The Flood & The Covenant

Genesis 5:27-11:4

Reading Questions

1. How many animals were taken into the ark of each kind?
2. Who shut the door to the ark?
3. What is man's heart inclined towards and when does this begin?
4. Which creatures are for food?
5. In this reading, what covenant(s) do we learn about?
6. What is a covenant?
7. Why was Kena'an (Canaan) cursed for something his father did?
8. Was all the land in the world together at one point?

Reading Answers

1. 7 pairs of the clean beasts, one pair of the unclean beasts, and 7 pairs of birds of the skies (Genesis 7:2-3)

2. יהוה (Genesis 7:16)

3. Evil – from his youth (Genesis 8:21)

4. Genesis 9:3 says "every moving thing/creature", but does this mean literally everything? Obviously this is excluding certain things. For example, we humans are moving about on the land but that does not mean that we are being told by the Creator, "go and eat each other". So everyone who is reading this is making obvious exceptions which are necessary according to what is righteous in the eyes of our Creator. Similarly, another obvious exception are unclean animals. Just how the Creator never intended this verse to justify cannibalism, He also never intended this verse to justify people eating unclean animals. Even in pulling the animals into the ark there are 7 pairs of the clean beasts permitted, making a distinction between the clean and the unclean. When Noach made an offering, he only used clean animals (Genesis 8:20). This shows that our Creator does make a distinction between the clean and the unclean. Noach also made a distinction. He did not dare offer an unclean animal on an altar. Another example is Titus 1:15 which states in the KJV, "*Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.*" Is this trying to say that if you're pure then a big pile of dung is pure? So obviously when a verse says, "all", exceptions can be made. Another example is Psalms 8:6 which says, "*Thou made him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:*". Sha'ul (Paul) explains in 1 Corinthians 15:27 what this verse means: "*For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he says*

all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him." So Sha'ul (Paul) says there is an obvious exception to the "all" phrase. Similarly, it is clear without a doubt that Genesis 9:3 is not intended to give permission for eating any unclean animals anymore that it is giving permission for cannibalism. That view is incorrect and would be disregarding commands of יהוה.

5. There is the following covenant(s):
   - Between יהוה and Noach (Genesis 6:18, 9:9)
   - Between יהוה and Noach and his seed after him (Genesis 9:9)
   - Between יהוה and Noach and every living creature (Genesis 9:12, 15)
   - Between יהוה and the land (Genesis 9:13)
   - Between יהוה and every living creature (Genesis 9:16-17)

   It is interesting that Genesis 9:9 mentions Noach's seed which sounds similar to the covenant with Avraham and his seed in Genesis 17:7. I can't fully tell if all covenants mentioned from Genesis 6-9 are one and the same, or if this is referring to two covenants: one to not destroy the life and land with flood waters, and another specifically for Noach's seed referring to Avraham, Yitschaq, Ya'acov, Dawiyd, etc. on down to יהושע the Anointed.

6. Refer to the Torah reading notes for Week 4 of the Annual Reading Schedule which will have the same question answered based upon the content of that reading.

7. Some people have speculated that when Cham (Ham) saw the nakedness of Noach (Genesis 9:22), this is really referring to Leviticus 18:8 which states, "*The nakedness of thy Father's wife shalt thou not uncover: it is thy Father's nakedness.*" In other words, some speculate that Cham had relations with his mother that resulted in the birth of Kena'an and that is why Kena'an was cursed. However, I don't hold to this belief because 1) it says his brothers walked backwards with a garment to cover their father (Genesis 9:23), and 2) how would Noach know the name of a child that had not yet been born, or that a pregnancy had occurred already? I think it is possible that Kena'an was cursed because perhaps, I am speculating/guessing, he may have been the first born son of Cham.

8. It appears to be so according to Genesis 10:25. This united land mass is often known by people as "Pangaea", but the view on when that existed seems to be wrong. Whereas people today speculate the land was united much longer ago, we see that the land was actually only split apart sometime between 1757 and 1996 (i.e. only 1,757-1,996 years since human life began approximately ~6,000 years ago). Perhaps the earthquakes and events that split the land apart were simply much more catastrophic or frequent than understood by people today, similar to how the flood created layers upon layers in the ground very quickly rather than those being something that occurred slowly over time as some speculate. The year estimate from 1757-1996 comes from the life of Peleg which began when he was

born in 1757 and ended when he died in 1996. The name "Peleg" means "Half" and it states in Genesis 10:25, "*for in his days was the earth divided*". Perhaps also, this could be referring to Ever, meaning the land was divided in the days of Ever which is why he named his son Peleg which means "Half". If this is the case, then the land could have been divided between 1723 when Ever was born through 2187 when Ever died (yes, Ever outlived his son Peleg). A speculation on how this divide of the land would look can be seen by clicking this link to a GIF picture animation (materials to create this GIF courtesy of the U.S. Geological Survey).

Reading Notes

- The first time the world was destroyed was with water. The second time will be with fire (2 Peter 3). Just as יהוה saw every inclination of the thoughts of man's heart was only evil continually, these days are abundantly filled with evil in the world. How much longer will this be permitted before judgment will come upon the world? We are living in the last days, very near to the end. We must redeem the time (Ephesians 5:16, Colossians 4:5). We don't have time to sit around and waste. There is a lot of work to be done and we must be willing to give up everything to follow after יהושע and do the works of the Father. Be men! Be strong! (1 Corinthians 16:13)

- The flood seems to have been what caused things like the Grand Canyon and other places which show various layers of rock and remains. The "dinosaurs" may have just been larger animals and reptiles as they existed prior to the flood. Some people have speculated that the earth was covered with a layer of water prior to the flood or for other reasons had a different type of atmosphere that consisted of a lot more oxygen, which permitted plants and life to be larger than they are today. Some tests have been done to actually show this is accurate, and now today we even have hyperbaric chambers where people who are recovering from wounds are often prescribed to go into by hospitals in order to speed up the healing of their wounds. In these hyperbaric chambers at wound healing centers, people recovering from serious wounds breathe in a higher concentration of oxygen than normal air. I've even read at one link there have been sightings of one "dinosaur" known as the pterodactyl. Another link online discusses how scientists found "new" species recently. Of course, יהוה can preserve many things unbeknownst to man. You can read some more about this at these links below:
  - https://keelynet.com/biology/baugh.htm
  - http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/4688000.stm
  - http://creationwiki.org/Pterodactyls#Recent_Sightings
  - http://creationwiki.org/Baugh
  - http://creationwiki.org/Genesis_Flood

- When יהושע teaches "one is taken and another is left" in Matthew 24:40-41 and Luke 17:34-36, it is the wicked who are taken. Remember, He says it is as in the days of Noach when the flood waters came and took them all away (Matthew 24:38-

39). But who was taken away? The wicked were in the flood. So those who are "taken" are being judged. It sounds to me like they die. Read the related verses below for "The Wicked Taken Away Out Of The Land". In Luke 17:37 when asked where they are taken to, he doesn't say, "to heaven". He says that where their body is there the eagles are also – that sounds to me like they will die and their flesh will be eaten by the birds. The meek inherit the earth, so why would the wicked get to stay on the earth? The wicked will be removed.

- As pointed out in 1 Peter 3:20, only 8 people were saved in the ark. This reminds me of the question brought to **יהושע**, *"Are there few who are being saved?"* (Luke 13:23). **יהושע** pointed out, *"Strive to enter through the narrow gate, because many, I say to you, shall seek to enter in and shall not be able."* (Luke 13:24). Serious words! We are in a very serious situation; all of mankind is. We must repent from the evil of our deeds and bear fruits worthy of repentance, and be ardent for good works (Matthew 3:8, Luke 3:8, Titus 2:14).

- The Greek form of the name "Shem" is "Sem" which is where we get words like "Semitic" or "Semite". You can do further research on the internet regarding this term, but just wanted to point this relationship out for readers.

- It is interesting how the Scriptures focus on Shem being the father of all the children of Ever (Eber) in Genesis 10:21. Ever is where we get the word "Hebrew", or in Hebrew, "Ivriyt".

Related Verses

Genealogy Noach To Peleg: 1 Chronicles 1:4-25, Luke 3:35-36
Noach's Faith: Hebrews 11:7
The Flood Waters: Psalms 104:6-9, Isaiah 54:9, 1 Peter 3:20, 2 Peter 2:5
The Wicked Taken Away Out Of The Land: Psalms 101:8, 104:35, 119:119, Proverbs 2:22, 10:30, Hosea 4:1-3, Micah 5:11-14, Zephaniah 1:1-3, Zechariah 13:2, Matthew 13:36-50, 24:36-51, Luke 17:26-37