



THE BOOK OF
GENESIS

GOD'S NEW ORDER

GENESIS 9:1-7

GOD INSTITUTES HUMAN GOVERNMENT

- The first 17 verses of chapter 9 contain a detailed quotation of God's own words.
- They contain the provision for human governments among men exercised on behalf of God.
- They also contain the great covenant of Noah (*more on that next time*).
- The basic fear of man now fills the animal kingdom.

MAN BECOMES OMNIVOROUS v. 3-4

- Animals were authorized for the first time for use as food.
- The evolutionary “***Circle of Life***” ultimately equates man with the animals and denies the Creator, in whose image man alone was made.
- Obviously, man was also free to refrain from eating any creature or any herb, so vegetarians and carnivores can peaceably co-exist.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BLOOD

The flesh was given for meal, but the life of the flesh was given for sacrifice. **Leviticus 17:11**

- The words “*life*” and “*soul*” in these verses are the same word—Heb. *nephesh*.
- It is this complex of marvelous operations fed by blood called the “*life*” or the “*soul*,” the consciousness which distinguishes animal life from plant life.
- But only man also has an eternal spirit—Heb. *Ruach*.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT v. 5-6

- Thus the blood of animals, representing their life, was sacred and not to be eaten, as it was accepted in sacrifice as a substitution for the life of man.
- Man's blood, representing *his* life, was even more sacred than that of animals for "*in the image of God made He man.*"
- From any animal or any man who shed human blood, God would require satisfaction; and that would be nothing less than the very blood of their own lives.

THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN

- When these words were first spoken, all men were literal brothers; only the three sons of Noah were living at the time other than Noah himself.
- Since all future people would be descended from these three men and their wives, in a very real sense, all men are brothers.
- Before the Flood, there was no formal human government, only patriarchal authority of the father.
- This eventually led to a state of violence and anarchy.

FROM SIMPLE TO VERY COMPLEX

Thus, this simple instruction to Noah is the fundamental basis for all human legal and governmental institutions.

- Notice how God lays out one important truth on which all of the rest of the human systems of government could hang: Respect all life; it is sacred!
- **Hebrews 10:28-31** tells us judgment of evil is actually stricter under grace than the Law.
- Jesus repeats all of the Ten Commandments as commands except the Sabbath—He is our Sabbath.

GOVERNMENT SHOULD DISPENSE GRACE AND MERCY

David, for example, was guilty of the capital crimes of adultery and murder in the case of Bathsheba and Uriah. God forgave him when he repented.

- The woman taken in adultery in **John 8:3-11** was guilty by the Mosaic law of a crime punishable by death. **Lev. 20:10; Deut. 22:22**
- The Lord Jesus, seeing her heart of repentance, forgave her and she was set free.

REVIEW OF THE BASICS

Step one: Make sure to get married and have babies

- 1.** Life is precious and it must be handled with care.
v. 1, 7
- 2.** Maintain a simple life that honors God. **v. 2-4**
- 3.** We must protect all life. **v. 5-6**

THIS IS GOD'S NEW ORDER.

GOD ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED THREE INSTITUTIONS ON THIS EARTH

- 1. Heterosexual marriage and the nuclear family that has plenty of children **Gen. 1:26-28, 2:18-25****
- 2. Human government with God as the final authority **Gen. 9:5-6****
- 3. The Church of the Gospel, whose head is the LORD Jesus Christ **Matt. 16:13-19; Acts 2****

And we would do well to honor all three!