

# The Biblical Metanarrative:

*"Knowing the story we are all a part of."*

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## PART 3: GOD'S PROMISE TO NOAH

### Introduction:

The Bible's claim to be the story to which all others relate is a claim of exclusive truth. There cannot, by definition, be multiple Metanarratives. As Christians, we believe the Bible to be God's Word and we trust that it gives us all that we need to know about where we came from and why we are the way we are.

### AFTER EDEN:

The first two children born to Adam and Eve were sons named \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.

- At some point, the men brought sacrifices to the Lord.

Cain —>

Abel —>

It seems clear that Adam had passed down to his sons the need to offer blood sacrifices to the Lord. Cain's action was not one of ignorance but of rebellion.

*"We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous." - John 3:12*

### THE STORY OF NOAH

#### Genesis 6:5-11

The story begins with a summation of the spiritual condition of mankind on the earth. As humanity multiplied and began to cover the earth, they became more and more wicked. Their knowledge of good and evil did not restrain their evil and rebellion...it accentuated it.

*"... every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." - Gen. 6:5b*

"The \_\_\_\_\_" – When the Bible talks about the heart, it usually doesn't mean the organ in our body. It refers to the seat of our inclination, resolution, and determination. It's our gut. The place of moral character, our appetites, emotions, and passions.

*"For although they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks to Him."—Romans 1:21*

THIS IS THE BIBLICAL DEFINITION OF \_\_\_\_\_!

NOAH: His name means \_\_\_\_\_.

He found \_\_\_\_\_ with God. This word can also be translated as "\_\_\_\_\_"

- He is described as a \_\_\_\_\_ man.
- He was \_\_\_\_\_ amongst his generation.
- He \_\_\_\_\_ with God.

- Noah feared God (Heb. 11:7), obeyed God (Gen. 7:5), and sacrificed to God (Gen. 8:15).

### Genesis 6:11-13

God again observed the condition of mankind (6:11-2). Notice the contrast to (1:31). God then spoke to Noah and told him of His plans to destroy life on the earth.

WHY? —> \_\_\_\_\_

- God instructed him to build an \_\_\_\_\_ and He promised to establish His \_\_\_\_\_ with Noah. (6:14-18)
- The implication here is that Noah and his family will be \_\_\_\_\_ from God's judgment.

Noah's response: Gen. 6:22 —>

*"By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household."* —Heb. 11:7a

### **(THERE WAS THEN AN INDETERMINATE PERIOD OF TIME)**

What was Noah doing during this time?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

*"...by this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith."* —Heb. 11:7b

- His obedience and fear of the Lord contrasted sharply with the world around him.
- His actions condemned those who were in violent rebellion against God.

2. \_\_\_\_\_

- 2 Peter 2:5 refers to Noah as a \_\_\_\_\_ or *preacher* of righteousness.
- His actions were condemning them, but his words were pleading with and warning them.

(As far as we know, God did not speak to Noah again during this time.)

### Genesis 7:1-5

Many years later, the silence was broke with the Lord giving Noah a one week warning before the beginning of the rain. Noah once again obeyed.

- Through all the years, Noah continued to \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord.

### Genesis 7:6-24

- Everything happened just as the Lord had \_\_\_\_\_ to Noah that it would.
- There was no doubt who the savior was. I was not \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_. (7:16)
- God kept His \_\_\_\_\_! (7:21-23)

### **AFTER THE FLOOD:**

#### Noah's demonstrations of faith:

1. He exited the ark only after \_\_\_\_\_ told him to. (8:15)
2. His first response to leaving the ark was to offer \_\_\_\_\_. (8:20)

"Noah's first recorded act on emerging from the ark is to build an altar to the Lord. On it he presents whole-burnt offerings, using some of the clean animals and birds. While this is undoubtedly intended to express gratitude for divine deliverance, it is also an act of atonement...It also has a sense of "soothing." The burnt offering soothes God's anger at human sin, so although human nature has not been changed by the flood, God's attitude has changed."

—*ESV Study Bible*, Notes on 8:20-22

## THE NOAHIC COVENANT:

### 2 Elements:

1. Life will endure on the earth until God's \_\_\_\_\_ are complete. (8:21b-22)

“At this point we now know God will spare human life and the continuous cycle of life until He has accomplished His purpose—which includes keeping His promises.”

– Christopher Cone, *The Promises of God*

2. Never again will God \_\_\_\_\_ all life on earth with a flood. (9:8-11)

### Other Commands:

- Be fruitful and multiply and \_\_\_\_\_ the Earth. (9:1,7)

- Man is given the freedom to eat \_\_\_\_\_. (9:2-4)

- \_\_\_\_\_ is instituted. (9:5-6)

(We recognize this as the beginning of the Dispensation of Human Government)

⇒ This covenant is \_\_\_\_\_.

⇒ The sign of the covenant is God's \_\_\_\_\_ in the sky.

## GOD'S PROMISE TO NOAH IS THE FOUNDATION OF COVENANT HISTORY

“The covenant with Noah, recorded in Gen. 8:20-9:17 ensures the continuation of life on earth—it provides the universal platform on which it has been possible for us to live as a sinful human race on a cursed planet with some assurance of survival.”

—Christopher J.H. Wright, *Salvation Belongs to Our God*

### SOME OBSERVATIONS:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Matt. 24:36-39—“But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.”

3. \_\_\_\_\_

1 Thess. 5:9-10—“For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.”

## OUR HOPE IS JESUS!

JESUS IS A BETTER \_\_\_\_\_! (1 Peter 3:18-22, Romans 6:3-4)

JESUS TAKES GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_ UPON HIMSELF! (5:6-11)