

BIB 201

Lesson 4

Human History part III: From the Flood to Babel

Genesis 8:15 - 11:9

Introduction: God had just flooded the earth and is going to replenish it again through Noah. The message to Noah was to be fruitful and replenish the earth. We are going to see the origin of human history and how it is divided between the three sons of Noah. There is the foreshadowing of an ecumenical apostasy of man to thwart to purpose of God in the rebellion at Babel.

1. Noah and his family 8:15-9:29

Note: the raven was satisfied to eat rotten flesh and didn't come back, the dove would not.

2. the Lord's Command to Noah 8:15-19
His initial response - based on a sacrifice of blood 8:20
3. the Lord's Covenant with Noah 9:1-17
 4. The Restrictions of the covenant 9:1-7
 5. allowed to eat meat but abstinence from blood
 6. Prohibition of murder
 7. recognition of civil authority to punish evildoers
 8. the Recipients of the covenant 9:8-11 representing all mankind not just a nation or family
 9. the Reminder of the covenant 9:12-17 - the rainbow (token - baptism is a token, Lord's supper)
- C. the Lord's Conflict with Noah 9:18-29
 1. His failure as representative 18-24
 2. His foresight 25-29

Trans. What if God were to destroy the earth except for our family - we would equally and actively become just as wicked.

2. The spread of nations - Genesis 10

- A. Japheth - Europe 10:2-5
-9:27 "*God shall enlarge Japheth*" Japheth has been enlarged in that the entire west is made up primarily of Europeans.
- B. Ham - Africa 10: 6-20
 1. 9:25 they were to be servants i.e. slaves?
- C. fulfilled under Joshua, David, Solomon
- D. from which the Africans came and were certainly made slaves
- E. Shem - Asia 10:21-31 - Semites - Japheth would go north, Ham south and Shem in the middle as to make the spread of God's truth easier making them a crossroad of trade.

Note 10:5 as the key they were to be divided

1. geographical
2. dialectical - today you still have three main divisions in language types
3. tribal - families
4. national governmental

Trans. again the separation of a godly line through Shem. The Lord declared the races were to be spread and divided. In opposition to this under an apostate ruler the plan was made for coming together.

3. The building of Babel Genesis 11:1-9

- A. plan of confederacy

1. Nimrod leader name means "Rebel"
2. "make us a name" pride the root cause
3. Leading a worldwide rebellion - again two heads Christ and antichrist introduced

Note: Applicable today to ecumenicalism which is the abandonment of the separation of the races that was determined by God. This land is in modern Babylon. Notice the repetition of the rebellion and also the location is significant.

Note: the new Iraq flag has a large picture of the tower of Babel in the center of it

B. punishment of confusion

Peleg - Genesis 10:25 the division is not a continental drift theory. Obviously the division that would come in chapter 11 which is really chronologically before chapter 10.

Conclusion

How quickly after the creation of the human race was it completely corrupt and destroyed. How quickly after God started over with a new family and eight souls was there a new apostasy and rebellion which brought forth the confounding of the languages. God has separated unto Himself a chosen people and we must be certain to maintain our distinction as the people of God without compromising our heritage. On the outside the idea seemed like a good idea.

These accounts of the history of man are hotly contested by modern scientists, geologists, philosophers, and philologists because they give clear, precise explanation to the history of man. Up to this time the flow of history is maintained from Adam to Noah with Methuselah connecting them. Then Noah lived until Abraham. Therefore, four men covered the first two thousand years.

It would be nice for modern education to recognize the Divinely inspired account of human history. How it would eliminate the confusion about the History of man.