

The Noahic Covenant

*A quick note regarding the Leader's Guide. Please use this only as a supplement to help further discussion. The book is your guide and should be your primary resource. This leader's guide is here to provide further insight into various moments and develop greater depth in understanding. Please add your own questions from your time in the book and your time in God's Word.

****Preface Homework: Have you placed Scriptures on the two lines at the end of the Preface? If not, please do so this week.**

Remember the Offerings of Covenants:

Suzerain (God)	Vassal (Us)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Protection</u> • <u>Privilege</u> • <u>Identity</u> • <u>Provision</u> • <u>Authority</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Devotion</u> • <u>Loyalty</u> • <u>Identity</u> • <u>Representation</u>

Supplemental Questions by Section and Page: Apply as appropriate.

The author presents his personal account of growing up with the story of Noah and the Ark. Further, he expresses a great affinity toward the story. Not everyone had the same experience with this story. Ask the group to share their individual impressions of this story when they were first introduced to it. Use the insights from this brief discussion to help you answer the next question.

At the start of this chapter there are a number of True or False questions. Why is it important to study the story of Noah from a strictly Biblical account?

- *In studying the Biblical account, we have the opportunity to pour directly into what God is revealing to us individually. While speculations may be accurate, they may be inaccurate as well. While studying God's Word, we need to be led by the Holy Spirit. Study of the Noahic Covenant from a speculative standpoint may in fact be hindering us from receiving Holy Spirit-led revelation. For those being introduced to the story of the ark, perhaps an even greater hindrance is created by speculative accounts.*

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*8 People: Noah, Noah's Wife, Shem, Shem's wife, Ham, Ham's wife, Japheth, Japheth's wife
1 Year, 17 Days*

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After reading the scriptural account from Genesis 9. If you have a group that has a tendency to underline, ask them what they underlined. You could also ask, what stood out?

When we look at the command God gave Noah and his sons, we can see that they were to be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. Turn your group's attention to Genesis 11:1-9. Here we have the account of the tower of Babel. This story is a direct contradiction to God's covenant command to Noah and his sons. See specifically verse 4. Here, the descendants of Noah choose a place where they will build a great tower and glorify themselves and this would be the center of their culture. God has a response to that and sees to it that His covenant command is carried out. Look at verse 9 for God's response.

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To which path does the philosophical dehumanization of mankind lead?

- The denial of identity . . . Doubt, Suspicion, Fear, Withdrawal, Anger, Sin, Death.
- *Another symptom of dehumanizing is our worldly understanding of freedom. There is Biblical freedom, and then there is worldly freedom. Biblical freedom has protective boundaries, while worldly freedom says, do what I want, when I want, with whomever I want. That's easy to accept if you're nothing more than an animal.*

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Take this sentence from page 45, "Human beings have no responsibility toward this covenant any longer." This statement is true from the standpoint that our failure to uphold the covenant will not cause God to suddenly destroy the whole earth with another flood. It is false from the standpoint that we have no responsibility. What responsibility do we still have?

- *Multiplication*

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Take a moment to discuss these three revelations from Genesis 6:9

- Noah was a righteous man
- He walked blameless in his time
- He walked with God

While Scripture reveals that Noah wasn't a perfectly sinless man, what do these three statements reveal about Noah?

We see that Noah is a man with a desire to be with his Creator. Where is your desire?

- *This is really a rhetorical question and it may or may not be appropriate for your group members to answer this out loud. It's OK to let them off the hook and move on, but it's important to ask this question. They, and you, need to consider this. You can always give them a moment of silent reflection on this. An individual's answer is important for them to discern and to have awareness. It isn't important for you to have awareness of another individual's answer.*

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Why does obedience matter so much?

In the End

How do you see the offerings of Covenant being displayed in the Noahic Covenant?

Suzerain

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