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**Living Under the Promise ... Genesis 8:20-9:17**

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- A New \_\_\_\_\_
- A New \_\_\_\_\_

**II. A New \_\_\_\_\_ (9:1-3)**

**III. A New Command (9:4-6)**

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of Life
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of Human Government

**IV. A New Promise (9:8-16)**

- A Covenant with \_\_\_\_\_
- A Reminder with \_\_\_\_\_

**What Should We Learn?**

1. While the Flood brought \_\_\_\_\_, it did not remove the Fallenness of Mankind nor the Effects of the Fall. We still live in a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. We live in this \_\_\_\_\_ ... the first judgment happened just 1656 years after Creation. We are now 4500 years later. Judgment is Coming Again. We live in the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ to Prepare for His Coming.

1. If you could know certain things about your future (like when you're going to die, who you will marry, what your kids will do in the future, major illnesses you'll have, etc.) would you want to know that information? What would be some benefits and drawbacks from knowing that information?

Why do you think God doesn't let us in on that info? Or on when He is going to return?

2. Read 1 Peter 1:3-5. How does this passage help us to know that we can have hope and confidence no matter what life throws at us? In many ways we are "shielded by God's power until the coming salvation." How does Psalm 22:16-22 reinforce this point and further explain what it takes to keep this kind of hope and confidence?

Why is hope and confidence so critical if we are going to live for Christ in these days?

3. We are very familiar with trials and suffering. What we may not fully know is that these are more about confirming our faith than an attempt to disqualify it. How do the following verses further build your confidence and hope that God is at work no matter what life throws at you?

John 16:33          Ephesians 3:20-21          1 John 3:1-3

As you await the coming of Christ, which of these verses would you like to remember the most?

4. Here are some more challenging questions that will be great to ponder among your small group.
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## In the Beginning ... Living Under the Promise

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- A New **Era of Patience**

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- The **Formation** of Human Government

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- A Covenant with **Mankind**
- A Reminder with **Significance**

### What Should We Learn?

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2. We live in this **Pregnant Pause** ... the first judgment happened just 1656 years after Creation. We are now 4500 years later. Judgment is Coming Again. We live in the **Age of Longsuffering**.
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## Truth for Life

For the week of April 11, 2021

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

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