

THE MESSIANIC PROPHECIES

Chapter Three

Almost Starting Over

God did not destroy all of humanity when He brought the Great Flood upon the earth. God did not destroy all of humanity because of His Messianic promise in Genesis 3:14-15, “¹⁴ And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou *art* cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.” God’s promise of a Redeemer through the seed of the woman meant descendents from Adam and Eve. The surety of fulfillment of the Messianic promised in Genesis 3:15 runs consistently through all progressive Messianic prophecies in the Old Testament. As we saw in Genesis 5:6-32, those descendants would also come through the lineage of descendants that came to be known as the “sons of God” during the generations of Enos because of their faith in the *Seed*. It is Genesis 6:4 where we find the great failure in the lineage of faith in the *Seed* to reproduce faith in their children, grandchildren, and etc.

“⁴ There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare *children* to them, the same *became* mighty men which *were* of old, men of renown. ⁵ And GOD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. ⁶ And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. ⁷ And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them” (Genesis 6:4-7).

Genesis 6:4 tells us that saved men, men of faith in the *Seed*, began to take unsaved women as their wives. Often professing believers are not cognizant of the consequences of their acts of disobedience. This is certainly true of God’s *Law of Procreation* – “whose seed *was* in itself, after his kind.” Every living thing has its own DNA in its “seed.” However, faith in the *Seed* is not reproduced by procreation. Faith in the *Seed* must be sown in the heart and carefully nurtured through modeling, regular appeal to believe, accept, and obey, and tried through various situations of life. When one parent is a person of faith and the other parent lives in unbelief, a duplicity of life is created and the children of such a false

dichotomy will gravitate to the lowest standards of life lived and modeled before them.

Genesis 6:4 gives us the reason why most of the descendants of faith in the *Seed* became unbelievers rather than people of faith. A believer intermarrying with unbelievers has been the common denominator answering the question, why do so few believers produce believing children? The point in this revelation is that even two godly parents do not automatically reproduce faith in the lives of their children. Generating faith requires an overwhelming investment of time and effort from both parents equally. Either parent can destroy the reproduction of faith in the lives of children by living in duplicity to what they profess to believe. Even when two believers marry, they often are delusional about what defines a life of genuine faith. *God-talk* and *religious stuff* often become just a façade intended to satisfy the opinions of their peers rather than the scrutiny of the eyes of God. That kind of nonsense is like spraying *herbicide* on plants. That kind of nonsense is certainly *homicide* to any hope of producing genuine faith in the lives of children. We see the opposite in the life of Noah. Noah was a man with real faith and he lived that real faith before his sons.

“⁸ But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. ⁹ These *are* the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man *and* perfect in his generations, *and* Noah walked with God. ¹⁰ And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. ¹¹ The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹² And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. ¹³ And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth” (Genesis 6:8-13).

God’s gracious promise and provision of the Redeemer has little merit apart from a person understanding, believing, and receiving through faith what God promises in the Redeemer. A person with genuine faith in God will always live in genuine faithfulness to God. This is the testimony of the life of Noah in Genesis 6:8-9. Noah was a man of genuine faith and, as a result of his genuine faith, he live faithfully to God. Although Noah was not a sinner in the way the rest of the people in the world at this time in history were sinners, he was still a sinner. Therefore, like every saved person on planet earth, God can say of us like He said of Noah – “Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.” Although God was drawing all men to Himself “by grace,” it is only those who respond “through faith” who find God’s grace and appropriate God’s grace in salvation.

Here in Genesis chapter six, we see the Messianic prophecies in the context of pending eternal condemnation upon every generation. The Messianic

prophecies are God's message of deliverance from His judgment upon sin and from judgment upon unrepentant, unbelieving sinners. It is not enough to believe in God. You must believe in His Redeemer and rest in the promises of the Redeemer's accomplished realities in the propitiation of God's wrath. The Great Flood was just a reminder that there was a great judgment and a greater condemnation for unbelief on the other side of death.

So often, when we read the biblical accounts of history, we make enormous leaps in logic and assumptions that are just not supported by the testimony of the Bible texts. We know eight people got into the Ark. However, we should not assume that there were only eight people in the world that were saved "by grace through faith." That may have been the case, but we do not know that for sure. We know that only eight people took the message of warning from God serious enough to believe it, act upon it, build the Ark, and actually get inside its walls. Millions may have believed in the promised Redeemer. Millions of believers may have been deceived regarding the character and nature of God because they believed false teachers. Just as in our present day, we have millions of professing *Christians* who believe that God will not send anyone to Hell and that we are on Earth to build a perfect, utopian world through social engineering. If God brought another Noah on the scene of present day Christianity, how many of them would think he was just another religious nutcase? How many of them would help him build the Ark and actually get in it when summoned by God's messenger? How many truly believe in the any-moment rapture and the pending judgment of the nations in the promised seven-year Tribulation? These events are also connected to Messianic prophecies.

³ Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, ⁴ And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of the creation. ⁵ For this they willingly are ignorant of, that **by the word of God** the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: ⁶ Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: ⁷ But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. ⁸ But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day *is* with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹ **The Lord is not slack concerning his promise**, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. ¹⁰ **But the day of the Lord will come** as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the

works that are therein shall be burned up” (II Peter 3:3-10).

The words “knowing this first” in II Peter 3:3 signifies that understanding the nature and existence of “scoffers” in the “last days” is of singular importance, or a priority to understand the reason why it is the “last days.” This parallels what took place in the world at the time of the Great Flood. This nature and existence of “scoffers” is very much connected to the Messianic prophecies regarding Christ’s second coming and the end of the Kingdom Age as well. There are just two types of people in the world:

1. Those who understand the judgment upon their sin in the Body of their substitute Redeemer and have escaped the judgment of their sins “by grace through faith” in God’s gift of salvation

“¹⁷ And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man’s work, pass the time of your sojourning *here* in fear: ¹⁸ Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers; ¹⁹ But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: ²⁰ Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, ²¹ Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God” (I Peter 1:17-21).

“²¹ For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: ²² Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: ²³ Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed *himself* to him that judgeth righteously: ²⁴ Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed” (I Peter 2:21-24).

2. Those that do not understand the judgment upon their sin, therefore they reject any explanation of their need of a Redeemer and scoff at the actualization of their pending eternal judgment from God refusing to hear and obey the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the Messianic prophecies

“¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: ¹⁵ That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten

Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.¹⁷ For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.¹⁸ He that believeth on him is not condemned: **but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.**¹⁹ And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.²⁰ For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.²¹ But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God” (John 3:14-21).

Noah was given specific directions regarding the building of the Ark. The Ark was to be about 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high. Modern ship builders/architects tells us these are the exact ratios (30 to 5 to 3) that they use presently for seaworthy ships built for cargo rather than for speed.¹ We seldom consider the cost of the materials needed to build the Ark. We assume the building materials were free. This presumption is most probably wrong. Noah’s world would have been a world of commerce and produce. Materials and goods were bought and sold. The estimate of the cost of materials for the almost 100,000 square feet in its three stories of space in the Ark would be close to \$20,000,000 in today’s economy. Noah and his sons provided the labor to build the Ark. The cost to support these four families for the one-hundred years it took to build the Ark in today’s economy would be about another \$10,000,000. God does not tell how these materials for the Ark were provided or how Noah’s family were sustained for this one-hundred year construction project. Either people gave materials for the project or Noah was a man with considerable financial resources. I highly doubt that money, food, or materials simply fell from the sky anymore than they do today. Ministry costs money! Noah trusted God to provide then just as we trust Him today. “The just shall live by faith!” God provides through the *grace giving* of other believers. There were probably many other believers that gave, but never entered into the Ark. This appears to be the implication of I Peter 3:20.

“¹⁸ For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: ¹⁹ By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; ²⁰ Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water” (I Peter 3:18-20).

¹ ANCIENT HIGH TECHNOLOGY - Evidence of Noah’s Flood?, <http://s8int.com/ark1.html>

I Peter 3:19 tells us that Jesus “went and preached unto the spirits in prison.” This refers to Christ descending into “Abraham’s bosom,” also referred to as “paradise,” to preach to disobedient believers regarding God’s longsuffering grace with them in the days of Noah’s preaching. Maybe Jesus was preaching from Paradise across the “great gulf fixed between “Abraham’s bosom” and the place of torment. We do know for sure what this means. Notice that God waited on the disobedient to correct their disobedience by obedience and by entering into the Ark. Maybe this refers to people who professed some kind of faith in God, but refused to obey the Messianic type of Christ in the Ark. Salvation is “in Christ.” This refers to the New Genesis that a believer enters into through being “born again.” Noah’s name means *rest*. The Ark was a type of Christ in which we rest.

I Peter 3:20 is really a description of God’s history with professing believers – He is waiting on the disobedient to obey! God waits upon disobedient believers to prove the reality of their faith through obedience. Yes, God waits on lost people to trust in His provided redemption and be saved, but He is also preoccupied with expectations of obedience in those professing to be His children by rebirth. How long has He been waiting on you to obey His commands? How much longer will you make Him wait on you? God gave Noah specifications for an Ark that would take a hundred years to build. God was going to start over with the lineage of faith in the *Seed*, but only with people of *obedient* faith. There may have been others that were saved, but they were not of the kind that would reproduce faith in another generation.

“¹⁴ Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch. ¹⁵ And this *is the fashion* which thou shalt make it *of*: The length of the ark *shall be* three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits. ¹⁶ A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; *with* lower, second, and third *stories* shalt thou make it. ¹⁷ And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein *is* the breath of life, from under heaven; *and* every thing that *is* in the earth shall die. ¹⁸ But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons’ wives with thee. ¹⁹ And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every *sort* shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep *them* alive with thee; they shall be male and female. ²⁰ Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every *sort* shall come unto thee, to keep *them* alive. ²¹ And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather *it* to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them. ²² **Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.**” (Genesis 6:4-21).

Genesis chapter six ends with the faithful testimony of one man leading his three sons in obedience to God's commands. They built the Ark to God's exact specifications. Each day, Noah would preach the Gospel of Messiah as he appealed to people to trust in God's typical provision. Faith in the Messiah was the message. Entering into the Ark was the step of faith that obeyed the Gospel. God is consistent in His operations. "So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17). We are not talking about "works" to be saved. We are talking about faith that obeys (Romans 10:16) by doing what God says to do to be saved. God says repent of sin (Acts 3:19), understand (Matthew 13:23) and believe the Gospel (Romans 10:9), publicly confess Jesus to be Jehovah incarnate (Romans 10:9-10), call on the Name of Jesus to save (Romans 10:13), and receive Jesus (John 1:11-12) in the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Noah and his family believed and ENTERED the Ark!

"¹ And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation {*this was on the day Methuselah died*}. ² Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that *are* not clean by two, the male and his female. ³ Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth. ⁴ For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth {*it is commonly believed that God withheld the rain for seven days of mourning for Methuselah. Others believe these seven days are typical of the seventieth week of Daniel known as the seven years of Tribulation*} forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth. ⁵ And Noah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him. ⁶ And Noah *was* six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth. ⁷ And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood. ⁸ Of clean beasts, and of beasts that *are* not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth, ⁹ There went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah. ¹⁰ And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth. ¹¹ In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. ¹² And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights" (Genesis 7:1-12).

In Genesis 7:2, God instructs Noah to take seven of each of the clean animals into the ark. Years later, when God gave the Law to Moses, God defines

these clean animals as the animals the Jews were allowed to eat. Approximately fifteen animals fit this category today. Only certain birds were “clean.”

“¹ And the LORD spake unto Moses and to Aaron, saying unto them, ² Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, These *are* the beasts which ye shall eat among all the beasts that *are* on the earth. ³ Whatsoever parteth the hoof, and is clovenfooted, *and* cheweth the cud, among the beasts, that shall ye eat. ⁴ Nevertheless these shall ye not eat of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the hoof: *as* the camel, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he *is* unclean unto you. ⁵ And the coney, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he *is* unclean unto you. ⁶ And the hare, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he *is* unclean unto you. ⁷ And the swine, though he divide the hoof, and be clovenfooted, yet he cheweth not the cud; he *is* unclean to you. ⁸ Of their flesh shall ye not eat, and their carcass shall ye not touch; they *are* unclean to you” (Leviticus 11:1-8).

Genesis 7:2 is the first reference in the Bible to “clean” and “unclean” animals. Obviously, the designation of “clean” and “unclean” before the Great Flood carries a different significance than after the Great Flood. As we will see later, before the Great Flood, “clean” and “unclean” signified animals that were acceptable for sacrifice to God. Flesh was not eaten before the Great Flood. After the Great Flood, “clean” and “unclean” signified animals that were acceptable for sacrifice to God and also were acceptable for eating. **Even these “clean” animals are Messianic in their prophetic type.** Not just any animal was acceptable for sacrifice. The fact that only “clean” animals were acceptable for sacrifice portrays the necessity of a perfect, sinless substitute in the coming Messiah.

“For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him” (II Corinthians 5:21).

“For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are*, yet without sin” (Hebrews 4:15).

“²³ *It was* therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these {*better than the blood of bulls and goats*}. ²⁴ For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, *which are* the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: ²⁵ Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy

place every year with blood of others;²⁶ For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once {*a perfect sacrifice is one that accomplishes everything in one offering*} in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin {*cancel the condemnation of sin to whosoever believes*} by the sacrifice of himself.²⁷ And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:²⁸ So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation” (Hebrews 9:23-28).

The Great Flood gives us an example of the severity of God’s wrath and inevitable judgment upon sin, which reveals man’s desperate need of a Saviour. We tend to think of the Great Flood as it starting to rain one day *very hard* and it continued to rain *very hard* for the next forty days until all the earth, including the highest mountains, was covered with water. It rained so hard that the water extended above the highest mountains by about twenty-three feet (“fifteen cubits”). That description is a very superficial understanding of what God did during this time of judgment. We are told first, “were all the fountains of the great deep broken up” (Genesis 7:11). The great reservoirs of underground waters suddenly burst forth causing overwhelming topical upheavals. God moved huge landmasses as if they were small boats in a child’s wading pool.

God formed numerous continents almost immediately as landmasses moved upon the waters like boats upon currents. Mountain ranges were formed as continental plates collided with one another. Ocean bottoms rose from the depths of the seas to become desserts and civilizations sunk into the depths of the seas. There were civilizations of billions of people buried under miles of earth, making their cities into underground mass graves. All animals that breathed air were killed and buried by the silt that was created when the waters of the deep gushed forth. These billions upon billions of dead animal carcasses (including dinosaurs) and human carcasses are what generated today’s oil reservoirs.

We have a tendency to interpret Scripture according to present realities. At the time of Noah, the ecological system of the Earth was radically different than it is now. God tells us in Genesis 2:5 that what we know as *rain* did not exist until the time of the Great Flood. God covered the Earth during this time period with a water canopy. The atmosphere was a *vapor cloud* of water, blocking out the damaging ultraviolet rays of the Sun. The whole Earth was like a tropical garden. By God’s Word/Will, that canopy of water above the earth suddenly collapsed and rain began to pour down like a *waterfall from the sky*.

“⁴ These *are* the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵ And

every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and *there was* not a man to till the ground.⁶ But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground” (Genesis 2:4-6).

The Earth at the time of the Great Flood was topographically, geographically, and ecologically different than it is presently. We do not know every detail of those differences, but we do know that people’s life spans were almost 1,000 years long. We know that there were no carnivorous animals, including man, until after the Great Flood. (No, I do not know why animals needed sharp teeth before the Great Flood. We do not need to know that. We only need to know that God says what He says and that we accept it by faith.) In the New Genesis, after the Kingdom Age, Scripture tells us that things will return to the way they were before the Great Flood. There is a strong possibility that Isaiah 65:17-25 will be partially fulfilled during the Kingdom Age with much of this new existence continuing into the New Heaven/Earth that is created after the Great White Throne Judgment at the end of the Kingdom Age. Although we may not be able to determine the exact timetable of the fulfillment of Isaiah 65:17-25, we can be assured that the prophecy is Messianic in its nature and will be fulfilled *sometime* exactly as Isaiah 65:17-25 details.

“¹⁷ For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind {*this is after the Kingdom Age*}.¹⁸ But be ye glad and rejoice for ever *in that* which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.¹⁹ And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.²⁰ There shall be no more thence {*three categories of existence will cease in the New Genesis*} an infant of days {*no more suckling children*}, nor an old man that hath not filled his days {*no more old men*}: for the child shall die an hundred years old {*the intent is to express a different measurement of existence other than time, not that there will be death in the New Genesis*}; but the sinner *being* an hundred years old shall be accursed.²¹ And they shall build houses, and inhabit *them*; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.²² They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree *are* the days of my people {*their lives will be like the life of a tree in length, in other words they will not die of old age-trees live forever*}, and mine elect {*all redeemed people saved ‘by grace through faith’ in the Messiah/Saviour*} shall long enjoy the work of their hands.²³ They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they *are* the seed of the blessed of the LORD {*see Galatians*

3:6-1}, and their offspring with them.²⁴ And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD" (Isaiah 65:17-25).

An important aspect of Isaiah 65:17-25 as a Messianic prophecy relates to what the believer is connected "by grace through faith" in the Messiah/Saviour. The emphasis of *Saviour aspect* of the Messianic prophecies is upon what the believer is saved from. The second aspect of redemption in the Messianic prophecies is the *New Existence* to which the believer is destined. Therefore, the Messianic prophecies disconnect believers from eternal separation from God in the "second death" and connect believers to eternal fellowship with God in a New Heaven/Earth described by Isaiah 65:17-25, and numerous other Messianic prophecies. Isaiah 6:25 describes the way things will be. The way things will be is the way much of the things were before the Great Flood also.

“²⁹ And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat {*no flesh mentioned*}.³⁰ And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein *there is life*, I have given every green herb for meat {*no flesh mentioned*}; and it was so” (Genesis 1:29-30).

Man was given permission to eat “clean” animal flesh after the Great Flood provided the blood of the animal was drained from the flesh. This is Messianic in that Scripture tells us that “life is in the blood” (Leviticus 17:11). This commandment continues from Noah forward in time. Even this detail of not eating or drinking blood points to the future coming and the sacrifice of Messiah intending to maintain a *purity* of the Gospel.

“³ Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things.⁴ But flesh with the life thereof, *which is the blood* thereof, shall ye not eat {*the blood was to be drained from the meat before it was eaten*}.⁵ And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man” (Genesis 9:3-5).

“¹⁰ And whatsoever man *there be* of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, that eateth any manner of blood; I will even set my

face against that soul that eateth blood, and will cut him off from among his people.¹¹ For the life of the flesh *is* in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it *is* the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.¹² Therefore I said unto the children of Israel, No soul of you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger {*Gentile*} that sojourneth among you eat blood.¹³ And whatsoever man *there be* of the children of Israel, or of the strangers {*Gentiles*} that sojourn among you, which hunteth and catcheth any beast or fowl that may be eaten; he shall even pour out the blood thereof, and cover it {*the poured out blood*} with dust.¹⁴ For *it is* the life of all flesh; the blood of it *is* for the life thereof: therefore I said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall eat the blood of no manner of flesh: for the life of all flesh *is* the blood thereof: whosoever eateth it shall be cut off” (Leviticus 17:10-14).

At the time of the Great Flood, the earth’s population was most probably between 5 billion to 17 billion,² with an average projection at about 10 billion people (present population is just over 6.5 billion). These calculations are based upon a family size of merely 5 to 8 children each (which I highly doubt) with about 22 generations living about 1,000 years each. The proposed time span between Creation and the Great Flood is 1,656 years. A population this high would necessitate technology such as architecture, engineering, refrigeration, agriculture, etc. to be equal to, or exceed, the technology we have presently. The fact that most of this technology was destroyed by the Great Flood and lost is certainly more logical than aliens coming from outer space to Earth and building the Pyramids. After the flood, man not only did not live as long, but technology grew at a much slower rate. Can you imagine how quickly technology could grow if every man before the Great Flood was much more intelligent than Albert Einstein and each lived to be about a 1,000 years old? We cannot even comprehend that kind of advanced society, or what technologies God buried in the depths of the Earth.

“¹⁷ And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth.¹⁸ And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters.¹⁹ And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that *were* under the whole heaven, were covered.²⁰ Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered.²¹ And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man:²² All

² Pickett, Tom-*Population of the Pre-flood Earth*, <http://www.everlastinglifeministries.com/genesis/preflood.asp>

in whose nostrils *was* the breath of life, of all that *was* in the dry *land*, died.²³ And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained *alive*, and they that *were* with him in the ark.²⁴ And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days” (Genesis 7:17-24).

What horrible judgment is found in this text! God destroyed about to ten billion people in a matter of just a few days. If they were all lost, ten billion souls descended into eternal torment in a matter of a few days. There these lost souls discovered horrors that far exceeded their deaths by the Great Flood for these new horrors never end.

All Messianic prophecies connect to another time of great judgment, when God will pour out His wrath incrementally upon planet Earth for seven years of death and destruction. What do all of these Messianic prophecies tell humanity? Time is running out! Repent and turn to the Promised Redeemer!