

Section One: Kingdom of God on Earth (Past)

Category B: Flood – Kingdom Intelligence Report #1

Topic: A Fresh Start!

The aftermath of the Flood did provide God with an opportunity for a fresh start in the continuance of His Kingdom on earth. However, this did not signal the restoration of Plan A, but merely a more effective continuance of Plan B; manifesting itself to this present day. This perspective is essential in understanding the purpose of God for our present world. Without it, we can become vulnerable to heretical notions regarding God's purpose for Plan B; viewing it as an end in itself, rather than as a means to that true and ultimate end: the restoration of Plan A. Nevertheless, God does take full advantage of an opportunity for a fresh start by establishing a covenant with Noah and his descendants, as recorded in Genesis 9:8-11 –

“Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying, ‘Now behold, I Myself do establish My covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you; of all that comes out of the ark, even every beast of the earth. I establish My covenant with you; and all flesh shall never again be cut off by the water of the flood, neither shall there again be a flood to destroy the earth.’”

In addition to this promise from God, Noah and his sons are given a responsibility to govern life on earth so as to prevent the Wild West scenario of Genesis 6:9-13. This initial establishment of human government had as its central focus, the sanctity of human life. The death penalty would now be imposed for the taking of a human life; serving as an effective deterrent toward the violence that plagued the earth, prior to the Flood, as revealed in Genesis 9:5-6 –

“Surely I will require your lifeblood; from every beast I will require it. And from every man, from every man's brother I will require the life of man. Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed, for in the image of God He made man.”

This covenant, which involves both a promise from God and a responsibility for man, marks a new beginning for the expression of God's Kingdom on earth. From this point onward, throughout the remainder of God's Plan B, the institution of human government would serve the purpose of restraining evil and promoting that which is good; making our world a better place than the environment people experienced in the days of Genesis 6 (Romans 13:1-7). As history has proven, when human government is a proper expression of the image of God in man, it serves as an effective, albeit temporary, counter balance to the dominion of the devil's evil world system. On the other hand, when human government is an expression of the sin nature within each of us, it becomes an instrument of the devil's dominion in advancing his evil world system. This undeniable and inherent vulnerability of human government is the fatal flaw in the Dominionist's agenda. Seeking to successfully restore Plan A, under these current conditions, is not only an impossible task, but antithetical to the plan and purpose of God. Attempting to do so is naïve, short-sighted and equivalent to putting lipstick on a pig.