

## Genesis 9

Title ideas:  
Starting Over!

Scriptures:  
Psalm 127:3-5 - Behold,  
children are a heritage from  
the LORD,  
The fruit of the womb is  
a reward.  
4 Like arrows in the  
hand of a warrior,  
So are the children of  
one's youth.  
5 Happy is the man  
who has his quiver full of  
them;  
They shall not be  
ashamed,  
But shall speak with their  
enemies in the gate.

<sup>1</sup> So God blessed <sup>N</sup>Noah and his <sup>N</sup>sons, and said to

Notes:  
Children are a blessing from the Lord  
(Psa. 127:3).

<sup>N & sons</sup> them: “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.

Scriptures:

<sup>2</sup> And <sup>N & sons</sup>the fear of you and <sup>N & sons</sup>the dread of you shall be

Notes:

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on every beast of the earth, on every bird of the

air, on all that move on the earth, and on all the

fish of the sea. <sup>ANIMALS</sup>They are given into your hand.

5414 -

Scriptures:

<sup>3</sup> Every moving thing that lives shall be food for

Notes:

Eating the flesh of animals may or may not be a new freedom. This is the first reference to the eating of animals in the Bible.

<sup>4</sup> you. I have given you all things, even as the green

herbs.

Scriptures:

<sup>4</sup> But you shall not eat flesh with its life, *that is*, its

5115 - vitality

Notes:

In a similar way that God blessed Adam, He blesses Noah. Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and have dominion over creation. God provided food to eat with one exception – for Adam it was the tree of the knowledge of good and evil – for Noah it is the eating of blood.

<sup>5</sup> blood.

1818 - lifeblood

Scriptures:

<sup>5</sup> Surely for your <sup>N+sons</sup> <sup>97 + 8</sup> lifeblood <sup>△</sup> I will demand <sup>a</sup>

1818 = blood +  
5315 = life =  
lifeblood

Notes:  
Human life is precious in the sight of God. They had been created in the image and likeness of God. As image-bearers they are given a dignity that is supernatural.

Since we are genetically linked to Noah and his sons, we are all family – brothers and sisters.

reckoning; from the hand of every beast

<sup>△</sup> I will require it, and from the hand of <sup>♂</sup> man. From

1875 - demand

the hand of every <sup>♂</sup> man's brother <sup>△</sup> I will require the

<sup>♂</sup> <sup>♂</sup>  
life of man.

Scriptures:  
Genesis 6:11 - The earth  
also was corrupt before  
God, and the earth was  
filled with violence.

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“Whoever sheds man’s blood,

8210 - spill

By man his blood shall be shed;

For in the image of God

He made man.

Notes:

The world before the Flood was ‘full  
of violence (Gen. 6:11). That  
violence would have included  
murder.

“Precisely because life is so precious,  
the one who willfully takes another’s  
life must suffer death at the hands of  
man.” (Hughes, 2004) page 146

“...to argue against the death penalty  
on humane grounds is to argue  
against God’s Word.” (Hughes,  
2004) page 146

Because of the history of man’s  
wickedness and God’s subsequent  
destruction of all life on earth (except  
those in the ark), some might believe  
that life is cheap. God declares all  
life as sacred. Failure to treat life as  
sacred will have severe  
consequences.

“This covenant shows that life is  
sacred and that man is not to destroy  
man, who is made in the image of  
God.” (John F. Walvoord, 1983)  
page 40

Wickedness had gone unchecked  
before the Flood and resulted in  
God’s judgment. Human law is  
necessary for stability and prosperity.

Scriptures:

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And as for <sup>Plants</sup>you, be fruitful and multiply;

Notes:

Bring forth abundantly in the earth

And multiply in it.”

Scriptures:

<sup>8</sup> Then God <sup>Δ</sup>spoke to Noah<sup>N</sup> and to his sons with

Notes:

<sup>N</sup>him, saying:

Scriptures:

9 “And as for Me, behold, I establish My covenant

6965 -

1285 - cutting

Notes:  
'covenant' – 'cutting' – “because made by passing between pieces of flesh”

This is the first covenant in the Bible. It is universal, unilateral, and unconditional.

'My covenant' – God initiates.

This covenant is a declaration of peace between God and all of creation.

with you and with your descendants after you,

Scriptures:

10 and with every living creature that is with you:

Notes:

the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth

with you, of all that go out of the ark, every beast

of the earth.



Scriptures:

11 Thus I establish My covenant with you: Never

Notes:

1285 -

3808 -

again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the

5750 -

3772 – to be  
killed

flood; never again shall there be a flood to destroy

the earth.”

Scriptures:

<sup>12</sup> And <sup>△</sup>God said: “This <sup>△</sup>*is* the <sup>△</sup>sign of the covenant

Notes:

which I <sup>△</sup>make between Me and <sup>△</sup>you, <sup>△</sup>and every

living creature that *is* with you, for <sup>△</sup>perpetual

5769 – the  
vanishing point,  
time out of mind



generations:

1755 -

Scriptures:

Ezekiel 1:28 - Like the appearance of a rainbow in a cloud on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the brightness all around it. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD.

Revelation 4:3 - And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.

13  I set  My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for

7198 - bow

Notes:

Rainbow is a picture of God's glory (Ezek. 1:28; Rev. 4:3).

The rainbow may or may not have been a new phenomenon. But God is claiming it as divine sign of His covenant with the world.

The rainbow is a reminder that God's wrath gave way for grace and peace.

Every time Israel (or anyone who knows God's promises) saw the rainbow, they would be reminded that God keeps His promises – all of them.

the  sign of the covenant between  Me and the

226 – signal, flag,  
beacon,  
monument, omen,  
evidence

earth.

Scriptures:

14 It shall be, when  I bring a cloud over the earth,

Notes:

that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud;

Scriptures:

15 and I will remember My covenant which is

Notes:

between Me and you and every living creature of

all flesh; the waters shall never again become a

flood to destroy all flesh.

Scriptures:

<sup>16</sup>The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will

Notes:

look on it to remember the everlasting covenant

between God and every living creature of all flesh

that *is* on the earth.”

Scriptures:

<sup>17</sup> And God said to Noah, “This *is* the sign of the

Notes:

covenant which I have established between Me

and all flesh that *is* on the earth.”

Scriptures:  
Genesis 10:6 - The sons of  
Ham were Cush, Mizraim,  
Put, and Canaan.

<sup>18</sup> Now the sons of Noah who went out of the ark

Notes:  
Canaan was Ham's fourth son ([Gen. 10:6](#)). Some time has passed since they left the ark.

were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And Ham *was* the

Canaan was the father of the Canaanites, Israel's future nemesis. Moses was writing this as the people of God approached the Promised Land, occupied by the Canaanites who had been cursed by God and whom He planned to drive out of the land for the Israelites.

Shem is the ancestor of the Shemites through whom Abraham came. The Jews (and Jesus) are descended from the line of Shem.

father of Canaan.

Scriptures:

<sup>19</sup> These three *were* the sons of Noah, and from

Notes:

these the whole earth was populated.

Scriptures:

<sup>20</sup> And Noah began *to be* a farmer, and he planted

Notes:

a vineyard.

Scriptures:

<sup>21</sup> Then <sup>N</sup>he drank of the wine and was drunk, and

Notes:  
'uncovered' = naked

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became uncovered in <sup>N</sup>his tent.

1540 – (in a  
disgraceful sense)



Scriptures:  
Proverbs 10:12 -  
Hatred stirs up strife,  
But love covers all sins.

<sup>22</sup> And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw

the nakedness of his father, and told his two

6172 -

brothers outside.

Notes:  
Ham stumbled upon this wretched scene of his father passed out drunk and naked. It was his response that resulted in the curse of his father. He should have done what his brothers did, cover his father's nakedness, and then leave without telling anyone.

Ham is revealing his disposition in this unloving ([Prov. 10:12](#)) and disrespectful act.

“The sanctity of the family was destroyed and the strength of the father was made a mockery.” (John F. Walvoord, 1983) page 41

Scriptures:

<sup>23</sup> But Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid *it* on

Notes:  
This is an act of respect meant to  
restore their father's dignity.

both their shoulders, and went backward and

covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces

*were* turned away, and they did not see their

father's nakedness.

Scriptures:

<sup>24</sup> So Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what

Notes:  
'done to him' – What Ham did was very offensive to his father.

his younger son had done to him.

Scriptures:

<sup>25</sup> Then he said:

Notes:  
The consequences of his wicked act would be the template for how all his descendants would behave. Canaan, Ham's youngest son would follow his example and the Canaanites after him would decline into great sexual wickedness.

“Cursed *be* Canaan;

779 – bitterly  
curse

In Leviticus 18, Moses tell the Israelites not to follow the wicked examples of the Egyptians or the Canaanites, and then lists many of the wicked things they were doing with members of their own family.

A servant of servants

He shall be to his brethren.”

Scriptures:

<sup>26</sup> And he said:

Notes:

“Blessed *be* the Lord,

The God of Shem,

And may Canaan be his servant.

Scriptures:

27 May God enlarge Japheth,

Notes:

And may he dwell in the tents of Shem;

And may Canaan be his servant.”

Scriptures:

28 And Noah lived after the flood three hundred

Notes:

and fifty ~~years~~.

Scriptures:

<sup>29</sup> So all the days of Noah were nine hundred and

Notes:

fifty years; and he died.

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