

## **Section One: Kingdom of God on Earth (Past)**

### **Category B: Flood – Kingdom Intelligence Report #2**

Topic: What Fresh Start?

In the wisdom and providence of God, the fresh start initiated by the Flood, also included the persistence of three primary negatives which created the need for a fresh start in the first place. They would continue to be a necessary part of Plan B, consisting of components which are external, internal and supernatural.

The external carryover involves the curse upon nature, which imposed a struggle for existence that would inevitably end in death, for all who live under it (Genesis 3:17-19). The Flood actually created a change in the overall environment of planet earth which intensified the curse. The post Flood world would be even more difficult to deal with than before. Noah, no doubt, became aware of this external carryover upon exiting the ark. He found no vineyard waiting for him! Instead, he needed to farm one of his own, with all the hard work and patience needed in producing it (Genesis 9:20).

There was also an internal negative that carried over, as evidenced in the leader of this fresh start. Noah must have felt entitled to some R & R, after all his hard work in the farming of that vineyard. So he made some wine. Rather than exercising moderation in all things, especially in partaking of his wine, Noah let his sin nature take over and he got drunk. And then he got naked. And then Ham gazed upon his father's naked and drunken stupor. At which point, it seems as if Ham then took that opportunity to express his sin nature, by mocking his father's embarrassing condition (Genesis 9:21-22). This event serves to confirm the fact that as Noah and his family exited the ark, they were essentially no different than when they entered it. As the world would be populated once again, the sin nature would continue to be a part of every human being's internal make-up. That basic reality of human nature is confirmed throughout Scripture in general, and in Psalm 14:2-3 in particular –

**“The Lord has looked down from heaven upon the sons of men  
to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.  
They have all turned aside, together they have become corrupt;  
there is no one who does good, not even one.”**

The supernatural element which prevailed after the Flood involves the dominion of the devil, which he acquired through his successful temptation of Adam 1.0. His malicious influence and cunning craftiness would continue to have an adverse effect upon our earthly life as we know it. Can there be any doubt that Satan was already at work, behind the scenes, as it were, in the sinful behavior of Noah and his son, Ham?

**What can we conclude about this three-fold negative carryover? Simply this. The restoration of Plan A would not be occurring anytime soon!**