

GENESIS CHAPTER 8: GOD REMEMBERED NOACH



- Vs. 1 says He also remembered the “living things” with Noah
- Animals and mankind made of the same physical stuff: dust
- Both have the Life Spirit
- Animals presented to Adam as possible companion, NOT as a mate!
- Man is slightly above the animals

RUACH: THE RUSHING WIND

- Holy Spirit = Ruach Hakodesh
- Ruach often used to speak of God's spirit
- As the water rose for 150 days, so it receded for 150 days



MOUNTAINS OF ARARAT

- NOT Mt. Ararat, rather the Ararat Mountain Range
- In modern day Turkey
- Ark rested on the 7th month, the 17th day



THE LAND DRIES



- Raven sent out 1st (an UNCLEAN bird)
- Later a dove (CLEAN bird) came back with olive tree twig
- Another dove sent out, didn't return
- Olive trees will actually leaf-out UNDER water!
- 1st day of 1st month = New Year
- 2nd month, 27th day, Noah could leave the Ark

THE OLD IS PURIFIED, AND THE NEW IS SANCTIFIED

- Only through death, does regeneration come
- Vs. 20 Altar sacrifice was Noah's first act
- Each species of CLEAN animal was sacrificed
- If only ONE pair of clean animals had been brought, extinction would have been the result



WHAT PURPOSE DID THE UNCLEAN ANIMALS SERVE?

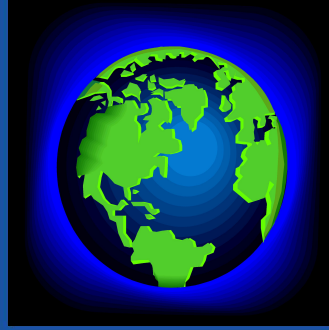
Several varieties of unclean animals were scavengers

Universe operates under the Principle of Opposites

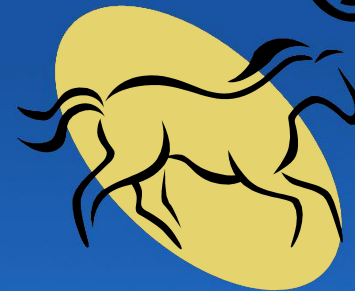
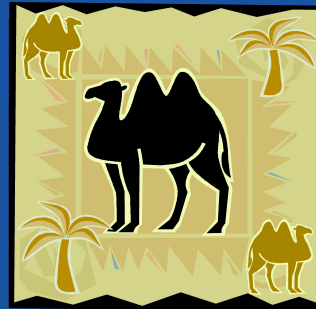
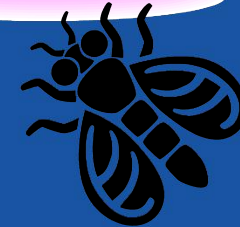
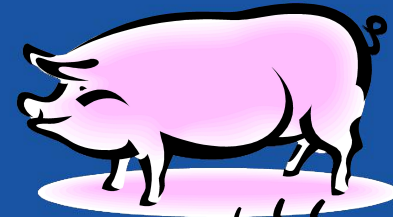
There can be NO clean unless there is Unclean

Unclean animals are NOT bad, or worse, or of less importance than clean ones

UNCLEAN



OUTSIDE THE CAMP





“WHAT FORMS IN THE HEART IS EVIL FROM ITS YOUTH....”

- 1) Noach's sacrifice was accepted
- 2) World never again to be destroyed by flood
- 3) Human heart is immediately evil
- **SATAN DOES NOT *CREATE* EVIL!** He uses man's evil inclination by deceiving and lying

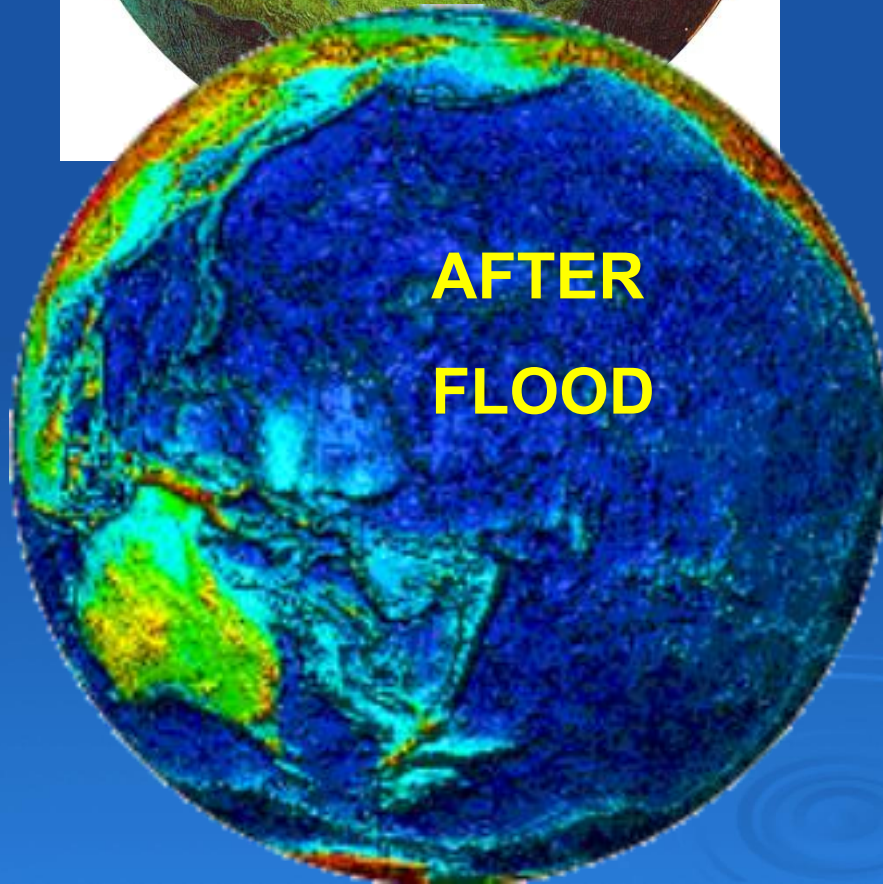
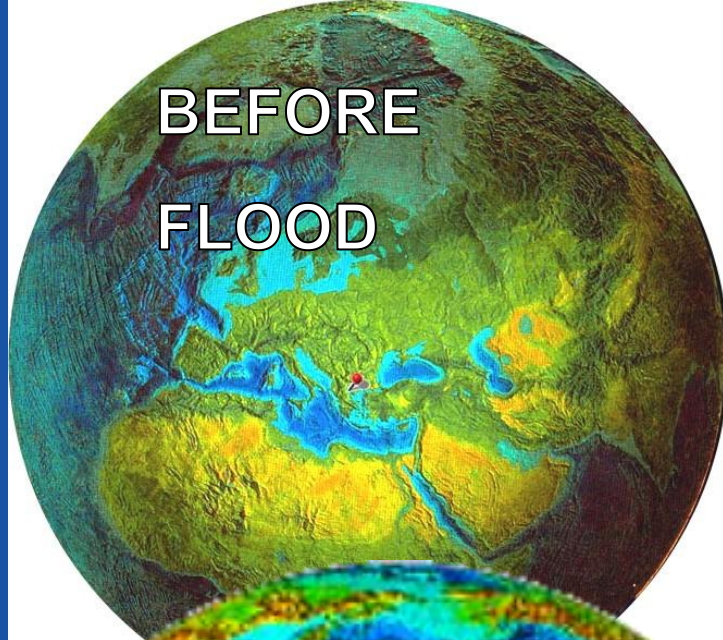
FROM HIS AWAKENING.....



- *mine'araw* means “from his awakening”
- The point at which a human has “awareness”

Heart is NOT 100% evil

- All humans born with good inclination AND evil inclination

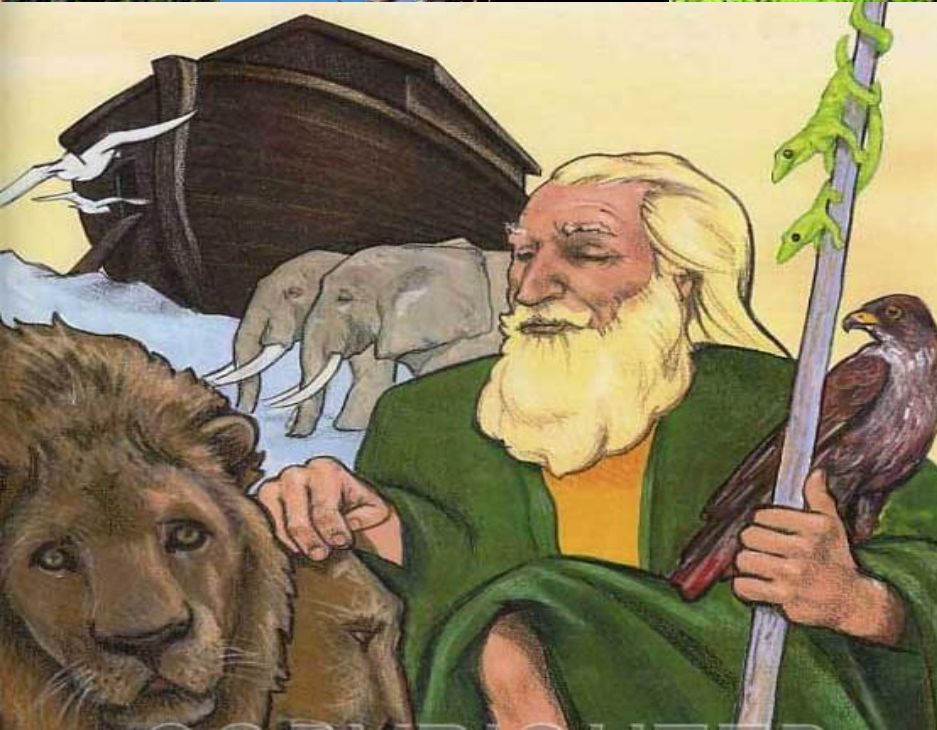


- Garden of Eden gone after the Flood
- From here on in the Bible, man looks UPWARD and God looks DOWNWARD on man
- Earth very different after the Flood
- Oceans more extensive than before
- Land barren of vegetation
- Mist of the air is gone
- Climate had more radical swings
- Seasons became more pronounced

NOACH WAS THE NEW ADAM

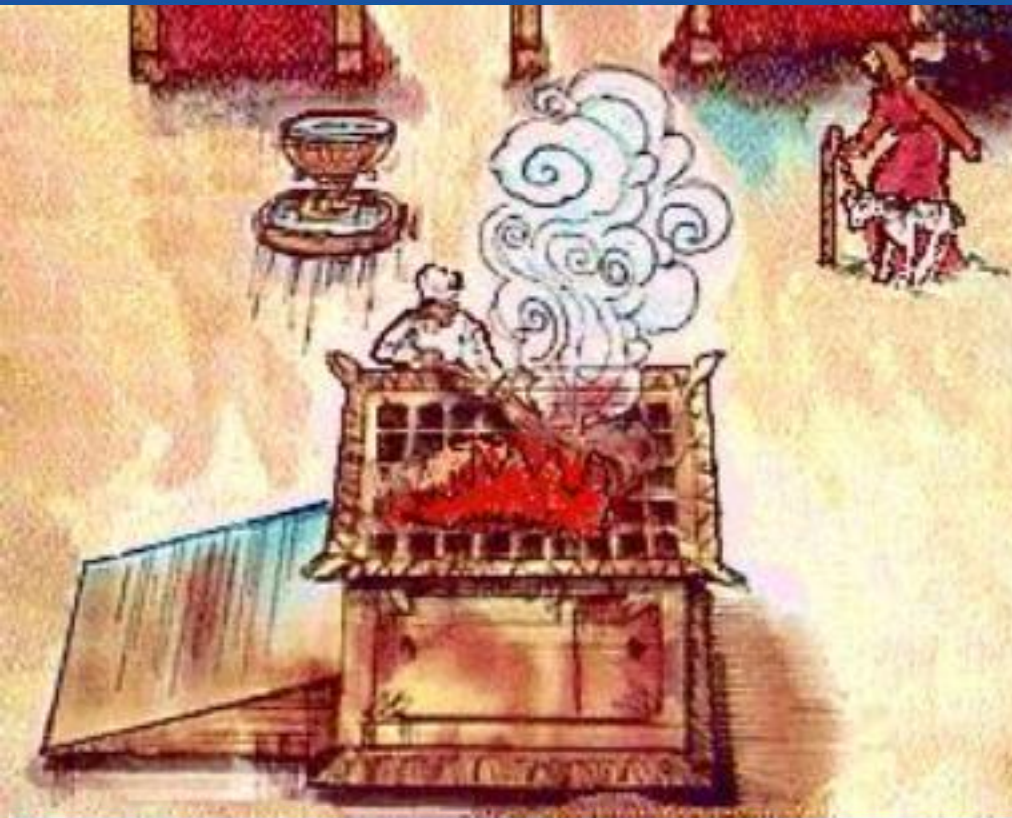
- We are MORE closely related to Noah than Adam
- Adam created in the “image of God”, Noah was created in the “image of Adam”
- Adam was born into perfection, Noah was born into imperfection
- New basis of the world: sin was embedded throughout the world, and in every creature

GENESIS 9: MAN IN DOMINION



- Man's relationship to God, his environment, and his responsibilities changed
- Animals now FEAR men
- All "living creatures" OK for food (with certain restrictions)

NO EATING BLOOD



- Blood is where the life is
- Blood was ONLY to be used for sacrificing to Yahweh
- Blood TOO HOLY for man to partake

MURDER IS SPECIFICALLY PROHIBITED



- Man now given authority to mete out justice
- Prior to the Flood the penalty for murder seems to be banishment from God
- AFTER the Flood the penalty for murder is capital punishment
- The principle of earthly government is established

THE 7 NOACHIDE LAWS

- 1) No idol worship
- 2) No blasphemy (taking God's name in vain)
- 3) No murder
- 4) No incest
- 5) No stealing
- 6) No eating blood, nor meat from a strangled animal
- 7) Man is to submit to the civil authority of human government

VS. 8

COVENANT

- God makes a covenant with Noah
- A Covenant is a contract, in this case a promise
- Noah's covenant is *unilateral*..... It does NOT depend on man
- Some covenants DO have mutual requirements (bilateral)
- Noachide Covenant is the **FIRST** covenant mentioned by name in the Bible
- Covenant: God will never again destroy the world by means of a **FLOOD**



THE FIRST RAINBOW?



- God SPECIFICALLY set many things in the Heavens for signs
- Didn't make a NEW object each time He wanted to use a sign
- ***“God would remember....”***
- Figure of speech
- God is not a man
- First generation after the Flood probably was anxious for each new rainstorm TO STOP!!