

GENESIS

Why The Beginning Matters

STUDY 9
THE LORD OF THE EARTH
GENESIS 8-9



COVENANT- JUST BEFORE FLOOD

Genesis 6:18 (ESV) But I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you

A COVENANT IS BASICALLY A BINDING COMMITMENT OR OBLIGATION BETWEEN TWO OR MORE PARTIES TO FULFILL A SET OF TERMS.

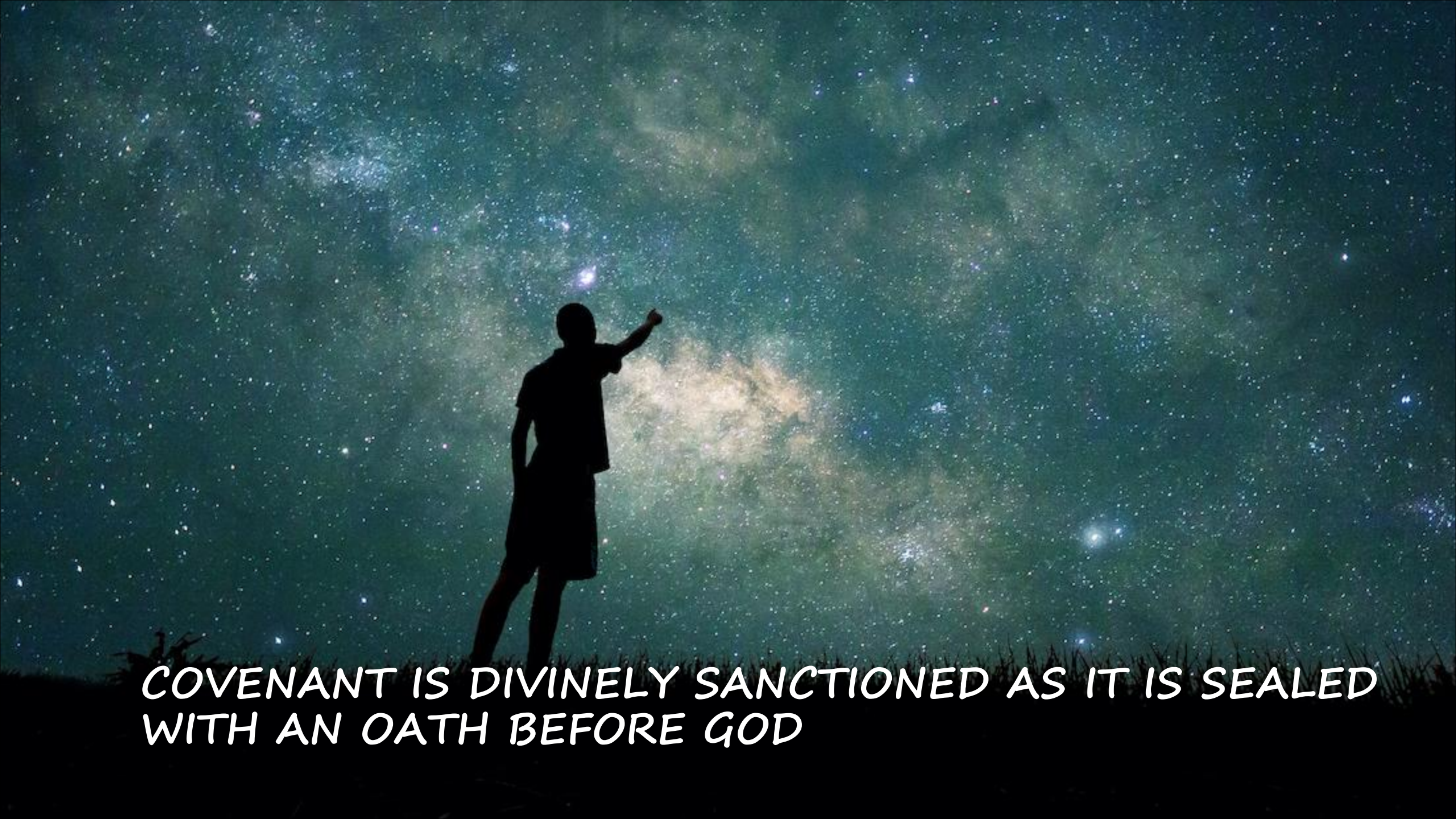
CONTRACT

THIS AGREEMENT made this _____ day of _____, 20____

by _____ and between _____ and _____

WITNESSETH: That in consideration _____ kept and performed on the part of _____ Said party of _____ (First Party) _____ (Second Party), _____ covenants and agreements to be _____ hereto, respectively as herein stated _____ and agrees that it shall _____





COVENANT IS DIVINELY SANCTIONED AS IT IS SEALED WITH AN OATH BEFORE GOD

A COVENANT

Genesis 9:8–10 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 9 “Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, 10 and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth



#WEARENATO

Article 5 of the NATO treaty means
that violence against **one** Ally is
treated as violence against **every**
member

WE ARE UK
WE ARE READY

A photograph capturing a historic moment at the signing of the Budapest Memorandum in 1994. Three men are shown in a close embrace, shaking hands. On the left is Bill Clinton, the 42nd President of the United States, wearing a dark suit and smiling. In the center is Boris Yeltsin, the first President of Russia, also in a dark suit and a red patterned tie, smiling. On the right is Viktor Juchaczynski, the Prime Minister of Ukraine, wearing a dark suit and a patterned tie, looking towards the other two men. The background features ornate, patterned wallpaper and a large, multi-tiered chandelier with lit candles. The text "BUDAPEST MEMORANDUM 1994" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font across the lower portion of the image.

BUDAPEST MEMORANDUM 1994

COVENANTS

Noahic

Abrahamic

Creation

Davidic

New

God's Saving Action
Through Scripture

Mosaic

Keep creation on tract with its original purposes..combat sin

All that we are to do flows out of what God will do for us.

COVENANT IS GOD'S RESPONSE TO NOAH'S FAITH

Burnt offerings acknowledgment that we are saved by
grace and that we owe God our lives
Commitment and worship

Genesis 8:20 (ESV) Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. 21 And when the Lord smelled the pleasing aroma, the Lord said in his heart, “I will never again curse

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COVENANT= SAVE

4. Universal

Genesis 9:1-17
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- Genesis 9:12 (ESV) And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations:
- Genesis 9:15 (ESV) I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.
- Genesis 9:16–17 (ESV) When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” 17 God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.

5. Never destroy world by flood

Genesis 9:11 (ESV) I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

REBUILD GLOBAL CIVILISATION

Genesis 9:1–3 (ESV) And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. 2 The fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every **6. Creation mandate (modified)** d of the heavens, upon everything that creeps on the ground and all the fish of the sea. Into your hand they are delivered. 3 Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything.

WHAT IS MISSING

Genesis 1:28 (ESV) And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

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*CURSED GROUND, .. NO LONGER
SUBDUABLE AS ORIGINALLY INTENDED*

SUBJECTION OF ANIMAL KINGDOM MODIFIED


God is telling us that we will still have power over nature, but that relationship is now going to be one of struggle and conflict.

Genesis 9:2–3 (ESV) The fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth and upon every bird of the heavens, upon everything that creeps on the ground and all the fish of the sea. Into your hand they are delivered. 3 Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything.



SANCTITY OF LIFE

Genesis 9:4–5 (ESV) But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. 5 And for your lifeblood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it and from man. From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man.

A photograph showing a brown animal, likely a pig, lying on a light-colored tiled floor. The animal has a large, open, bloody wound on its back, with bright red blood visible. A large, red plastic bucket is positioned in the foreground, partially filled with blood. The animal's head is on the left, and its body extends towards the right. The scene appears to be outdoors or in a semi-enclosed area with tiled flooring.

Blood represents life , draining it of
blood was returning the life force of
the animal; to the God who gave it
life
They have taken life with permission

SETS THE STAGE FOR UNDERSTANDING SACRIFICE.

Leviticus 17:11-12 (ESV) For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life. 12 Therefore I have said to the people of Israel, No person among you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger who sojourns among you eat blood.

Significance of sacrifice

Mosaic system

Blood of sacrifice belongs to God not them

it could be seen as His atoning gift to sinners, not theirs to Him



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6 “Whoever sheds the blood of man,
by man shall his blood be shed,
for God made man in his own image.



Any society which loses its
reverence for life cannot endure
long



CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

- Sanctity of human life
- image of God
- Violence...graciously
restrained by capital
punishment
- Infuse into society
sense that human life
is sacred

GIFT OF GOVERNMENT

Romans 13:3-4 (ESV) For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, 4 for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.

IMAGE OF GOD

Proverbs 14:31 (ESV) Whoever oppresses a poor man
insults his Maker,
but he who is generous to the needy honors him.

A large, bloody handprint is painted on a rough, grey concrete wall. The handprint is made of thick, dark red paint, with the fingers spread out. The word "MURDER" is written in white, bold, capital letters across the middle of the handprint.

MURDER

Most blatant violation
of the sanctity of
human life, and
amounts to treating
God with utmost
contempt



DENIAL OF SANCTITY OF LIFE
DENIAL OF GOD

THE STATE OF THE DEATH PENALTY IN MALAYSIA



The death penalty is currently retained for
33 OFFENCES



- Meting out death penalties in secret
- Ethnic minorities over represented
- Foreigners over represented



73%
of death row prisoners are convicted of drug trafficking under 39(b) of the Dangerous of Drug Act, 1952



Malaysia is among only
15 COUNTRIES
in the world where the death penalty is known to have been imposed or carried out for drug-related offences in 2018.

1,293
prisoners are currently on death row





OLD TESTAMENT SAFEGUARDS

2-3 eye

witnesses (Deuteronomy
17:6-7)

They are first
to throw the
stones

Death penalty
for false

MERCY

Micah 6:8 (ESV) He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?



Showing mercy when
mercy is deserved
upholds the
sanctity of human
life

THE SIGN OF THE COVENANT

Genesis 9:12–13 (ESV) And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: 13 I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

RAINBOW ASSOCIATED WITH GOD'S PRESENCE



- Ezekiel 1:28 Like the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud on the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness all around.
- Revelation 4:3 (ESV) And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald.

THE RAINBOW



- Presence of God who has revealed Himself through destruction and preservation
- Grace comes after a storm..repentance, sorrow
- Variegated grace of God
- Grace *through* judgment..confluence of light and darkness
- God hangs up His bow.. Bond of peace btw heaven and earth

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***IMPLICATIONS OF
NOAHIC COVENANT***

COMMITMENT TO CREATION

Genesis 8:21-22 (ESV) And when the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, the LORD said in his heart, “I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man’s heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done. 22 While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.”

God’s assessment of our moral condition is not improved by the flood. He is not so naïve as to think Noah and his descendants are without sin.

NOAH SINS RIGHT AFTER FLOOD

Genesis 9:20–21 (ESV) Noah began to be a man of the soil, and he planted a vineyard. 21 He drank of the wine and became drunk and lay uncovered in his tent.

THE FATE OF CREATION STILL LINKED TO MAN

Romans 8:19–21 (ESV) For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.
20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

CREATION BELONGS TO GOD

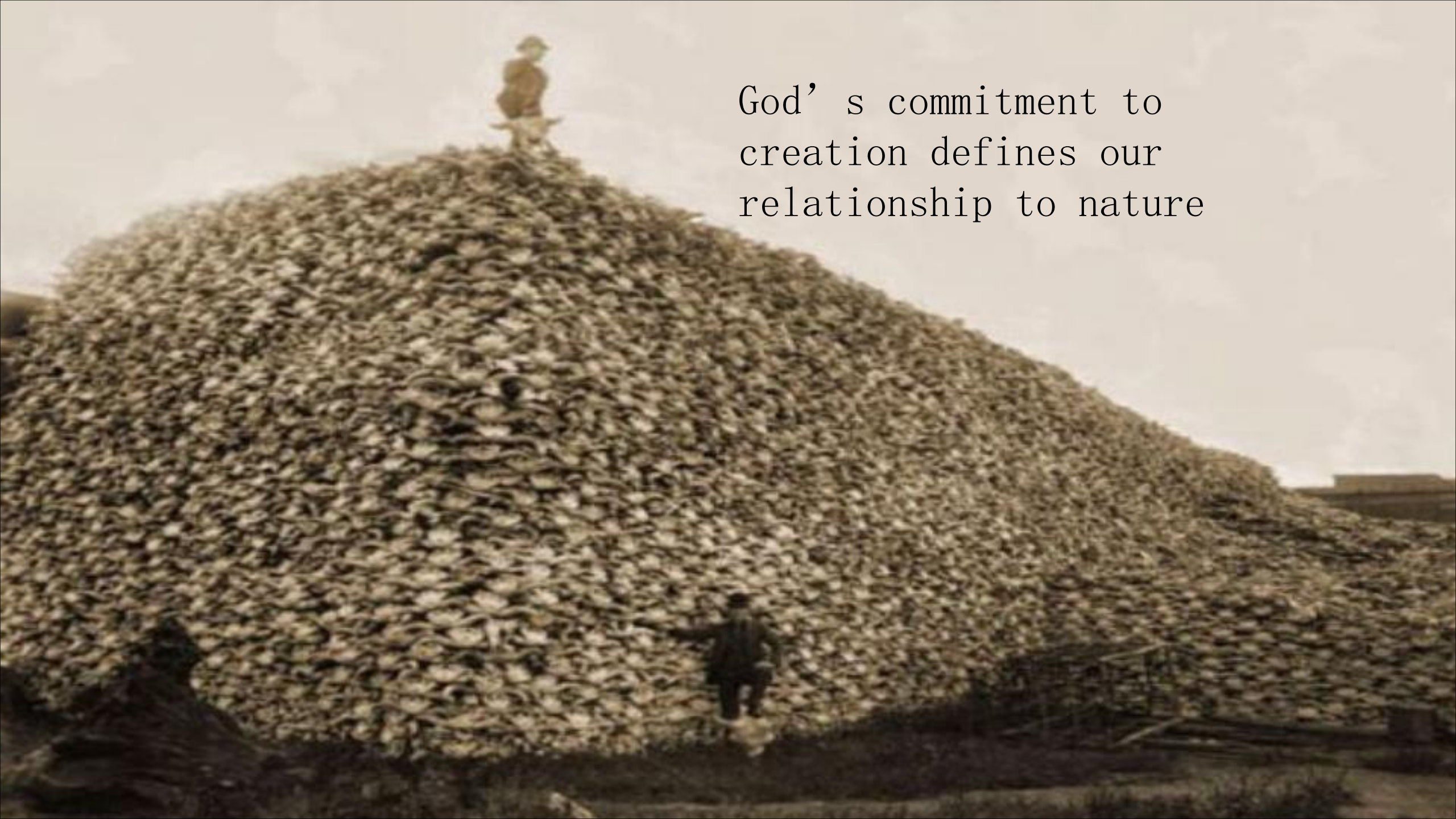
Psalms 24:1 The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein

Psalms 115:16 The heavens are the Lord's heavens, but the earth he has given to the children of man

CREATION BELONGS TO GOD GIFTED TO US

Jeremiah 27:5 “It is I who by my great power and my outstretched arm have made the earth, with the men and animals that are on the earth, and I give it to whomever it seems right to me





God's commitment to
creation defines our
relationship to nature

JAMES WATTS

Secretary for the Interior
24/5/1981

“My responsibility is to follow the Scriptures which call upon us to occupy the land until Jesus returns. We don’t have to protect the environment, the Second Coming is at hand “



Every second three sharks die in human hands





ENDANGERED SPECIES



**I BELIEVE ANIMALS SHOULD BE RESPECTED
AS CITIZENS OF THIS EARTH.**



ONE VOICE

**THEY SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO
THEIR OWN FREEDOM, THEIR OWN FAMILIES,
AND THEIR OWN LIFE.**

~John Feldmann, Goldfinger

VEGETARIAN

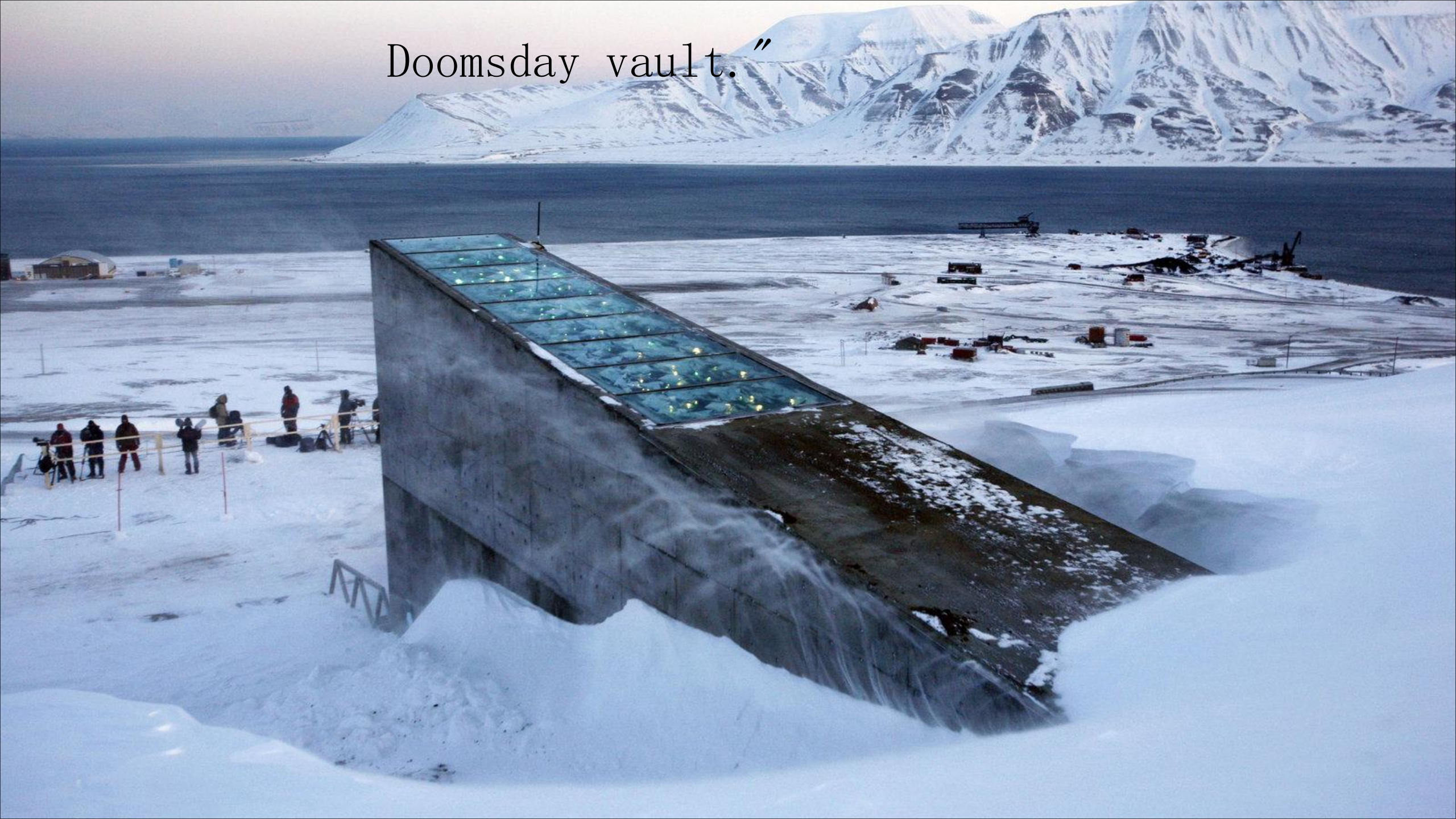
Killing animals is bad karma






STEWARDS OF CREATION

Doomsday vault."



2. COMMITMENT TO MANKIND



Genesis 9: 1 And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.” 2 The fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth and upon every bird of the heavens, upon everything that creeps on the ground and all the fish of the sea. Into your hands I give them up as food, as I gave to you. But you shall not eat flesh with its life, reckoning: from every beast you may have meat, as I have given to you. I will require a reckoning for the life of man.

Original blessings modified to accommodate man's new condition

6 “Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.



7 And you, be fruitful and multiply, increase greatly on the earth and multiply in it

MAN RETAINS THE IMAGE OF GOD

Genesis 9:5-6 And for your lifeblood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it and from man. From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man.

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IMAGINE WHO THEY LOOK LIKE?

So God has placed his own image, human beings, into his world so that the world can see who its ruler is.'







OPPRESSION OF THE POOR = MURDER

Isaiah 1:15–17 15 When you spread out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. 16 Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, 17 learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause

PEOPLE ABOVE PROFITS



The New York Times

*Irene Fernandez,
Champion of the
Oppressed in Malaysia,
Dies at 67*

By DOUGLAS MARTIN

APRIL 2, 2014







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MIGRANTS CRISIS: SLOVAKIA 'WILL ONLY ACCEPT CHRISTIANS'

Christian nationalism





AN 'IMPOSTER CHRISTIANITY' IS
THREATENING AMERICAN
DEMOCRACY

Analysis by John Blake CNN

Updated 1646 GMT (0046 HKT) July 24, 2022

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***THE COVENANT IN THE
POST DILUVIAN
WORLD***

SIN RESURFACES

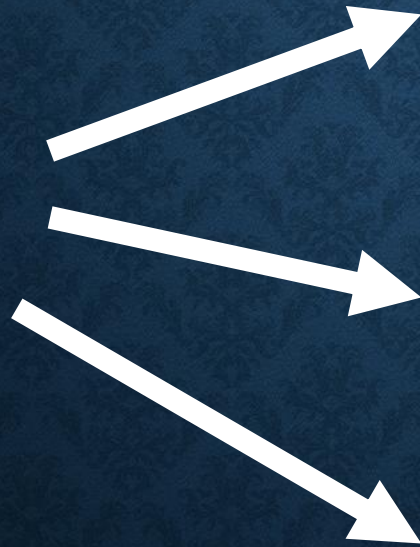
Genesis 9:18–21 (ESV) The sons of Noah who went forth from the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. (Ham was the father of Canaan.) 19 These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the people of the whole earth were dispersed.

20 Noah began to be a man of the soil, and he planted a vineyard. 21 He drank of the wine and became drunk and lay uncovered in his tent.

Genesis 9:22–23 (ESV) And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father and told his two brothers outside. 23 Then Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and walked backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were turned backward, and they did not see their father's nakedness.

PROBLEMATIC PHRASE

Saw the
nakedness of
his father



Saw the physical nakedness and
mocked him

Incest with mother

Sodomised

SAW THE PHYSICAL NAKEDNESS AND MOCKED HIM

Pros

- Plain meaning of the word...saw means observe and has no sexual connotation
- also told his brothers didn't cover him up compare with brothers
- Shem and Japheth walked back wards to avoid seeing naked Noah and covered him
- Description of sexual misconduct in Genesis 19:5, 30-35; 34:2 straight forward and not euphemistically done

SAW THE PHYSICAL NAKEDNESS AND MOCKED HIM

Pros

- Ham' s sin was not seeing his father' s nakedness but unspoken delight in it Hab 2:15
- In ancient world insulting one' s parents extremely serious and warranted death penalty..also indicated contempt for God who instituted the order in creation

SAW THE PHYSICAL NAKEDNESS AND MOCKED HIM

Cons

- It is more than that because.. 24 When Noah awoke from his wine and knew what his youngest son had done to him,
- It was something that Noah would have known was done to him hence it would be more than just being a victim of peeping tom
- The punishment seems out of proportion to the crime

INCEST WITH MOTHER

Pros

- Term is used in Lev 18:7 prohibits sex with mother and Lev 20: 17 man takes his sister
- Leviticus 18:7 (ESV) You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father, which is the nakedness of your mother; she is your mother, you shall not uncover her nakedness.

INCEST WITH MOTHER

Cons

Shem and Japheth walked back wards to avoid seeing naked Noah and covered him has nothing to do with incest

SODOMISED

Pros

- Homosexual act with Noah.. Sodomy and left Noah naked who needed his other two sons to cover him
- Noah once awoken would have known he had been violated

SODOMISED

Cons

- nakedness 'and' to uncover (gala)
nakedness ' are used of heterosexual actions, not homosexual encounters
- Lev 20:17 “If a man takes his sister, a daughter of his father or a daughter of his mother, and sees her nakedness, and she sees his nakedness, it is a disgrace, and they shall be cut off in the sight of the children of their people

LESSONS FROM NOAH'S DRUNKENNESS



- Noah's lack of self-control was an occasion for Ham to sin
- Honor parents
- Children have individual wills
- God of grace

THE CURSE ONLY ON HAM'S GENERATION

Genesis 9:24–26 (ESV) When Noah awoke from his wine and knew what his youngest son had done to him, 25 he said,

“Cursed be Canaan;

a servant of servants shall he be to his brothers.”

26 He also said,

The sin of Ham will eventually show itself in the violence and destructiveness of tribes and peoples descending from him

THE COVENANT OF GRACE

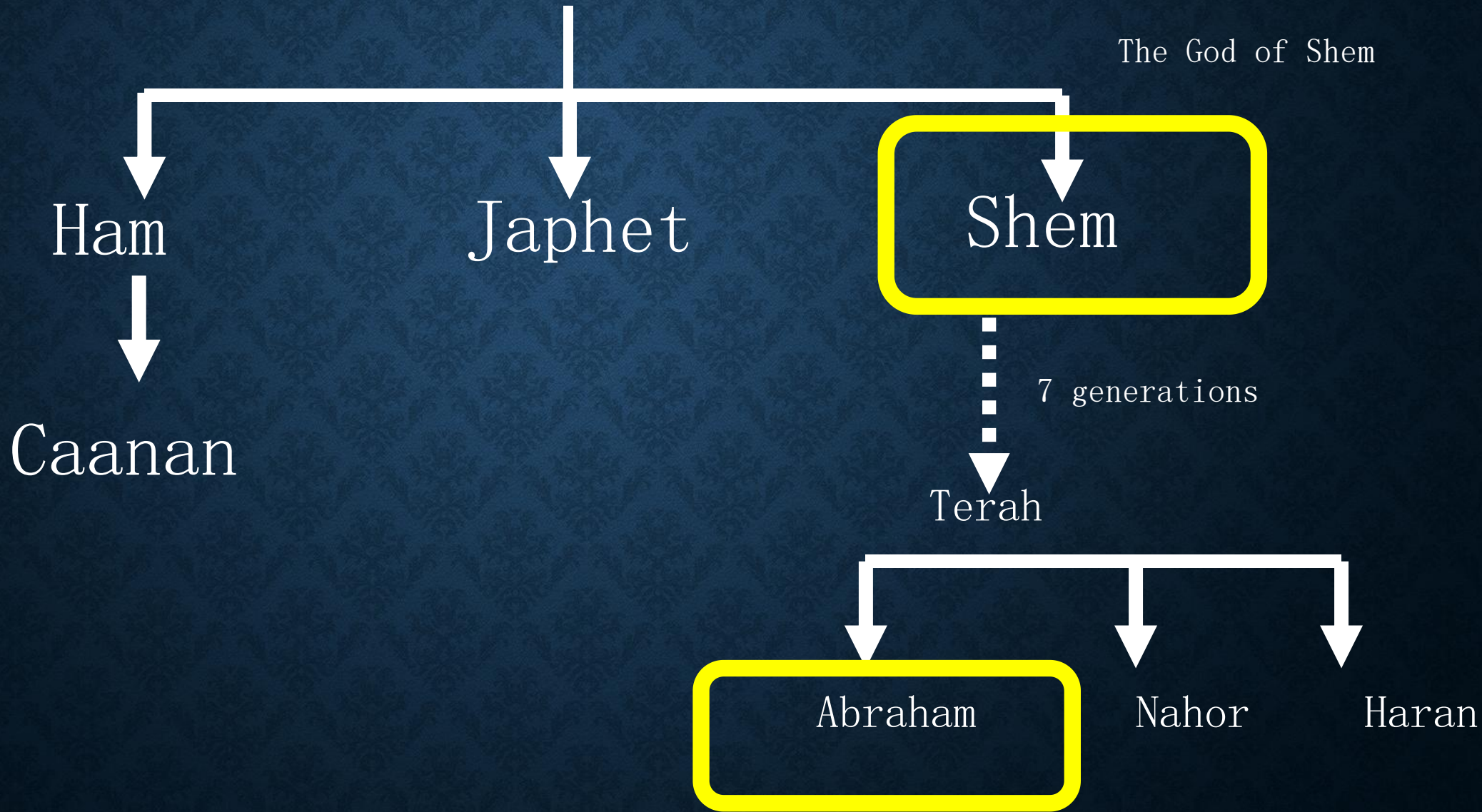
Genesis 9:26–27 (ESV) He also said,

“Blessed be the LORD, the God of Shem;
and let Canaan be his servant.

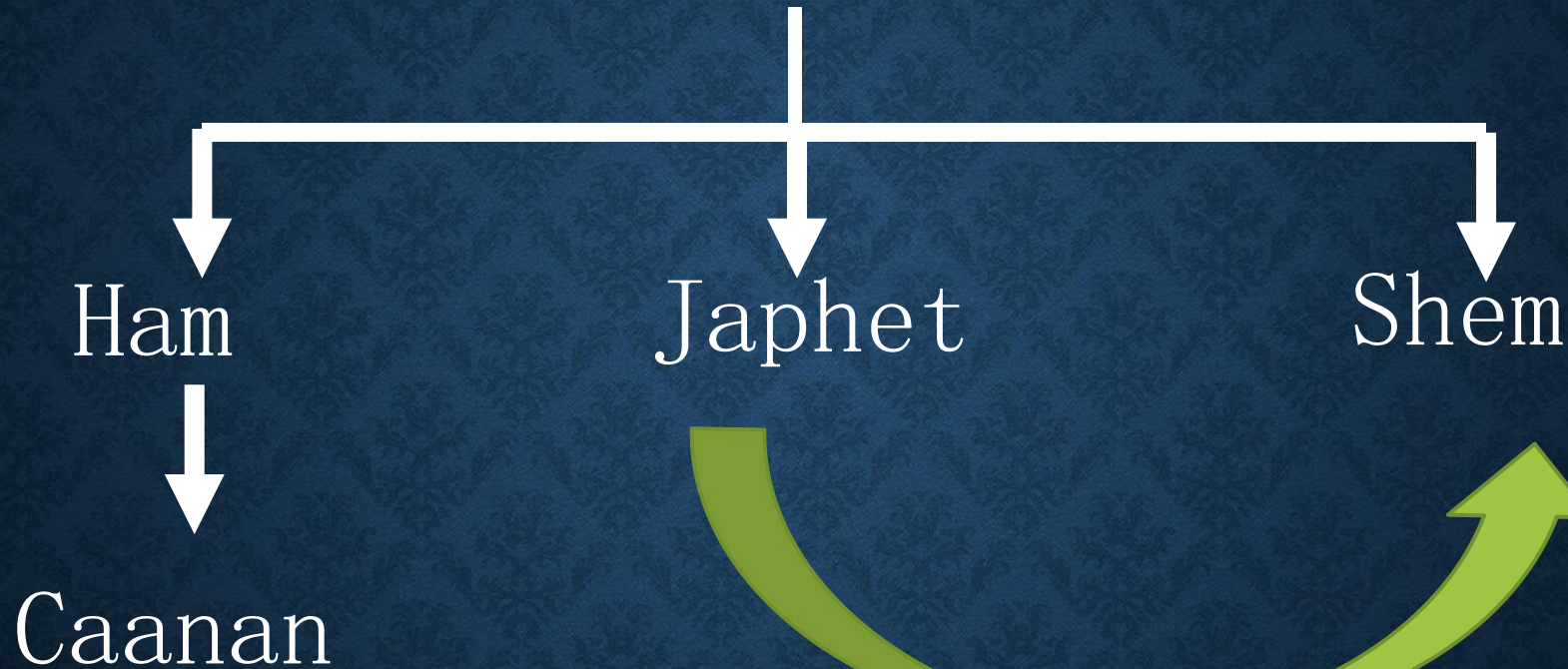
27 May God enlarge Japheth,

and let him dwell in the tents of Shem,
and let Canaan be his servant.”

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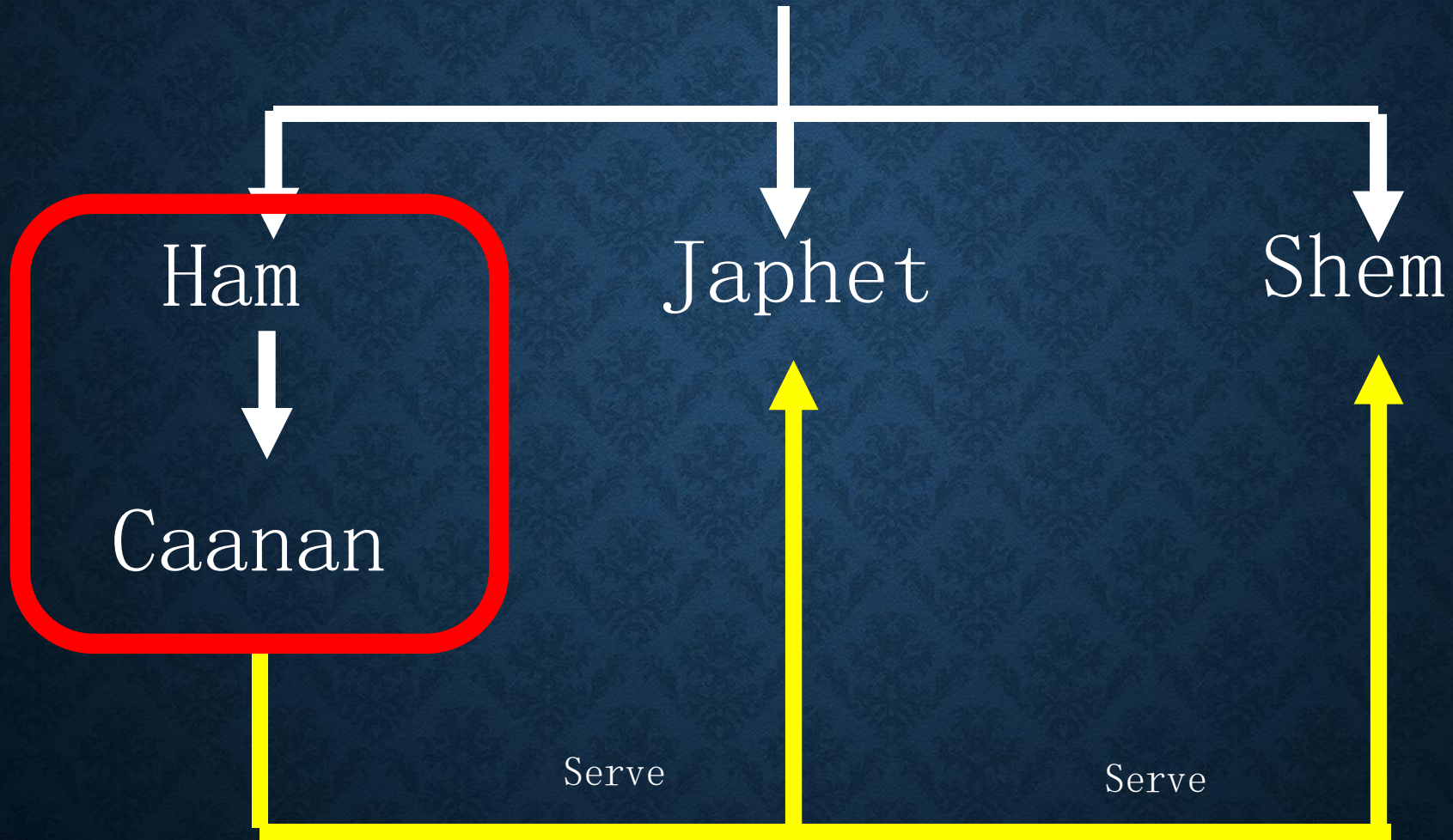


Tent Enlarged
Dwells with Shem

IndoEuropean stock
Philitines
Greek

Gentiles would become far greater in number and power than the Shemites, they would somehow be dependent on their smaller brethren.

NOAH



Evil bears fruits generations later

WHY CURSE THE GRANDSON?

- A redaction?
- Caanan accessory to the crime?
- Son (Caanan) bears consequences of father' s sin (Ham)
- Ham' s son is already cursed because he has such a father as Ham



SUBJUGATION OF CAANAN BY ISRAEL

Genesis 9:13–16 (ESV) I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. 14 When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, 15 I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16 When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.”

A dramatic illustration of a wooden ark in the middle of a stormy sea. The ark is a simple wooden structure with a pitched roof, floating on dark, turbulent blue waves. The sky is dark and stormy, with bright yellow lightning bolts striking down. The overall mood is one of intense danger and survival.

IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STORM

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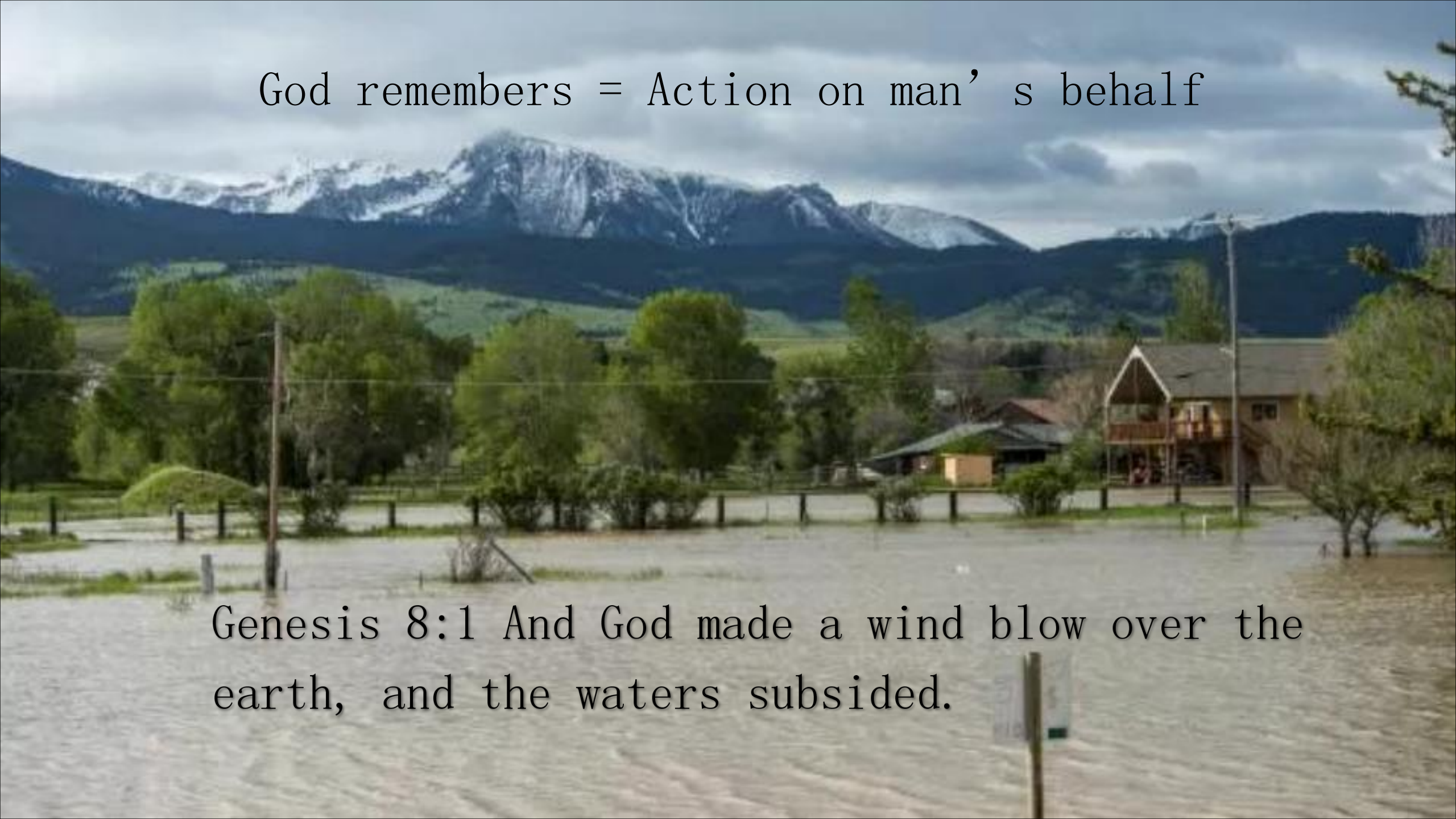
GOD REMEMBERS

Genesis 8:1 But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the livestock that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided.

Mental Recollection



God remembers = Action on man's behalf



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COVENANTS GUARANTEE GOD ACTS ON OUR BEHALF

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WORLD WAR 2



UKRAINE WAR

THE BLEAKEST TIME

Isaiah 54:9-10 This is like the days of Noah to me: as I swore that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you, and will not rebuke you. 10 For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

GOD'S PURPOSE TO FILL WORLD WITH HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS

Flood and Noah



Failure



Foreshadow of future

FLOOD IS FORESHADOW OF FINAL JUDGMENT

2 Peter 3:5-7 (ESV) For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, 6 and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. 7 But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

ARK IS FORESHADOW OF SALVATION

1 Peter 3:20–21 (ESV) while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. 21 Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ



WATER SAVES AND JUDGES



**IMMERSION INTO THE WATERS—JUDGEMENT
SAME WATER CLEANSSES**

DAYS OF NOAH AS TYPICAL OF THE LAST DAYS

Matthew 24:37–39 (ESV) For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, 39 and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

GOD'S COVENANT IN RESPONSE TO SACRIFICE

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A close-up, low-angle shot of a person's foot, wearing a dark sandal, stepping onto a stack of three flatbread loaves on a dark, textured floor. The bread is golden-brown and appears to be made of whole grain. The background is blurred, showing the lower legs and feet of other people in similar sandals, suggesting a communal or public setting. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights on the bread and the foot, and deep shadows elsewhere.

NEW COVENANT