

### **Genesis**

#### **1. 50 Chapters**

#### **2. 4 Cataclysms**

- A. Creation
- B. Fall
- C. Deluge (rain / flood)
- D. Division into nations

#### **3. 4 Patriarchs**

#### **4. 3 Covenants**

### **Entire Bible: Six covenants**

- 1. Adam / Noah / Abraham (3 promises corr. next 3 cov.)**
- 2. Moses / David / Jesus**
- 3. Τυπολογία Typology**

### **Deluge**

- 1. Baptism**
- 2. Cleansing of sin**
- 3. Saving of the righteous**
  - A. One genus was not killed.
  - B. Sea creatures.
  - C. Symbol of righteousness.
  - D. In--not of--this world.
  - E. Early Christians drew a fish.

### **Always think**

- 1. What does the story tell me about God?**
- 2. What does the story tell me about the Church?**

3. What does the story tell me about God's expectation of me?
4. What is happening in the story?
5. What is the significance (meaning) of the story?
6. What other stories does the story resemble or complete?

**What does the deluge (rain/flood) tell us about God?**

1. Humanity is partner with God in salvation.
2. A man cannot come to God without his family.
3. If something draws me away from God, I cannot succeed.
4. My family, my people, must come to God with me.
5. Otherwise I will not really be able to function.
6. If Noah had left his family behind, he would be disabled.
7. God is interested in saving you and everyone you are responsible for.

**What does this story tell us about the Church?**

1. Ark is a symbol for the Church.
2. Those inside are saved.
3. The Church ship sails through the water of time.
4. Our destination is: resurrection (end of the creed).
5. It carries all life, clean and unclean. All are called. All tongues, tribes, nations.

**Why have we not found the Ark?**

1. Bible says Ark landed in אררט which is interpreted to mean Ararat or Armenia. However,
2. Hebrew אררט (RRT) possibly could also be Urartu (.)
3. Urartu is older word for Armenia. It is also a mountain range that is further to the south of present-day Ararat.
4. If Ark landed in Urartu, people looking in Ararat would not find it.

5. **Regardless, people always look in the wrong place.**
6. **The literal instead of the spiritual.**

### **God makes a covenant with Noah**

1. **Renewal of Adamic covenant**
2. **Each covenant—man breaks.**
3. **Each covenant that man breaks—God renews.**
4. **They are not all different and disconnected.**
5. **They are what man is ready for at that time.**
6. **God is our Father. We are his kids.**
7. **He is raising his kids.**
8. **We are a family.**
9. **How are we doing as a family? Maybe not so great?**
10. **Kids don't (always) do what they are told.**

### **What is a covenant?**

1. **Familial blood bond (not a business contract)**
2. **2 parties: senior and junior**
3. **Senior makes promises and never fails**
4. **Senior requires commandments of Junior**
5. **Junior may receive punishment for failure**
6. **Senior will never fail -- to the death he will uphold**
7. **Senior will seal the covenant with his own blood**

### **What does the story teach of what God expects of me?**

1. **Notice how specific were God's instructions on how to build the Ark. We need to pay attention to God's word.**
2. **Maybe what He expected of Noah and his family in the Ark is what is required of me in His Church.**

## Holy Week

- 1. Has 10 daily hours (5 morn / 5 eve)**
- 2. There is something special about the 9th hour**
  - A. 9th hour = hour of Hebrew Wedding Haggadah
  - B. 9th hour = time of covenant of couples
  - C. 9th hour = (\*) Jesus left his father and mother and joined his wife, the church, to be one with her
  - D. Very profound theme: each day's successively deepening covenants until you reach the resurrection.
- 3. At the 9th hour of each day of Holy Week**
  - A. Mon: Gen 1-3, creation & fall
  - B. Tue: Gen 6-7, male & female, renewing the covenant
  - C. Wed: Marriage of Isaac (image of Christ)
  - D. Thu: Covenant of Abraham
  - E. Fri: (\*) Christ, the New Adam, dying on cross, the soldier spearing him on right side, blood and water coming out. When Jesus gave up his spirit and bowed his head, he became the New Adam; blood = eucharist, water = baptism, coming out of his side as the New Eve (the Church), the history of salvation.

## Divine anthropomorphisms

- 1. God “remembered” Noah.**
- 2. Huh? Does God forget?**
- 3. The name “Zakariah” means “God remembers” (Heb. זָכַר, “zakar,” to remember).**
- 4. Jesus visits Martha and Mary. Martha says to Jesus, “Had you been here sooner, my brother would not have died.” Did Jesus forget?**
- 5. Leah says, “God sees my affliction and gives me a son.” Is it possible God might not “see” something?**

6. **What does this mean, “God remembered Noah.” This is something planned. It is not that God forgot. (“Oh oh, Noah! He’s out there struggling with the water! Oops, I forgot about Noah!”)**
7. **These are anthropomorphic descriptions of God, attributions of human characteristics to God. They do not mean that God needs to hear, to see, or to remember. What do they mean? They are a description of action, not of internal senses.**

### **Framing of the covenant**

#### **1. At the end of the 150 days, God**

- A. Stops the fountains
- B. Stops the rain
- C. Dries the land

#### **2. There is a correspondence in the terminology between chapters 1 and 8.**

- A. The raven and the dove.
- B. The raven went to and fro and did not return• Why?
- C. The dove came back• Why?
- D. She found no resting place for the soul of her feet.
- E. We have the idea of the dove (Τύπος of the Holy Spirit) hovering, going back to the creation.
- F. Many examples....
- G. “Come out of the ark.”
- H. “Be fruitful and multiply.”
  - I. This is with couples and families (husband/wife, male/female).

#### **3. Renewal of the (Adamic) covenant.**

- A. Happens in verse 20 with a burnt offering.

### **Burnt offering**

#### **1. What’s the deal with burnt offerings?**

2. **“Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.” (Genesis 8:20)**
3. **Can you explain the “soothing aroma” business? Is God interested in barbecue? What is a burnt offering?**
4. **And the LORD smelled a soothing aroma. Then the LORD said in His heart, “I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done. (Genesis 8:21)**

**[To be continued]**