

CHAPTER ANALYSIS FORM

Chapter: 9-10

Chapter Title: The Covenant, Genealogy

1. Chapter Summary:

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2. Observation		3. Interpretation	
What Does It Say?		What Does It Mean?	
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	Chapter 9		
1	God blesses Noah and charges him to repopulate the earth.	1	I have not been given the task of repopulating the earth but how obedient am I to the commands my God and Savior have given to me as his child?
2-4	Noah (and all humanity from now on) is given animals as food. There will be fear between man and animal. Eating of meat with blood in it is forbidden.	2-4	<p>The implication is that, to this time, man and animals had continued to eat vegetation and enjoyed a peaceful relationship. Now even animals are cursed because of man. It is possible animals are given for food because the flood destroyed all crops and men needed to survive until new crops would grow. As seen in the sacrifices Noah offered after disembarking animals will need to be killed for sacrificial purposes. Perhaps this is extended to other purposes other than sacrifice.</p> <p>The stricture against eating meat with blood in it has at least three components: 1) The life of man and animals is represented by the blood. Since God gives life, life is to be respected which is symbolized by not eating blood; 2) They are not to eat raw meat; 3) They are not to engage in the semi-cannibalistic rites of eating live or freshly dead animals. It is implied, even as food, animals are to be treated with respect. This is somewhat reinforced by verses 5-6.</p>

5-6	God gives life, only God can take life. If man takes life God requires that man's life.	5-6	This is the foundation of "...tooth for tooth, eye for eye." Man's tendency is to require more pain and death in vengeance than the original wound (see Lamech in Genesis 4). Our history is one of ever increasing retaliation. By limiting the retribution to the same injury God limits man's sinful desires. This command is not meant to fuel man's bloodlust but it is meant to show how important God's creation, though fallen, is to him and the respect we owe all people because they are made in God's image.
8-17	God's covenant with Noah (all flesh – man and animal) to never again destroy the Earth by flood. The rainbow in the clouds is the sign of the covenant.	8-17	This covenant is unilateral and unconditional. It only depends on God's nature – Noah is not required to fulfill any commands. I find it interesting that we normally understand the rainbow as God's sign to us but there is nothing in the passage that says that. Any place the rainbow is referred to as a reminder its purpose is to remind God of the covenant. Why is this? God does not need to be reminded so why is the rainbow there to cause God to remember?
18-24	Noah becomes a farmer and raises crops including grapes. He becomes drunk from the wine and falls asleep in disarray. Ham runs and tells his two brothers who respectfully cover Noah.	18-24	This takes place at a later time after the flood because Canaan (Noah's grandson) plays a role in this. Ham is disrespectful and divisive. He makes his father an object of ridicule and attempts to get others to join him in being disrespectful. How many times do I do the same? How often do I decide to ridicule someone and run to tell others so they can join in? Shem and Japheth are respectful and not only help Noah but do so in a manner that does not embarrass him further. Do I approach others with that grace? Even when I help others is my first thought afterwards to go to others and say, "Do you know what I just had to do and why?"
25-28	Canaan cursed, Shem and Japheth blessed, and Noah dies.	25-28	We don't know the reason why Canaan was cursed but apparently his behavior and attitude were worse than his father's. Do we not see the same in our lives? Children not only learn what they are taught they expand and enlarge upon it.

	Chapter 10		
1-32	Noah's descendants and the areas they populated.		

4. Correlation		5. Application
Where Else Is It Explained?		What Will I Do About It?
Verse		
	Chapter 9	
2-4	Leviticus 3:17; 7:26-27; 17:10-16; 19:26 Deuteronomy 12:15-16, 23-25; 15:23 1 Samuel 14:32-34 Ezekiel 33:25 Acts 10:12-15; 15:20, 29 Romans 14:14, 20 1 Corinthians 10:23, 26 Colossians 2:16 1 Timothy 4:3-4	
5-6	Genesis 1:26-27; 4:8-11, 14; 42:22; 50:15 Exodus 20:13; 21:12-14, 28-32 Leviticus 24:17 Numbers 35:31, 33 Judges 9:24 1 Kings 2:32 2 Chronicles 24:22 Psalm 9:12 Matthew 26:52	
8-17	Genesis 6:18; 17:2, 7, 11-13, 19 Exodus 2:24; 6:4-5; 19:5; 34:10 Leviticus 26:9 Deuteronomy 7:9 2 Samuel 23:5 1 Kings 8:23 Psalm 89:34; 103:18; 105:8-10; 106:45; 145:9 Isaiah 24:5; 33:8; 54:9-10 ; 55:3; 59:21; Jeremiah 31:31-34; 32:40 Ezekiel 1:28 ; 16:60; 37:26 Hosea 6:7; Hebrews 13:20 Revelation 4:3; 10:1	

18-24	Genesis 3:19, 23; 19:35 Exodus 20:12 1 Chronicles 1:4 Proverbs 12:11; 20:1 Lamentations 4:21 Habakkuk 2:15 Luke 3:36 Galatians 6:1 Ephesians 5:18	
25-28	Genesis 27:12, 29, 37, 40; 37:10 Exodus 20:5 Deuteronomy 27:16 Judges 1:28 1 Kings 9:20-21 Isaiah 14:21; 66:19 Jeremiah 31:29; 32:18	

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1-32	There are too many to list so I will leave this as an exercise for you. Genealogies run throughout the Bible as well as the history of the peoples descended from Noah. https://www.bible-history.com/maps/2-table-of-nations.html	

6. Conclusions

7. One Personal Application