**Walk Through the Bible**

**Lesson Number Nine**

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**God’s Dealings with Man and the Flood Finally Recedes**

Last week we talked about how God **SUPERNATURALLY** brought all the animals to the ark that Noah had built.

Have you ever wondered -

**Why didn’t God just build the ark Himself?**

**People who don’t know the Lord and even some that do, will ask, “Why will a righteous God send people to hell?”**

**God has NEVER sent one person to hell and He will NEVER send anyone to hell!**

Hell was **created for Satan and the other angels that fell**. Mt 25:41

 Adam was “given dominion” over this earth. ADAM was the **“god OF THIS WORLD.” Genesis 1:28**

**Who is the “god of this world now?”**

**2 Corinthians 4:4**

Satan, who is the god of this world, has **blinded** the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the **exact likeness of God**.

When God gave Adam dominion, He **“legally” gave this earth and all authority over it to Adam.** When Adam ate of the fruit of the forbidden tree, **Adam legally gave all of that dominion, or authority, to Satan**.

NOW, Satan is the “god of this world.” World – Grk, cosmos, the world system.

**By Adam doing this, it meant that ALL of mankind would be subject to Satan and his ways.**

When we are born, we are alive to God but when we reach “THE AGE OF ACCOUNTABILITY” our spirit and soul “die” to God.

**Romans 7:9,10 (NLT)**

9At one time I lived without understanding the law (before the law came, I was alive). But when I learned the command not to covet, for instance, the power of sin came to life, 10and I died. So I discovered that the law’s commands, which were supposed to bring life, brought spiritual death instead.

The “AGE OF ACCOUNTABILITY” **can be any age** and there are some who **never reach the age of accountability** because of mental development issues, etc. The Mormons believe 8 years old is the age of accountability but, in fact, it is different with everyone. It is nonsense to say everyone reaches the age at the same exact time in their life.

Without the Lord making a way OUT for us, at death, we would be totally separated from God, which is the second death. Jesus is our way out.

Before Jesus, there was no GRACE. There were “types and shadows” of His grace for us to see what Jesus would bring.

Jesus had to defeat the devil on the devil’s terms. By living a life completely as a man and by NEVER sinning, Jesus defeated Satan!

**1 John 4:2**

This is how we now if they have the Spirit of God: If a person claiming to be a prophet acknowledges that Jesus Christ came in a real body, that person has the Spirit of God.

**2 John 1:7**

I say this because many deceivers have gone out into the world. They deny that Jesus Christ came in a real body. Such a person is a deceiver and an antichrist.

Death is NEVER A CESSATION OF EXISTENCE.

Death is ALWAYS A “SEPARATION”.

When we die physically, our body is separated from our spirit (the REAL us) and our soul (our mind, our will and our intellect).

We ask, “Is there anything God cannot do?” The answer is “YES!”

 God cannot lie!

God cannot look at sin!

God cannot die.

God CANNOT REDEEM you if you choose NOT to be redeemed!

There are certain believers, if they choose to walk away from God. Hebrews 6:4-6

When God set out to make this world, even before Adam and Eve, in what we call “The Pre-Adamite World”, He gave, **NOT ONLY MEN FREE WILL**, but He also gave the **ANGELS FREE WILL**.

Of course, we saw, at the end of the PRE-ADAMITE rule on the earth, Lucifer and several other angels CHOSE to depart from God and tried to overthrow God.

Thus, in Genesis 1:2, we see the earth, which was created perfectly and which was previously inhabited (Genesis 1:1) was now a complete wasteland full of **wickedness and completely flooded and destroyed**!

This is what happened in Genesis 1:1 (God created the heavens and the earth).

**Isaiah 45:18 (NLT)**

For the LORD is God, and he created the heavens and earth and put everything in place. He made the world to be lived in (INHABITED), not to be a place of empty chaos. "I am the LORD," he says, "and there is no other.

**The earth was inhabited! We see from this and other scriptures that there were cities, there were highways, there were people, there were sanctuaries, etc.**

**Then, Lucifer, his angels and all the beings on earth tried to rise above God and God destroyed EVERYTHING with a flood.**

**So, in Genesis 1:2, Jeremiah was given a vision showing what the earth had become after Lucifer was defeated and cast back into the earth.**

**Jeremiah 4:23-28 (NLT)**

23I looked at the earth, and it was empty and formless. I looked at the heavens, and there was no light. 24I looked at the mountains and hills, and they trembled and shook. 25I looked, and all the people were gone. All the birds of the sky had flown away. 26I looked, and the fertile fields had become a wilderness. The towns lay in ruins, crushed by the Lord’s fierce anger.

27This is what the Lord says: “The whole land will be ruined, but I will not destroy it completely. 28The earth will mourn and the heavens will be draped in black because of my decree against my people. I have made up my mind and will not change it.”

These passages are obviously NOT talking about Noah’s flood but rather about the PRE-ADAMITE FLOOD.

*Alvin, Texas, was deluged by 43 inches of rain in 24 hours from July 24-25, 1979, setting an all-time record 24-hour rainfall for the U.S.*

*The torrential rain fell as Tropical Storm Claudette made landfall near the Texas-Louisiana border before stalling right over Alvin.*

*The 24-hour rainfall in Alvin may also be the record for the world's greatest 24-hour rainfall occurring over flat terrain, according to the Atlantic Hurricane Season Summary of 1979 released by the National Hurricane Center.*

43 inches of rain for 40, 24 hour days would be 1,720 inches of rain. That equals over 143 FEET of rain!

Not only did it rain but the earth opened up and the subterranean waters were deposited throughout the earth!

Again, why did God have NOAH BUILD THE ARK? WHY DIDN’T GOD MAKE IT HIMSELF?

God chooses to use man in the things He does. BECAUSE GOD GAVE ADAM THE KEYS TO THIS EARTH AND BECAUSE ADAM GAVE IT TO SATAN - GOD HAS TO USE MANKIND IN ORDER TO DO HIS WILL ON THE EARTH.

God could have just given us the Bible but He chose to use Godly men, moved by the Holy Spirit to write the Bible.

Then God chose Godly men who determined which books should be in our Bible!

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We will learn later how God, in order to be able for Jesus to shed His blood for the remission of our sins, Abraham had to shed his blood through circumcision.

ALL OF GOD’S PROMISES ARE CONDITIONAL!

**Romans 10:9, 10**

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved.

So Noah and his family and the animals are on the ark.

It rains 40 days and nights and all the subterranean waters ERUPTED ONTO THE EARTH.

The water rose 15 cubits (23 feet) above the earth (we know the earth was different than it is now).

 Genesis 7 tells us the earth was covered for 150 days!

Genesis 8:1-14

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| But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and livestock with him in the boat. He sent a wind to blow across the earth, and the floodwaters began to recede. 2The underground waters stopped flowing, and the torrential rains from the sky were stopped. 3So the floodwaters gradually receded from the earth. After 150 days, 4exactly five months from the time the flood began, the boat came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. 5Two and a half months later, as the waters continued to go down, other mountain peaks became visible.6After another forty days, Noah opened the window he had made in the boat 7and released a raven. The bird flew back and forth until the floodwaters on the earth had dried up. 8He also released a dove to see if the water had receded and it could find dry ground. 9But the dove could find no place to land because the water still covered the ground. So it returned to the boat, and Noah held out his hand and drew the dove back inside. 10After waiting another seven days, Noah released the dove again. 11This time the dove returned to him in the evening with a fresh olive leaf in its beak. Then Noah knew that the floodwaters were almost gone. 12He waited another seven days and then released the dove again. This time it did not come back.13Noah was now 601 years old. On the first day of the new year, ten and a half months after the flood began, the floodwaters had almost dried up from the earth. Noah lifted back the covering of the boat and saw that the surface of the ground was drying. 14Two more months went by, and at last the earth was dry!  |

Next week, we will talk about what happened AFTER the flood.

All the people of the earth came through Noah. His three sons are the fathers of all the races, the Caucasoid, the Negroid and the Mongoloid.

The Lord willing, we will talk about the curse of Canaan.