

DISPENSATIONAL THEOLOGY

Lesson 4

HUMAN GOVERNMENT

Genesis 8:20-11:32

Description: Timeframe was from Noah's flood to Abraham's call/covenant;

Changes to the earth post-flood:

- Similar to what we know today; direct sunlight shining, seasons happen, rain falls from the sky, skies are blue Genesis 8:22
- Animals now fear man Genesis 9:2
- Animals can be used for food; meat is introduced to the diet Genesis 9:3
- Man's lifespan is changing, much shorter (Noah 950 years—9:29; Shem 600 years—11:10 & 11 Aprachshad 438 year—11:12 & 13) Just 5 generations from Noah, Peleg was 239 years; 10 generations after Noah, Abraham lived 175 years—775 years less than Noah; four more generations and Joseph lived 110 years

I. RULING FACTOR

- a. Blood sacrifice still required to approach God Genesis 8:20 & 21
- b. Let your conscience guide you
- c. Allow God's Spirit to influence you
- d. Be fruitful and multiply to FILL the earth Genesis 9:1 & 7
- e. Any animal or man that kills a man shall be put to death; capital punishment Genesis 9:5 & 6; Cain, the murderer, corrupted his generation & off spring—never again
(CAPITAL PUNISHMENT REQUIRES GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION)
people/society/government as a whole was to promote good behavior
THROUGH punishment Romans 13:1-4 Government was to restrain evil

II. MAN'S FAILURE

- a. Barely out of the ark, Noah is drunk and Ham disgraces his father Genesis 9:20-22; God curses his descendants, even the righteous struggle
- b. Man fails to scatter and FILL the earth Genesis 11:1-4; the government part seems to be working well
 - i. "Let's" do something big
 - ii. "Let's" make a name for ourselves
 - iii. "Let's" stay together and not scatter to fill the earth

III. GOD'S JUDGEMENT

- a. Come, let us (trinity) go down and confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech Genesis 11:5-7
- b. The Lord scattered them over the face of the earth Genesis 11:8 & 9

WHAT WE KNOW FROM THIS TIME:

1. Where we came from and how we got here
2. Everyone came from those that got off the ark; Shem, Ham, Japheth Genesis 9:18 & 19
3. Different languages led to scattering of people—
Scattering led to different races—
Different races led to different cultures—
Different cultures led to different governments.