# Covenant Theology

## The Noahic Covenant

Review:

**Covenant vs Contract -**

**Contract** - Your performance is based on the performance of the other person in the contract. If they do not perform their end, you are not bound to perform yours.

**Covenant** - Your performance is based on your character, your ability to keep your promise, regardless of the other person's performance.

**Genesis 1-11: The Primeval Prologue**

I. History is both the events and the meaning of the events

II. History can (and has been) told in many different forms

| **Covenant** | **By Choice** | **By Grace** |
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| #2 Noahic - promise not to destroy the earth | Gen. 8:21,22 | Gen. 6:18 |

Context of the Covenant

I. The wholeness of creation (oneness—one whole cloth) - Genesis 1:28-31
   A. "… behold, it was very good…" - perfect meaning whole or complete
   B. All plants given for food—Genesis 1:29

II. The Fall
   A. The earth is cursed—Genesis 3:17-19
   B. Creation subject to futility—Romans 8:18-25

III. The rapid progression of sin—Genesis 6:1-15; 17-22
   A. God is sorry for having created this world (men and animals—because creation is connected)
   B. God decided to destroy all life on the earth
   C. But Noah found favor in God's sight

IV. God's decision to save a remnant (Noah and the Ark)
   A. How else can God keep His promise in the Adamic Covenant to send a savior?

V. The Noahic Covenant
   A. Bilateral—with Noah and his descendants (and the animals)—Genesis 6:18-19
   B. Gracious—Noah was not sinless, but chosen
   C. Also, unilateral—never again destroy all life on earth; Genesis 8:20-22
   D. Also, gives all animals as food—Genesis 9:3
   E. Establishes no 'drinking/consuming" of blood and value of human life over animal life—Gen. 9:4-6
   F. Reissues command to be fruitful and multiply

VI. Implications
   A. Description of the Second coming—Matthew 24:36-44
   B. Our job—watch and be ready!