

THE NEW WORLD
(Genesis 9:1-17)

- I. The Establishment of HUMAN GOVERNMENT (Gen. 9:1-7)
 - A. Repeats the command to mankind to REPRODUCE (9:1)
 - B. Decrees that ANIMALS will FEAR mankind (9:2)
 - C. Authorizes MEAT for FOOD (9:3-4)
 - 1. In part, to provide sufficient PROTEIN in man's diet
 - 2. Primarily to demonstrate distinction between ANIMAL LIFE and HUMAN LIFE
 - 3. Restricted from eating BLOOD (cf. Lev. 17:11; Heb. 9:26)
 - D. Institutes CAPITAL punishment for MURDER (9:5-6)
 - 1. "Require" makes it NON-NEGOTIABLE
 - 2. "From every man's brother" indicates humanity's COLLECTIVE responsibility to execute JUSTICE
 - a. Society acting to protect the IMAGE of GOD
 - b. Society acting in SELF-DEFENSE
 - c. Not GOVERNMENT-sanctioned MURDER, but GOD-ordained JUSTICE

- d. Not SET ASIDE in the New Testament (Matt. 26:52; Acts 15:19-20; 25:11; Rom. 13:1-4; 1 Tim. 4:3-4)
 - e. Other Scriptures PERMIT but do not REQUIRE mercy (1 Chron. 29:28; John 8:3-11; cf. Lev. 20:10; Deut. 22:22)
 - E. Repeats His command for humanity to MULTIPLY (9:7)
- II. The Covenant of the BOW of GOD (Gen. 9:8-17)
 - A. God covenants with ALL LIVING (9:8-10)
 - 1. Confirmation of the WORLDWIDE SCOPE of the Flood
 - 2. Based on God's GRACE, not man's OBEDIENCE
 - 3. Included NOAH and his OFFSPRING
 - 4. Includes all ANIMALS
 - B. God makes the BOW a PERPETUAL sign, calling it a "covenant" SEVEN times (for emphasis, as complete, vv. 9, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17)
 - 1. Would never again send "THE FLOOD" to destroy ALL THE EARTH (v. 11)
 - 2. Would never again send "THE FLOOD" to destroy ALL FLESH (v. 15; cf. Ezek. 1:28; Rev. 4:3)
 - C. God provides the BOW as a NEW sign (9:16-17)
 - 1. Requires both SUNSHINE and the CLOUD
 - 2. To be seen both by MAN and by GOD
 - 3. To be an EVERLASTING covenant (cf. 8:21-22)