evil works. So, they possessed human bodies, making them big and strong. Then they took good women and corrupted them by marrying them and having children with them.**

**GEN 6:5-6**

**5 AND GOD SAW THAT THE WICKEDNESS OF MAN WAS GREAT IN THE EARTH, AND THAT EVERY IMAGINATION OF THE THOUGHTS OF HIS HEART WAS ONLY EVIL CONTINUALLY.**

**6 AND IT REPENTED THE LORD THAT HE HAD MADE MAN ON THE EARTH, AND IT GRIEVED HIM AT HIS HEART.**

**7 AND THE LORD SAID, I WILL DESTROY MAN WHOM I HAVE CREATED FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH; BOTH MAN, AND BEAST, AND THE CREEPING THING, AND THE FOWLS OF THE AIR; FOR IT REPENTETH ME THAT I HAVE MADE THEM.**

**It grieved Him and the Holy Spirit that mankind had gotten to this point, so out of foreknowledge and His Law of Love, God had already declared the solution. He had already established His Plan of Salvation, His GPS. Everything was taking place just as**

**God knew it would. God had allowed mankind to prove himself, but his conscience had failed.**

**To get mankind back on the right road to receiving His Law of Love and becoming the third party to resolve the conflict between God and satan, God would allow a flood to come upon the earth. Everything and everybody would drown with only a few exceptions. Only enough would be spared to repopulate the earth. Noah was chosen to be spared. His name was actually a foreshadow of the Coming One.**

**GEN 5:28-29**

**28 AND LAMECH LIVED AN HUNDRED EIGHTY AND TWO YEARS, AND BEGAT A SON:**

**29 AND HE CALLED HIS NAME NOAH, SAYING, THIS SAME SHALL COMFORT US CONCERNING OUR WORK AND TOIL OF OUR HANDS, BECAUSE OF THE GROUND WHICH THE LORD HATH CURSED.**

**It would be through Noah that God would bring comfort to the people. The name Noah means rest. Lamech looked upon his son as one who should bring deliverance from the curse, and as one who should provide comfort and rest for the troubled world. As God looked upon fallen and depraved mankind, Noah was the one man who stood out by himself. He was just and perfect in his generation. He was the one upon whom the eye of God delighted to rest. Obviously, Noah was to be a type of Jesus Christ. God would reveal to Noah some more information about His Plan of Salvation, His GPS which had not previously been revealed to the people. Noah would fulfill Lamech's expectations by bringing a new start to everything. With God intervening in Noah's day, it should be understood that He has already done the same for us since we, too, are living in a troubled and sinful world. Our world's thoughts are on evil continually. So, Jesus came a little over two thousand years ago to give us rest and a new start. We become new creations through Him.**

**ISA 11:10**

**10 AND IN THAT DAY THERE SHALL BE A ROOT OF JESSE, WHICH SHALL STAND FOR AN ENSIGN OF THE PEOPLE; TO IT SHALL THE GENTILES SEEK: AND HIS REST SHALL BE GLORIOUS.**

**MATT 11:28**

**28 COME UNTO ME, ALL YE THAT LABOUR AND ARE HEAVY LADEN, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST.**

**Isaiah 9 and 35 also are prophecies regarding Jesus as One who would bring rest.**

**It is very significant that nothing at all is said about Noah's family. They were not outstanding like Noah.**

**GEN 6:8**

## **8 BUT NOAH FOUND GRACE IN THE EYES OF THE LORD.**

Likewise, Jesus is the One in whom the heart of God delights.

**Matt 3:17**

**17 AND LO A VOICE FROM HEAVEN, SAYING, THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, IN WHOM I AM WELL PLEASSED.**

Noah was a just or righteous man.

**GEN 6:9**

**9 THESE ARE THE GENERATIONS OF NOAH: NOAH WAS A JUST MAN AND PERFECT IN HIS GENERATIONS, AND NOAH WALKED WITH GOD.**

You must realize that Noah's perfection did not include knowing Jesus as his Savior because Jesus had not come to the earth at that time as the Messiah. Noah's perfection, his completeness, was determined by the fact that he walked in all of the spiritual light that he had received. The implication is that Noah's perfection relates to a physical uncontamination. It had to relate to physical righteousness because Jesus had not died to make Noah the righteousness of God. Such a statement is not made about anyone else in the Bible. The implication is that Noah's perfection relates to a physical uncontamination. It had to relate to physical righteousness because Jesus had not died to make Noah the righteousness of God. Such a statement is not made about anyone else in the Bible, thus making him a forerunner and type of Jesus. It is symbolic of the immaculate humanity of our Lord who was also a righteous man.

**LUKE 23:47**

**47 NOW WHEN THE CENTURION SAW WHAT WAS DONE, HE GLORIFIED GOD, SAYING, CERTAINLY THIS WAS A RIGHTEOUS MAN.**

Let's look at some of the ways that Noah was a type of Jesus. First, Noah walked with God. Jesus walked with God. Second, God gave Noah a work of honor to do.

**GEN 6:10-21**

**10 AND NOAH BEGAT THREE SONS, SHEM, HAM, AND JAPHETH.**

**11 THE EARTH ALSO WAS CORRUPT BEFORE GOD, AND THE EARTH WAS FILLED WITH VIOLENCE.**

**12 AND GOD LOOKED UPON THE EARTH, AND, BEHOLD, IT WAS CORRUPT; FOR ALL FLESH HAD CORRUPTED HIS WAY UPON THE EARTH.**

**13 AND GOD SAID UNTO NOAH, THE END OF ALL FLESH IS COME BEFORE ME; FOR THE EARTH IS FILLED WITH VIOLENCE THROUGH THEM; AND, BEHOLD, I WILL DESTROY THEM WITH THE EARTH.**

**14 MAKE THEE AN ARK OF Gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.**

**15 AND THIS IS THE FASHION WHICH THOU SHALT MAKE IT OF: THE LENGTH OF THE ARK SHALL BE THREE HUNDRED CUBITS, THE BREADTH OF IT FIFTY CUBITS, AND THE HEIGHT OF IT THIRTY CUBITS.**

**16 A WINDOW SHALT THOU MAKE TO THE ARK, AND IN A CUBIT SHALT THOU FINISH IT ABOVE; AND THE DOOR OF THE ARK SHALT THOU SET IN THE SIDE THEREOF; WITH LOWER, SECOND, AND THIRD STORIES SHALT THOU MAKE IT.**

**17 AND, BEHOLD, I, EVEN I, DO BRING A FLOOD OF WATERS UPON THE EARTH, TO DESTROY ALL FLESH, WHEREIN IS THE BREATH OF LIFE, FROM UNDER HEAVEN; AND EVERY THING THAT IS IN THE EARTH SHALL DIE.**

**18 BUT WITH THEE WILL I ESTABLISH MY COVENANT; AND THOU SHALT COME INTO THE ARK, THOU, AND THY SONS, AND THY WIFE, AND THY SONS' WIVES WITH THEE.**

**19 AND OF EVERY LIVING THING OF ALL FLESH, TWO OF EVERY SORT SHALT THOU BRING INTO THE ARK, TO KEEP THEM ALIVE WITH THEE; THEY SHALL BE MALE AND FEMALE.**

**20 OF FOWLS AFTER THEIR KIND, AND OF CATTLE AFTER THEIR KIND, OF EVERY CREEPING THING OF THE EARTH AFTER HIS KIND, TWO OF EVERY SORT SHALL COME UNTO THEE, TO KEEP THEM ALIVE.**

**21 AND TAKE THOU UNTO THEE OF ALL FOOD THAT IS EATEN, AND THOU SHALT GATHER IT TO THEE; AND IT SHALL BE FOR FOOD FOR THEE, AND FOR THEM.**

This was a highly important work. Never before or since has such a momentous and stupendous task been allotted to a single man, other than to Christ. Noah was given the job of preserving from God's judgment representatives of all creation. Christ came to seek and to save those who are lost. It is God's will for all mankind to be saved, but only a representation of total mankind accepts His salvation.

Noah did the work that God had commanded. He did this work all alone. There is no record that even his sons helped him. Noah alone provided the necessary means for securing the lives of those that God had entrusted in his care.

**GEN 6:22**

**22 THUS DID NOAH; ACCORDING TO ALL THAT GOD COMMANDED HIM, SO DID HE.**

Jesus did the same.

**1 PET 2:24**

**24 WHO HIS OWN SELF BARE OUR SINS IN HIS OWN BODY ON THE TREE, THAT WE, BEING DEAD TO SINS, SHOULD LIVE UNTO RIGHTEOUSNESS: BY WHOSE STRIPES YE WERE HEALED.**

No length of time is recorded as to how long it took Noah to complete his task. Most people say that it took Noah one hundred and twenty years, but the Scripture does not say

how long it took him. Third, Noah must have done his work with great speed. This is like the quickness of Jesus who in three hours on the cross put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

Fourth, Noah was successful in his mission. His house was to be saved as a result of his work.

**HEB 11:7**

**7 BY FAITH NOAH, BEING WARNED OF GOD OF THINGS NOT SEEN AS YET, MOVED WITH FEAR, PREPARED AN ARK TO THE SAVING OF HIS HOUSE; BY THE WHICH HE CONDEMNED THE WORLD, AND BECAME HEIR OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH IS BY FAITH.**

Christ is said to be over His house.

**HEB 3:6**

**6 BUT CHRIST AS A SON OVER HIS OWN HOUSE; WHOSE HOUSE ARE WE, IF WE HOLD FAST THE CONFIDENCE AND THE REJOICING OF THE HOPE FIRM UNTO THE END.**

Fifth, Noah had dominion over the animals. Do you know how many animals of each species entered the ark?

**GEN 6:19**

**19 AND OF EVERY LIVING THING OF ALL FLESH, TWO OF EVERY SORT SHALT THOU BRING INTO THE ARK, TO KEEP THEM ALIVE WITH THEE; THEY SHALL BE MALE AND FEMALE.**

**GEN 7:2**

**2 OF EVERY CLEAN BEAST THOU SHALT TAKE TO THEE BY SEVENS, THE MALE AND HIS FEMALE: AND OF BEASTS THAT ARE NOT CLEAN BY TWO, THE MALE AND HIS FEMALE.**

Clean animals, according to the Old Testament, had a split hoof and chewed a cud. All other animals were unclean.

**GEN 9:2**

**2 AND THE FEAR OF YOU AND THE DREAD OF YOU SHALL BE UPON EVERY BEAST OF THE EARTH, AND UPON EVERY FOWL OF THE AIR, UPON ALL THAT MOVETH UPON THE EARTH, AND UPON ALL THE FISHES OF THE SEA; INTO YOUR HAND ARE THEY DELIVERED.**

Christ has dominion over the animals.

**PS 8:1-9**

**1 O LORD OUR LORD, HOW EXCELLENT IS THY NAME IN ALL THE EARTH! WHO HAST SET THY GLORY ABOVE THE HEAVENS.**

**2 OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES AND SUCKLINGS HAST THOU ORDAINED STRENGTH BECAUSE OF THINE ENEMIES, THAT THOU MIGHTEST STILL THE ENEMY AND THE AVENGER.**

**3 WHEN I CONSIDER THY HEAVENS, THE WORK OF THY FINGERS, THE MOON AND THE STARS, WHICH THOU HAST ORDAINED;**

**4 WHAT IS MAN, THAT THOU ART MINDFUL OF HIM? AND THE SON OF MAN, THAT THOU VISITEST HIM?**

**5 FOR THOU HAST MADE HIM A LITTLE LOWER THAN THE ANGELS, AND HAST CROWNED HIM WITH GLORY AND HONOUR.**

**6 THOU MADEST HIM TO HAVE DOMINION OVER THE WORKS OF THY HANDS; THOU HAST PUT ALL THINGS UNDER HIS FEET:**

**7 ALL SHEEP AND OXEN, YEA, AND THE BEASTS OF THE FIELD;**

**8 THE FOWL OF THE AIR, AND THE FISH OF THE SEA, AND WHATSOEVER PASSETH THROUGH THE PATHS OF THE SEAS.**

**9 O LORD OUR LORD, HOW EXCELLENT IS THY NAME IN ALL THE EARTH!**

**Sixth, all things were given to Noah and to Christ.**

**GEN 9:3**

**3 EVERY MOVING THING THAT LIVETH SHALL BE MEAT FOR YOU; EVEN AS THE GREEN HERB HAVE I GIVEN YOU ALL THINGS.**

**HEB 1:2**

**2 HATH IN THESE LAST DAYS SPOKEN UNTO US BY HIS SON, WHOM HE HATH APPOINTED HEIR OF ALL THINGS, BY WHOM ALSO HE MADE THE WORLDS;**

**Seventh, Noah was presented as the great food-provider. Christ is the Bread of Life. He is the manna for our souls.**

**GEN 6:21**

**21 AND TAKE THOU UNTO THEE OF ALL FOOD THAT IS EATEN, AND THOU SHALT GATHER IT TO THEE; AND IT SHALL BE FOR FOOD FOR THEE, AND FOR THEM.**

**Eighth, Noah offered implicit and complete obedience to God; the same way that Jesus would do when He was here doing the work of God. (Joke: When Noah went to God and asked Him should he use bricks to build the ark, God said, “Go-pher-wood.”)**

**GEN 6:22**

**22 THUS DID NOAH; ACCORDING TO ALL THAT GOD COMMANDED HIM, SO DID HE.**

**GEN 7:5**

**5 AND NOAH DID ACCORDING UNTO ALL THAT THE LORD COMMANDED HIM.**

**Jesus said that He kept God’s commandments.**

**JOHN 15:10**

**10 IF YE KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS, YE SHALL ABIDE IN MY LOVE; EVEN AS I HAVE KEPT MY FATHER'S COMMANDMENTS, AND ABIDE IN HIS LOVE.**

We must notice that Jesus' obedience went beyond Noah's obedience.

**PHIL 2:8**

**8 AND BEING FOUND IN FASHION AS A MAN, HE HUMBLLED HIMSELF, AND BECAME OBEDIENT UNTO DEATH, EVEN THE DEATH OF THE CROSS.**

Ninth, Noah's work brought blessing to all creation. The same is true about Christ.

**GEN 8:1**

**1 AND GOD REMEMBERED NOAH, AND EVERY LIVING THING, AND ALL THE CATTLE THAT WAS WITH HIM IN THE ARK: AND GOD MADE A WIND TO PASS OVER THE EARTH, AND THE WATERS ASSWAGED;**

Tenth, Noah brought all that had been committed to his care safely to the new earth. Jesus gives us security and will bring us to the new heaven and new earth,

**GEN 8:18-19**

**18 AND NOAH WENT FORTH, AND HIS SONS, AND HIS WIFE, AND HIS SONS' WIVES WITH HIM:**

**19 EVERY BEAST, EVERY CREEPING THING, AND EVERY FOWL, AND WHATSOEVER CREEPETH UPON THE EARTH, AFTER THEIR KINDS, WENT FORTH OUT OF THE ARK.**

Eleventh, Noah offered up a sacrifice. Jesus did also.

**GEN 8:20**

**20 AND NOAH BUILDED AN ALTAR UNTO THE LORD; AND TOOK OF EVERY CLEAN BEAST, AND OF EVERY CLEAN FOWL, AND OFFERED BURNT OFFERINGS ON THE ALTAR.**

**EPH 5:2**

**2 AND WALK IN LOVE, AS CHRIST ALSO HATH LOVED US, AND HATH GIVEN HIMSELF FOR US AN OFFERING AND A SACRIFICE TO GOD FOR A SWEET SMELLING SAVOUR.**

It is beautiful to see Noah and his sons linked together in the enjoyment of God's blessings. Through Jesus Christ we are blessed.

**GEN 9:1**

**1 AND GOD BLESSED NOAH AND HIS SONS, AND SAID UNTO THEM, BE FRUITFUL, AND MULTIPLY, AND REPLENISH THE EARTH.**

**EPH 1:3**

**3 BLESSED BE THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, WHO HATH BLESSED US WITH ALL SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS IN HEAVENLY PLACES IN CHRIST:**

**God established His everlasting covenant with Noah and Noah's sons.**

**GEN 9:8-17**

**8 AND GOD SPAKE UNTO NOAH, AND TO HIS SONS WITH HIM, SAYING,**

**9 AND I, BEHOLD, I ESTABLISH MY COVENANT WITH YOU, AND WITH YOUR SEED AFTER YOU;**

**10 AND WITH EVERY LIVING CREATURE THAT IS WITH YOU, OF THE FOWL, OF THE CATTLE, AND OF EVERY BEAST OF THE EARTH WITH YOU; FROM ALL THAT GO OUT OF THE ARK, TO EVERY BEAST OF THE EARTH.**

**11 AND I WILL ESTABLISH MY COVENANT WITH YOU; NEITHER SHALL ALL FLESH BE CUT OFF ANY MORE BY THE WATERS OF A FLOOD; NEITHER SHALL THERE ANY MORE BE A FLOOD TO DESTROY THE EARTH.**

**12 AND GOD SAID, THIS IS THE TOKEN OF THE COVENANT WHICH I MAKE BETWEEN ME AND YOU AND EVERY LIVING CREATURE THAT IS WITH YOU, FOR PERPETUAL GENERATIONS:**

**13 I DO SET MY BOW IN THE CLOUD, AND IT SHALL BE FOR A TOKEN OF A COVENANT BETWEEN ME AND THE EARTH.**

**14 AND IT SHALL COME TO PASS, WHEN I BRING A CLOUD OVER THE EARTH, THAT THE BOW SHALL BE SEEN IN THE CLOUD:**

**15 AND I WILL REMEMBER MY COVENANT, WHICH IS BETWEEN ME AND YOU AND EVERY LIVING CREATURE OF ALL FLESH; AND THE WATERS SHALL NO MORE BECOME A FLOOD TO DESTROY ALL FLESH.**

**16 AND THE BOW SHALL BE IN THE CLOUD; AND I WILL LOOK UPON IT, THAT I MAY REMEMBER THE EVERLASTING COVENANT BETWEEN GOD AND EVERY LIVING CREATURE OF ALL FLESH THAT IS UPON THE EARTH.**

**17 AND GOD SAID UNTO NOAH, THIS IS THE TOKEN OF THE COVENANT, WHICH I HAVE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN ME AND ALL FLESH THAT IS UPON THE EARTH.**

**Jesus established an everlasting covenant.**

**HEB 13:20**

**20 NOW THE GOD OF PEACE, THAT BROUGHT AGAIN FROM THE DEAD OUR LORD JESUS, THAT GREAT SHEPHERD OF THE SHEEP, THROUGH THE BLOOD OF THE EVERLASTING COVENANT,**

**For all of these things Noah was to be commended. It was his faith that made him a man of righteousness and able to do what God had commanded him to do.**

**GEN 7:1**

**1 AND THE LORD SAID UNTO NOAH, COME THOU AND ALL THY HOUSE INTO THE ARK; FOR THEE HAVE I SEEN RIGHTEOUS BEFORE ME IN THIS GENERATION.**

**HEB 11:7**

**7 BY FAITH NOAH, BEING WARNED OF GOD OF THINGS NOT SEEN AS YET, MOVED WITH FEAR, PREPARED AN ARK TO THE SAVING OF HIS HOUSE; BY THE WHICH HE CONDEMNED THE WORLD, AND BECAME HEIR OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH IS BY FAITH.**

Not only was Noah a means by which God would reveal His Plan of Salvation, but the ark itself was a type of Christ. First of all, it was a divine provision which would help people learn about the directions that God wanted them to follow. Before the flood came, the ark was made a means of escape for God's chosen man. As we have already learned, the Saviorship of Christ was no afterthought. It was planned before creation. So was the ark determined to be a means of revealing His GPS.

**GEN 6:13-14**

**13 AND GOD SAID UNTO NOAH, THE END OF ALL FLESH IS COME BEFORE ME; FOR THE EARTH IS FILLED WITH VIOLENCE THROUGH THEM; AND, BEHOLD, I WILL DESTROY THEM WITH THE EARTH.**

**14 MAKE THEE AN ARK OF GOPHER WOOD; ROOMS SHALT THOU MAKE IN THE ARK, AND SHALT PITCH IT WITHIN AND WITHOUT WITH PITCH.**

It should be noted that the word pitch when literally translated mean atonement. When this is connected with salvation, it means atonement or a covering is provided both inside and out.

Second, God revealed to Noah His own design and ordered Noah to build a place of refuge into which he could flee from the impending storm of judgment. God reveals by the Holy Spirit His thoughts of mercy and grace toward us so that we can avoid the wrath and judgment of God.

**2 COR 4:6**

**6 FOR GOD, WHO COMMANDED THE LIGHT TO SHINE OUT OF DARKNESS, HATH SHINED IN OUR HEARTS, TO GIVE THE LIGHT OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE GLORY OF GOD IN THE FACE OF JESUS CHRIST.**

Third, Noah was commanded to make an ark of gopher wood. Wood comes from living trees. Noah's divine protection had to come from a living thing. Life can be secured only by sacrifice. Trees come from the earth and have to be cut down in order to be used. Jesus was a "...root out of dry ground..."

**ISA 53:2**

**2 FOR HE SHALL GROW UP BEFORE HIM AS A TENDER PLANT, AND AS A ROOT OUT OF A DRY GROUND: HE HATH NO FORM NOR COMELINESS; AND**

**WHEN WE SHALL SEE HIM, THERE IS NO BEAUTY THAT WE SHOULD DESIRE HIM.**

**Christ had to become the Son of Man. Man came from the dust of the earth. Just as a tree is cut down, so was Jesus.**

**DAN 9:26**

**26 AND AFTER THREESCORE AND TWO WEEKS SHALL MESSIAH BE CUT OFF, BUT NOT FOR HIMSELF: AND THE PEOPLE OF THE PRINCE THAT SHALL COME SHALL DESTROY THE CITY AND THE SANCTUARY; AND THE END THEREOF SHALL BE WITH A FLOOD, AND UNTO THE END OF THE WAR DESOLATIONS ARE DETERMINED.**

**Fourth, the ark was a refuge from Divine judgment. It was a place of safety. It was provided by God when death threatened all. It was the only place of deliverance from the wrath to come. Jesus is our only means of salvation.**

**ACTS 4:12**

**12 NEITHER IS THERE SALVATION IN ANY OTHER: FOR THERE IS NONE OTHER NAME UNDER HEAVEN GIVEN AMONG MEN, WHEREBY WE MUST BE SAVED.**

**Fifth, Noah was invited to come into the ark by God Himself. Gen 7:1  
GEN 7:1**

**1 AND THE LORD SAID UNTO NOAH, COME THOU AND ALL THY HOUSE INTO THE ARK; FOR THEE HAVE I SEEN RIGHTEOUS BEFORE ME IN THIS GENERATION.**

**This is the first time the word “come” is found in the Scripture. “Come” was a gracious invitation. “Go” would have been a command. “Come” suggests that the Lord would be in the ark with Noah, whereas, “go” would have implied that the Lord was bidding Noah to depart from Him. Jesus said for us to come to Him. Notice that this was a personal invitation. God always addresses Himself to the heart and conscience of the individual. Noah’s family was also included.**

**ACTS 16:31**

**31 AND THEY SAID, BELIEVE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND THOU SHALT BE SAVED, AND THY HOUSE.**

**Sixth, the ark was a place of absolute security. It was pitched within and without with pitch. It was completely watertight. Our salvation is watertight, so to speak. The only way for us to get out of the ark is for us to turn back to sin and not ask for forgiveness.**

**COL 3:3**

**3 FOR YE ARE DEAD, AND YOUR LIFE IS HID WITH CHRIST IN GOD.**

Seventh, the Lord shut Noah in. Noah did not have to take care of himself—God was responsible for Noah’s preservation. This is still true today.

**GEN 7:16**

**16 AND THEY THAT WENT IN, WENT IN MALE AND FEMALE OF ALL FLESH, AS GOD HAD COMMANDED HIM: AND THE LORD SHUT HIM IN.**

**1 PET 1:3-5**

**3 BLESSED BE THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, WHICH ACCORDING TO HIS ABUNDANT MERCY HATH BEGOTTEN US AGAIN UNTO A LIVELY HOPE BY THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEAD,  
4 TO AN INHERITANCE INCORRUPTIBLE, AND UNDEFILED, AND THAT FADEETH NOT AWAY, RESERVED IN HEAVEN FOR YOU,  
5 WHO ARE KEPT BY THE POWER OF GOD THROUGH FAITH UNTO SALVATION READY TO BE REVEALED IN THE LAST TIME.**

None aboard the ark perished by the flood nor died due to natural causes while on the ark. We may die a physical death, but even then, the Lord is with us.

**JOHN 18:9**

**9 THAT THE SAYING MIGHT BE FULFILLED, WHICH HE SPAKE, OF THEM WHICH THOU GAVEST ME HAVE I LOST NONE.**

Eighth, the ark had only one door. There was not one door for the people and another door for the animals. There is only one way of deliverance from the wrath to come.

**JOHN 14:6**

**6 JESUS SAITH UNTO HIM, I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE: NO MAN COMETH UNTO THE FATHER, BUT BY ME.**

**JOHN 10:9**

**9 I AM THE DOOR: BY ME IF ANY MAN ENTER IN, HE SHALL BE SAVED, AND SHALL GO IN AND OUT, AND FIND PASTURE.**

Perhaps, the door being on the side of the ark pointed forward to the piercing of our Lord’s side which suggests that the way to the heart of God was now open to guilty and ruined sinners. It is important for us to know what was inside the ark since it represents Jesus Christ.

To know this helps us to know what we have in Jesus Christ. The ark had three stories in it.

**GEN 6:16**

**16 A WINDOW SHALT THOU MAKE TO THE ARK, AND IN A CUBIT SHALT THOU FINISH IT ABOVE; AND THE DOOR OF THE ARK SHALT THOU SET IN THE SIDE THEREOF; WITH LOWER, SECOND, AND THIRD STORIES SHALT THOU MAKE IT.**

The three stories of the ark could be interpreted to refer to the Trinity. It was one ark just as the three distinct Persons (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) make up one God-Head. Most likely, however, the three stories are symbolic of the redemption of mankind's spirit, soul, and body. It also implies that we have been saved from the penalty of sin; are being saved from the power of sin; and we shall yet be saved from the presence of sin in the future if we remain faithful to Him. Still another related thought regarding the three stories is that even though we are spirit, soul and body, we will be judged as one complete individual when we stand before God.

Ninth, the ark had a window that was placed on top. Noah and his family were not to look down on the scene of the destruction beneath and around them. They were to look up toward the living God. We are called upon to walk by faith, looking upward as we go rather than looking at our surroundings and problems.

**COL 3:2**

**2 SET YOUR AFFECTION ON THINGS ABOVE, NOT ON THINGS ON THE EARTH.**

Tenth, the ark was furnished with rooms, literally *nests*.

**JOHN 14:2**

**2 IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE ARE MANY MANSIONS: IF IT WERE NOT SO, I WOULD HAVE TOLD YOU. I GO TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU.**

Weymouth renders this, "In my Father's house are many resting places."

Eleventh, the ark also represents the resurrection of Christ. It rested "on the seventeenth day of the seventh month." This date parallels the date some years later that Jesus arose from the dead. It took a while for the waters to recede and the earth become dry.

**GEN 8:14**

**14 AND IN THE SECOND MONTH, ON THE SEVEN AND TWENTIETH DAY OF THE MONTH, WAS THE EARTH DRIED.**

By the commandment of the Lord, given at the time of the institution of the Feast of Passover, the seventh month was changed into the first month. Then three days later after the Passover, which was on the fourteenth day of the month, the Lord, having passed through the waters of judgment, stood in resurrection in the midst of His disciples, saying, "Peace be unto you." His ascension was implied by the fact that the ark rested on a mountain. Jesus is now "on high" as He sits at the right hand of the Father.

When the flood was over, Noah built an altar to God. His sacrifice was a sweet smelling savor to God. Noah had built the altar to Jehovah. Note the altar was not for

Elohim, the God of creation. Instead, the altar was for Jehovah, the Covenant God for mankind. Jehovah is also the name of the God of salvation and redemption. Noah's altar was the first altar ever built in honor of God. He instituted the burnt offering sacrifices.

As Noah worshipped God, God made a covenant with him. God declared that He would not curse the ground any more for man's sake. Remember, when Adam was in the garden, God did curse the ground so that Adam would have to work for a living. Now, God was saying that He would not add to that original curse. God also said that as long as the earth remained its seasons would not cease. Some people have been taught that in the last days, it will be impossible to tell summer from winter. This is incorrect. There will always be seasons. Then God blessed Noah and his sons.

**GEN 8:22**

**22 WHILE THE EARTH REMAINETH, SEEDTIME AND HARVEST, AND COLD AND HEAT, AND SUMMER AND WINTER, AND DAY AND NIGHT SHALL NOT CEASE.**

**GEN 9:1**

**1 AND GOD BLESSED NOAH AND HIS SONS, AND SAID UNTO THEM, BE FRUITFUL, AND MULTIPLY, AND REPLENISH THE EARTH.**

This is the first time that God had blessed anyone since Adam was blessed before his fall.

The basis of this blessing was the burnt offering. The design of it was to show that the same Divine favor that was extended to Adam and Eve should now rest upon the new progenitors of the human race. In several respects this new beginning resembled the first, particularly in the command to be fruitful and multiply, and in the subjection of the irrational creature to man's dominion. There is one difference here which is important to notice—all now rests upon a covenant of grace based upon shed blood. This covenant included the beasts of the field, as well.

**GEN 9:2-3**

**2 AND THE FEAR OF YOU AND THE DREAD OF YOU SHALL BE UPON EVERY BEAST OF THE EARTH, AND UPON EVERY FOWL OF THE AIR, UPON ALL THAT MOVETH UPON THE EARTH, AND UPON ALL THE FISHES OF THE SEA; INTO YOUR HAND ARE THEY DELIVERED.**

**3 EVERY MOVING THING THAT LIVETH SHALL BE MEAT FOR YOU; EVEN AS THE GREEN HERB HAVE I GIVEN YOU ALL THINGS.**

This covenant was not based on a mutual agreement between God and Noah. God Himself was the initiator and sole compacter. God was the giver. Man was the receiver.

**GEN 9:9**

**9 AND I, BEHOLD, I ESTABLISH MY COVENANT WITH YOU, AND WITH YOUR SEED AFTER YOU;**

**GEN 9:11-12**

**11 AND I WILL ESTABLISH MY COVENANT WITH YOU; NEITHER SHALL ALL FLESH BE CUT OFF ANY MORE BY THE WATERS OF A FLOOD; NEITHER SHALL THERE ANY MORE BE A FLOOD TO DESTROY THE EARTH.**

**12 AND GOD SAID, THIS IS THE TOKEN OF THE COVENANT WHICH I MAKE BETWEEN ME AND YOU AND EVERY LIVING CREATURE THAT IS WITH YOU, FOR PERPETUAL GENERATIONS:**

**GEN 9:15**

**15 AND I WILL REMEMBER MY COVENANT, WHICH IS BETWEEN ME AND YOU AND EVERY LIVING CREATURE OF ALL FLESH; AND THE WATERS SHALL NO MORE BECOME A FLOOD TO DESTROY ALL FLESH.**

Man had no part in the making or the keeping of this covenant.

This covenant was given just to Noah. God did not tell Noah's sons that the covenant was for them, yet it would be applicable for them and all flesh.

**GEN 9:17**

**17 AND GOD SAID UNTO NOAH, THIS IS THE TOKEN OF THE COVENANT, WHICH I HAVE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN ME AND ALL FLESH THAT IS UPON THE EARTH.**

Favor has been shown to Noah's descendants for Noah's sake. This, again, shows Noah to be symbolic of Christ, in that many are blessed through one person. God did state some requirements for man to carry out. Blood must not be eaten. It was to be considered sacred because it is the source of life.

**GEN 9:4-6**

**4 BUT FLESH WITH THE LIFE THEREOF, WHICH IS THE BLOOD THEREOF, SHALL YE NOT EAT.**

**5 AND SURELY YOUR BLOOD OF YOUR LIVES WILL I REQUIRE; AT THE HAND OF EVERY BEAST WILL I REQUIRE IT, AND AT THE HAND OF MAN; AT THE HAND OF EVERY MAN'S BROTHER WILL I REQUIRE THE LIFE OF MAN.**

**6 WHOSO SHEDDETH MAN'S BLOOD, BY MAN SHALL HIS BLOOD BE SHED: FOR IN THE IMAGE OF GOD MADE HE MAN.**

The principle of retributive judgment is clearly enunciated for the first time; capital punishment as the penalty of murder was instituted. Civil law was to now be in the hands of man.

**ROM 13:1-2**

**1 LET EVERY SOUL BE SUBJECT UNTO THE HIGHER POWERS. FOR THERE IS NO POWER BUT OF GOD: THE POWERS THAT BE ARE ORDAINED OF GOD.**

**2 WHOSOEVER THEREFORE RESISTETH THE POWER, RESISTETH THE ORDINANCE OF GOD: AND THEY THAT RESIST SHALL RECEIVE TO THEMSELVES DAMNATION.**

The human race was to multiply and re-people the earth. In order for the earth to become a glorious inheritance for Christ, it would now take a multitude of people obeying the will of God, people receiving His Plan of Salvation, His GPS.

In the giving of the rainbow God ratified the promise which He had made. The rainbow was to be a reminder to the people that God's Plan of Salvation, His GPS, was still very much in effect. It would also remind God of the covenant.

**GEN 9:12-16**

**12 AND GOD SAID, THIS IS THE TOKEN OF THE COVENANT WHICH I MAKE BETWEEN ME AND YOU AND EVERY LIVING CREATURE THAT IS WITH YOU, FOR PERPETUAL GENERATIONS:**

**13 I DO SET MY BOW IN THE CLOUD, AND IT SHALL BE FOR A TOKEN OF A COVENANT BETWEEN ME AND THE EARTH.**

**14 AND IT SHALL COME TO PASS, WHEN I BRING A CLOUD OVER THE EARTH, THAT THE BOW SHALL BE SEEN IN THE CLOUD:**

**15 AND I WILL REMEMBER MY COVENANT, WHICH IS BETWEEN ME AND YOU AND EVERY LIVING CREATURE OF ALL FLESH; AND THE WATERS SHALL NO MORE BECOME A FLOOD TO DESTROY ALL FLESH.**

**16 AND THE BOW SHALL BE IN THE CLOUD; AND I WILL LOOK UPON IT, THAT I MAY REMEMBER THE EVERLASTING COVENANT BETWEEN GOD AND EVERY LIVING CREATURE OF ALL FLESH THAT IS UPON THE EARTH.**

The bow in the cloud was not only to assure man that the earth would never be destroyed again by flood, but it was also the memorial of the new relationship which God had entered into with His creatures. As the rainbow is the joint product of storm and sunshine, so grace is the unmerited favor of God appearing on the dark background of the creature's sin. As the rainbow is the effect of the sun shining on the drops of rain, so Divine grace is manifested by God's love shining through the blood shed by our blessed Redeemer. As the rainbow is the telling out of the varied hues of the white light, so the "manifold grace of God" is the ultimate expression of God's heart. As nature knows nothing more exquisitely beautiful than the rainbow, so heaven itself knows nothing that equals in loveliness the wonderful grace of God. As the rainbow is the union of heaven and earth—spanning the sky and reaching down to the ground—so grace in the One Mediator has brought together God and man. As the rainbow is a public sign of God hung out in the heavens that all may see, so is the grace of God made available for all to see. The rainbow has appeared from time to time over the centuries and will continue to appear, so will the grace of God do likewise.

**EPH 2:7**

**7 THAT IN THE AGES TO COME HE MIGHT SHEW THE EXCEEDING RICHES OF HIS GRACE IN HIS KINDNESS TOWARD US THROUGH CHRIST JESUS.**

With only a handful of people on earth after the flood, it seems that they would have all been absolutely certain that they would not veer off of God's road He had for them to

follow. Well, it did not work that way. Even with a flood, mankind's flesh had not been conquered. As we are about to see, mankind had a need all the more for God's Plan of Salvation, His GPS.

Noah took advantage of God's grace and patience by drinking too much wine. This brought about Noah's fall which can be compared to the fall of Adam. According to the Hebrew word, Noah deliberately pulled off all his clothes. Noah's willful act goes against what the Apostle Paul said in the New Testament. We should never sin expecting grace to abound that much more. Noah's sin led to the sin of one of his sons. Ham saw the nakedness of his father. He apparently looked on his father in a lustful manner. It was with pleasure that Ham told his brothers of what he had seen. He should have looked away or in some way covered his father's nakedness. This was a sin of omission. When he told his brothers, he was committing a sin of commission. Ham's brothers walked backward into Noah's tent to cover him.

**GEN 9:18-29**

**18 AND THE SONS OF NOAH, THAT WENT FORTH OF THE ARK, WERE SHEM, AND HAM, AND JAPHETH: AND HAM IS THE FATHER OF CANAAN.**

**19 THESE ARE THE THREE SONS OF NOAH: AND OF THEM WAS THE WHOLE EARTH OVERSPREAD.**

**20 AND NOAH BEGAN TO BE AN HUSBANDMAN, AND HE PLANTED A VINEYARD:**

**21 AND HE DRANK OF THE WINE, AND WAS DRUNKEN; AND HE WAS UNCOVERED WITHIN HIS TENT.**

**22 AND HAM, THE FATHER OF CANAAN, SAW THE NAKEDNESS OF HIS FATHER, AND TOLD HIS TWO BRETHREN WITHOUT.**

**23 AND SHEM AND JAPHETH TOOK A GARMENT, AND LAID IT UPON BOTH THEIR SHOULDERS, AND WENT BACKWARD, AND COVERED THE NAKEDNESS OF THEIR FATHER; AND THEIR FACES WERE BACKWARD, AND THEY SAW NOT THEIR FATHER'S NAKEDNESS.**

**24 AND NOAH AWOKE FROM HIS WINE, AND KNEW WHAT HIS YOUNGER SON HAD DONE UNTO HIM.**

**25 AND HE SAID, CURSED BE CANAAN; A SERVANT OF SERVANTS SHALL HE BE UNTO HIS BRETHREN.**

**26 AND HE SAID, BLESSED BE THE LORD GOD OF SHEM; AND CANAAN SHALL BE HIS SERVANT.**

**27 GOD SHALL ENLARGE JAPHETH, AND HE SHALL DWELL IN THE TENTS OF SHEM; AND CANAAN SHALL BE HIS SERVANT.**

**28 AND NOAH LIVED AFTER THE FLOOD THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS.**

**29 AND ALL THE DAYS OF NOAH WERE NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS: AND HE DIED.**

Immediately, Noah made a prophetic declaration. Whether he knew it or not, he gave a Messianic prophecy. The prophecy gave a scope of world history that was to come. It contained a curse on Ham's descendents, beginning with Ham's son, Canaan. The curse was not that the Canaanites were made to be black. The Canaanite people are white.

**GEN 10:6**

**6 AND THE SONS OF HAM; CUSH, AND MIZRAIM, AND PHUT, AND CANAAN.**

God was preparing a means of encouragement and direction for the Israelites who would many centuries later take the land of Canaan. So, the curse was that the Land of Canaan would be given to the Israelites. Shem was to be blessed. His family would be preserved because of their true worship of Jehovah. Shem's family, I'm sure you have figured out were to become the Children of Israel. They were to be the chosen nation of God.

**GEN 10:22-31**

**22 THE CHILDREN OF SHEM; ELAM, AND ASSHUR, AND ARPHAXAD, AND LUD, AND ARAM.**

**23 AND THE CHILDREN OF ARAM; UZ, AND HUL, AND GETHER, AND MASH.**

**24 AND ARPHAXAD BEGAT SALAH; AND SALAH BEGAT EBER.**

**25 AND UNTO EBER WERE BORN TWO SONS: THE NAME OF ONE WAS PELEG; FOR IN HIS DAYS WAS THE EARTH DIVIDED; AND HIS BROTHER'S NAME WAS JOKTAN.**

**26 AND JOKTAN BEGAT ALMODAD, AND SHELEPH, AND HAZAR-MAVETH, AND JERAH,**

**27 AND HADORAM, AND UZAL, AND DIKLAH,**

**28 AND OBAL, AND ABIMAEEL, AND SHEBA,**

**29 AND OPHIR, AND HAVILAH, AND JOBAB: ALL THESE WERE THE SONS OF JOKTAN.**

**30 AND THEIR DWELLING WAS FROM MESHA, AS THOU GOEST UNTO SEPHAR A MOUNT OF THE EAST.**

**31 THESE ARE THE SONS OF SHEM, AFTER THEIR FAMILIES, AFTER THEIR TONGUES, IN THEIR LANDS, AFTER THEIR NATIONS.**

Japheth also would be blessed. His descendents would cover the earth and be allies to Shem's family. This is probably where we enter the picture. Americans are descendents of Japheth. Noah indicated that the people would be blessed by the coming Messiah.

**GEN 9:27**

**27 GOD SHALL ENLARGE JAPHETH, AND HE SHALL DWELL IN THE TENTS OF SHEM; AND CANAAN SHALL BE HIS SERVANT.**

As we continue to study how God revealed His Plan of Salvation, or as I call it His GPS, we must remember He had to reveal it little by little. There was no way that mankind could comprehend the total Plan all at once. Just as mankind had become completely evil before the flood, with the exception of Noah, we find that the post-flood people were no different. The curse that had been placed on the human race back in the Garden of Eden was and is still in effect. Mankind sensed guilt stemming from their sin and were very discontent with their own behavior. This resulted in their not being able to get along with other people. Rebellion was rampant following the time of the flood. Sure, man wanted out of this dilemma, but he did not know how to achieve the desired results. Man's conscience was no

longer adequate to govern the human population, but for some time after the flood, that was all he had to go on. Some people tried to conquer the curse with their own strength, but that proved to be insufficient. If they had been successful, then that would have put time in a position of being God.

If anything good could be said about the people who lived shortly after the flood, they learned that disagreement would not accomplish them anything, whereas, teamwork gave them a sense of accomplishment. They felt a sense of pride because of their unity. The fact that they all spoke the same language helped them to achieve harmony in their efforts, especially in the area of construction techniques. Bricks were first made in this era and were used to build houses. It did not take them long to understand that they needed to live close together. As a result, villages were developed, then towns, followed by the construction of cities.

**GENESIS 11:4**

**AND THEY SAID, GO TO, LET US BUILD US A CITY AND A TOWER, WHOSE TOP MAY REACH UNTO HEAVEN; AND LET US MAKE US A NAME, LEST WE BE SCATTERED ABROAD UPON THE FACE OF THE WHOLE EARTH.**

This when the people got the idea that they could build a tower all the way to heaven. It would be called the Tower of Babel. Let me pause here long enough to remind you that these people were totally godless. They were heathens.

**GEN 11:5-6**

**5 AND THE LORD CAME DOWN TO SEE THE CITY AND THE TOWER, WHICH THE CHILDREN OF MEN BUILDED.**

**6 AND THE LORD SAID, BEHOLD, THE PEOPLE IS ONE, AND THEY HAVE ALL ONE LANGUAGE; AND THIS THEY BEGIN TO DO: AND NOW NOTHING WILL BE RESTRAINED FROM THEM, WHICH THEY HAVE IMAGINED TO DO.**

(If these heathens could be so unified that they could accomplish anything that they imagined, how much more we, Christians, should be bringing about unbelievable feats as we join together and that with God as the Captain of the team. Understand, our pride should only be in what God has accomplished through us. When we glory only in the Lord, God honors us and strengthens us. He draws us to Himself and keeps us from the destruction that goes along with pride.)

**EPH 1:10**

**10 THAT IN THE DISPENSATION OF THE FULNESS OF TIMES HE MIGHT GATHER TOGETHER IN ONE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST, BOTH WHICH ARE IN HEAVEN, AND WHICH ARE ON EARTH; EVEN IN HIM:**

**JOHN 10:16**

**16 AND OTHER SHEEP I HAVE, WHICH ARE NOT OF THIS FOLD: THEM ALSO I MUST BRING, AND THEY SHALL HEAR MY VOICE; AND THERE SHALL BE ONE FOLD, AND ONE SHEPHERD.**

**JOHN 17:21-22**

**21 THAT THEY ALL MAY BE ONE; AS THOU, FATHER, ART IN ME, AND I IN THEE, THAT THEY ALSO MAY BE ONE IN US: THAT THE WORLD MAY BELIEVE THAT THOU HAST SENT ME.**

**22 AND THE GLORY WHICH THOU GAVEST ME I HAVE GIVEN THEM; THAT THEY MAY BE ONE, EVEN AS WE ARE ONE:**

**ACTS 1:14**

**14 THESE ALL CONTINUED WITH ONE ACCORD IN PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION, WITH THE WOMEN, AND MARY THE MOTHER OF JESUS, AND WITH HIS BRETHREN.**

**ACTS 2:1**

**2 AND WHEN THE DAY OF PENTECOST WAS FULLY COME, THEY WERE ALL WITH ONE ACCORD IN ONE PLACE.**

**ACTS 2:46**

**46 AND THEY, CONTINUING DAILY WITH ONE ACCORD IN THE TEMPLE, AND BREAKING BREAD FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE, DID EAT THEIR MEAT WITH GLADNESS AND SINGLENESS OF HEART,**

**ACTS 4:24**

**24 AND WHEN THEY HEARD THAT, THEY LIFTED UP THEIR VOICE TO GOD WITH ONE ACCORD, AND SAID, LORD, THOU ART GOD, WHICH HAST MADE HEAVEN, AND EARTH, AND THE SEA, AND ALL THAT IN THEM IS:**

**ACTS 5:12**

**12 AND BY THE HANDS OF THE APOSTLES WERE MANY SIGNS AND WONDERS WROUGHT AMONG THE PEOPLE; (AND THEY WERE ALL WITH ONE ACCORD IN SOLOMON'S PORCH.**

**ACTS 8:6**

**6 AND THE PEOPLE WITH ONE ACCORD GAVE HEED UNTO THOSE THINGS WHICH PHILIP SPAKE, HEARING AND SEEING THE MIRACLES WHICH HE DID.**

**ACTS 12:20**

**20 AND HEROD WAS HIGHLY DISPLEASED WITH THEM OF TYRE AND SIDON: BUT THEY CAME WITH ONE ACCORD TO HIM, AND, HAVING MADE BLASTUS THE KING'S CHAMBERLAIN THEIR FRIEND, DESIRED PEACE; BECAUSE THEIR COUNTRY WAS NOURISHED BY THE KING'S COUNTRY.**

**ACTS 15:25**

**25 IT SEEMED GOOD UNTO US, BEING ASSEMBLED WITH ONE ACCORD, TO SEND CHOSEN MEN UNTO YOU WITH OUR BELOVED BARNABAS AND PAUL,**

Based on all of these verses and for emphasis sake, it is obvious that God wants all of His people to live and work together in unity.

**MARK 9:23**

**23 JESUS SAID UNTO HIM, IF THOU CANST BELIEVE, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE TO HIM THAT BELIEVETH.**

**PHIL 4:13**

**13 I (WE)CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHICH STRENGTHENETH ME (US).**

From all general appearances, the post-flood people were allowing satan to slowly accomplish his goal of destroying the inheritance that Father God intended for His Son. They began to glorify each other. It was at this point that God came on the scene. He only allows people to go against His will for so long and then He stops them. He did this by confusing their language, making each one of them speak a different language. Communication was impossible. If people cannot understand each other, they cannot work together—be it Christians, husbands and wives, and certainly not heathens. Now with these people living close to each other, they began to need space between them. They began to scatter over the earth. They developed a sense of shame because they were not able to finish their tower. They saw their unfinished tower as a monument of failure. Though their pride was sin in the sight of God, He did not turn His back on them as they spread across the face of the earth. He still loved them. He move among them. He wanted them to return to Him. His desire was still for this earth to be a glorious inheritance for the Lamb that was slain before the foundation of the world. For that to happen, mankind would have to do what God had originally intended for him to do in perfecting this earth.

Chances are great that we, too, have some monuments of failure in our lives. However, if we, Christians, join together in carrying out God's plan for our lives which is the very opposite of what happened at Babel, then we have what took place on the Day of Pentecost. This, of course will be discussed when we study the Book of Acts in the New Testament.

Satan was angry about the tower incidence. He, also, contacted these people as they scattered. He deceived them and cause heathen religions to spring up around the world. This opened the door for demons to possess people, demanding their worship. Idolatry became prevalent. The people became very much like the people describe in the Book of Romans. You will find that Romans is also describing the a lot of the general population of today's people

**ROM 1:21-32**

**21 BECAUSE THAT, WHEN THEY KNEW GOD, THEY GLORIFIED HIM NOT AS GOD, NEITHER WERE THANKFUL; BUT BECAME VAIN IN THEIR IMAGINATIONS, AND THEIR FOOLISH HEART WAS DARKENED.**

**22 PROFESSING THEMSELVES TO BE WISE, THEY BECAME FOOLS,**

**23 AND CHANGED THE GLORY OF THE UNCORRUPTIBLE GOD INTO AN IMAGE MADE LIKE TO CORRUPTIBLE MAN, AND TO BIRDS, AND FOURFOOTED BEASTS, AND CREEPING THINGS.**

**24 WHEREFORE GOD ALSO GAVE THEM UP TO UNCLEANNESS THROUGH THE LUSTS OF THEIR OWN HEARTS, TO DISHONOUR THEIR OWN BODIES BETWEEN THEMSELVES:**

**25 WHO CHANGED THE TRUTH OF GOD INTO A LIE, AND WORSHIPPED AND SERVED THE CREATURE MORE THAN THE CREATOR, WHO IS BLESSED FOR EVER. AMEN.**

**26 FOR THIS CAUSE GOD GAVE THEM UP UNTO VILE AFFECTIONS: FOR EVEN THEIR WOMEN DID CHANGE THE NATURAL USE INTO THAT WHICH IS AGAINST NATURE:**

**27 AND LIKEWISE ALSO THE MEN, LEAVING THE NATURAL USE OF THE WOMAN, BURNED IN THEIR LUST ONE TOWARD ANOTHER; MEN WITH MEN WORKING THAT WHICH IS UNSEEMLY, AND RECEIVING IN THEMSELVES THAT RECOMPENCE OF THEIR ERROR WHICH WAS MEET.**

**28 AND EVEN AS THEY DID NOT LIKE TO RETAIN GOD IN THEIR KNOWLEDGE, GOD GAVE THEM OVER TO A REPROBATE MIND, TO DO THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE NOT CONVENIENT;**

**29 BEING FILLED WITH ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS, FORNICATION, WICKEDNESS, COVETOUSNESS, MALICIOUSNESS; FULL OF ENVY, MURDER, DEBATE, DECEIT, MALIGNITY; WHISPERERS,**

**30 BACKBITERS, HATERS OF GOD, DESPITEFUL, PROUD, BOASTERS, INVENTORS OF EVIL THINGS, DISOBEDIENT TO PARENTS,**

**31 WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING, COVENANT BREAKERS, WITHOUT NATURAL AFFECTION, IMPLACABLE, UNMERCIFUL:**

**32 WHO KNOWING THE JUDGMENT OF GOD, THAT THEY WHICH COMMIT SUCH THINGS ARE WORTHY OF DEATH, NOT ONLY DO THE SAME, BUT HAVE PLEASURE IN THEM THAT DO THEM.**

These sins led to conflict among the people and soon out-right wars began to occur. Sin is still the reason for the turmoil that exists in the world today. Just as God used Noah to be a type of Jesus Christ, He would now call another man who, under the anointing of God, would be used to help people move in God's direction. Likewise, God has a plan that will bring future spiritual restoration to the world. It will be the thousand year reign of Jesus Christ about which we will study when we get to the New Testament. Right now, let us go to Genesis, chapter 12.