Main Thought  God provides a secure moral foundation to remedy the ills that caused the flood in order to succeed in the new world after the flood.

MULTIPLYING LIFE (1, 7).

- God’s repeated mandate – “be fruitful and multiply” (1:28) is in effect today. In the GILGAMISH EPIC, god’s “inflict women with sterility, high infant mortality, and artificial barrenness by cult practices” (BEFORE ABRAHAM, 47). The Christian must stand against all forms of taking human life (ABORTION, SUICIDE, DEATH WITH DIGNITY) and honor at all times the sacredness of life.

- Children are a blessing from God (Psa. 127:3-5; 128:3-4).

SUSTAINING LIFE (2-4).

- It is assumed that there was great animosity between man and animals before the flood (6:12) in contrast Eden and the Kingdom (Isa. 11:6-9).

- Now God places a natural aversion to humans by animals and reaffirms man’s dominion and rule over them and use them for food (Acts 10:12-13).

- Men became hunters (Nimrod – 10:9; Esau – 25:27) but were commanded not to eat the blood – teaching them to respect life for the life of the creature is in the blood (Lev. 17:11) – the basis for KOSHER (YIDDISH = clean, proper) laws.

PROTECTING LIFE (5-6).

- After protecting animal life, God now protects human life. After all, Cain (3:8) and Lemech (4:23) had murdered and the NEPHILIM were killing and drinking the blood of humans (6:11; 1 Enoch 1:4-5).

- Only God has the right to take human life (Job 1:21) for man is made in the image of God. Money (in other ancient law codes) could not ransom a murderer. Capital punishment by society (government) was required.

| “Exacting retribution if not a personal matter but a societal obligation” | MATTHEWS, 405. |

ENJOYING LIFE (8-17).

- The NOAHIC COVENANT includes all life (human, animal, and even future lives).

- This was UNILATERAL and UNCONDITIONAL (Abraham Covenant – 15:17-18).

- The promise NEVER AGAIN (3x = 11, 15, 20) was a promise made to birds (eagle), livestock (ox), wild animals (lion), and man (human) – the same living creatures around the throne of God (Ezek. 1:10; Rev. 4:6-7).

- The sign of the covenant was the rainbow (The ABRAHAMIC– circumcision [17:11], MOSAIC – sabbath [Ex. 31:16-17], and NEW – Lord’s Table [Lk. 22:20]).

- John saw a rainbow BEFORE the tribulation storm (Rev. 4:4); Ezekiel saw one DURING the storm (Ezek. 1:28); Noah saw his AFTER the storm.

- The BOW was a weapon showing the hostility of the gods. God’s rainbow is pointed up showing his GRACE (1 Pet. 4:10 – variegated) toward men.