

# THE GENESIS CLASS

## THE NEW AGE: NIMROD AND THE TOWER OF BABEL

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### Stir Up Your Minds – 2 Peter 3:1-9

- Remember (assumes you KNOW things beforehand)
  - Words spoken before by Holy Prophets
  - Commandments of the Apostles
- Know this First
  - Scoffers will come in the Last Days
  - They will laugh at the miraculous
- Their “rationale”
  - All things continue as they always have been

### The “Scoffer” Philosophy

#### *“Everything continues as it always has!”*

- Since the “Fathers” fell asleep
  - Everything we know about through history
- Since the “beginning” of Creation
  - Everything we understand about origins
  - Everything we believe about everything
- The Present is the Key to the Past
  - The Past is understood by the Present
  - The Future is predicted by the Present
  - The Future is our to Control

### Willingly Ignorant

#### *That by the Word of God...*

- The Heavens existed
  - Created and designed – not randomly happened
  - Psalms 33:6-9; Hebrews 11:3; John 1:3
- The Earth – “in and out” of water
  - Day One and Two
  - First World – Different
- That “World” – then was...
  - Destroyed by Water
  - Ceased to Exist

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## The FIRST World

### *The KOSMOS (Age, System) of Rebellion*

- Growing Age of Rebellion – Genesis 4 through 6
  - Cain and Abel – Lamech – Sons of God
  - Created in Perfection (Genesis 1:31)
- No Sin – No Death – Everything Good
  - Designed to work perfectly and last forever
  - Different environment and operation than today

## The 1<sup>st</sup> Judgment

### *The CURSE on...*

- Lucifer's Rebellion – (Isaiah 14; Ezekiel 28)
  - Lucifer now “the prince of the power of the air”
  - The Snake's slither and our fear to remind us
- Eve's Deception – (1 Timothy 2:14)
  - The pain in bearing children
  - The challenge with relationships
- Adam's Sin – (Romans 5:12)
  - Death entered the world
  - The universe began to “groan and travail”

## The 2<sup>nd</sup> Judgment

### *The WORLD...being OVERFLOWED by water...PERISHED!*

- To kill all air-breathing life
  - “every living thing” (8 times)
- Covered ALL the Earth
  - Covered all Mountains
  - Increased for 150 days
  - Lasted over 1 year
- The “World” – Perished
  - All air-breathing Living beings died
  - The “KOSMOS” ceased to exist

## The Second World

### *The KOSMOS (Age) of REDEMPTION*

- Being “held together” by The WORD
  - The Creator – “Keeps” (2 Peter 3:7)
  - The Creator – “Stands with” (Colossians 1:17)
  - The Creator – “Is Longsuffering” and “Above time”
  - The Creator – “Is not willing that any should perish”
  - The Creator – Wants all to “come to repentance”

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## The 3<sup>rd</sup> Judgment

### *The entire universe will be melted down.*

- “Heavens shall pass away with a great noise.”
  - “Elements shall melt with fervent heat.”
  - “All these things shall be dissolved.”
  - (Psalm 46:6; 97:5; 102:26; Isaiah 34:4; 51:6; Amos 9:5; etc.)
- This is done to purge “ungodly men.”
  - The same purpose as The Flood – only by Fire.
  - Will produce TOTAL Righteousness – Man and Matter.
  - Psalm 148 – all created things will praise God.
  - Revelation 21 – all evil will be purged.

## The Third World

### *The KOSMOS of RIGHTEOUSNESS*

- All dwelling there are ABSOLUTELY HOLY.
  - All “un-holy” are in Hell (Revelation 21:8 and 22:15)
  - All “un-holy” emotions are gone (Revelation 21:4)
  - All “un-holy” memories are gone (Hebrews 10:16-17)
  - All “un-holy” acts are forbidden (Revelation 21:24-27)

### *DIFFERENT than either the 1st or 2nd World.*

- No more sea (Revelation 21:1)
- Dominated by the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:9-27)
- God’s Curse on the Universe is removed (Revelation 22:3)

## The Three DEMANDS

### *FIRST – “be diligent” to ensure Salvation*

- Be found in peace, without spot, blameless – 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
- Christ Righteousness – Ephesians 2:8-10
- God’s Grace and Creation – Ephesians 4:15; Colossians 1:10; 2 Peter 1:3-9

### *SECOND – “beware” the error of the wicked.*

- You can be led away ... fall from steadfastness.
  - Colossians 2:8
  - 2 Corinthians 11:3
  - Ephesians 4:14

### *THIRD – “grow in grace and knowledge.”*

- Be growing – through Jesus Christ.
  - Ephesians 4:15
  - Colossians 1:10
  - 2 Peter 1:3-9

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## The Genesis Record

The FIRST world	The New “World”
Chapter One The Seven Days Chapter Two Day Six Retold Adam’s “Book” (5:1) Chapter Three The Fall and Curse Chapter Four Cain, Abel & Lamech Chapter Five Pre-Flood Patriarchs Chapter Six The “Sons of God”	Chapter Seven The Flood Event Chapter Eight The Earth Dries Out-God’s Promise Chapter Nine Dominion Mandate Renewed “Rainbow” Covenant Noah’s Prophecy Chapter Ten & Eleven Noah’s Genealogy Tower of Babel Abram and Sarai

## The Second Age

### ***“New” World***

- Same Stewardship
  - New Responsibilities
- Shorter Life
  - “New” Languages
  - “New” Ethnic Groups

## Genesis 9:1-17

### ***Renewed Authority***

- Fill the Earth
- Rule over the creatures
  - They will fear you
  - You can eat them
  - Do not eat blood
- Man’s life is God’s
  - God will “require it”
  - Man should execute murderers (9:6)
- Be fruitful, multiply, bring forth abundantly

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## God's Covenant

- Applies to all life
- Never another Flood like this one
- Rainbow Sign
  - In the clouds
  - God will remember His covenant every time He sees the Rainbow
- Repeat: God has established this covenant between Him and all life

## Noah's Prophecy

- "Cursed be Canaan" (son of Ham)
  - Servant of Servants (worldwide service)
  - Explorers; Cultivators; Builders; Clothing;
  - Medicines; Mathematics; Navigation; Commerce
  - Great pioneers to open up the world for others
- "Blessed be the LORD God of Shem"
  - Implication of Messianic line and protection
  - Canaan will be his servant
  - Dominated by Religious concerns
- "God shall enlarge (open the mind) of Japheth"
  - Concerned with science and philosophy
  - Fellowship with Semitic Nations

### The Sons of Noah

Ham	Shem	Japheth
"Warm" or "Hot"	"Name" or "Renown"	"Enlarged" or "Beautiful"
Egyptians and Canaanites	Semitic Nations	Indo-European Nations
Persians and Orientals	Jews, Arabs	Caucasians

## Nimrod – Genesis 10:8-9

- Name = "Rebellion"
  - Assyria called "Land of Nimrod" (Micah 5:6)
  - Established Empire
  - Babel, Accad, Calah
  - Erech (Uruk) home of Gilgamesh
  - Land of Shinar (Sumer)
- "Mighty Hunter"
  - Emphasis on prowess
  - Parallel to Genesis 6
  - Deified after death

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- Characteristics
  - One Language
    - Carried over since Creation
    - Hebrew?
  - Settled in Shinar
    - Population > 10,000

## Days of Peleg

- In his days “the earth was divided.”
  - Could refer to splitting of Continents
  - Not proven theory – maybe one continent.
  - Some evidence of movement.
- HUGE geological forces necessary.
  - Most likely force – Noah’s Flood
- Probably refers to division at Babel
  - Context emphasizes nations and language
  - List of nations would support this view
  - Radical people movements resulted

## Confusion of Tongues

- God’s Purpose
  - Eliminate unity
  - Impede understanding of language
  - Force obedience to His command to spread over the earth
- Results
  - Man spread abroad
  - Population groups isolated and inbred
  - “Racial” character quickly dominant

## God’s Intervention

- Explains “Races”
  - “Race not Bible term
  - Darwin: “favored races”
- Results:
  - Population scatters
  - Family groups
  - Genetic isolation
  - Rapid dominant gene
  - Solidify physical characteristics
  - Language kept the lines isolated.
- Explains “Cavemen”
  - Centralized “cities”
    - All lived together in Babel until dispersion
  - Forced disbursement

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- Probably weakest forced farthest away
- Needed shelter
- Needed food
- Needed tools
- Needed protection
- UNTIL replaced
- Had knowledge of civilization
- Primitive conditions lasted only short time

## Job's Lament

- Job's day
  - Contemporary of Nimrod
    - Uz and Nimrod – 3rd gen.
    - Peleg – 5th gen
  - Babel ~ 100 yrs after flood
  - Job's testing ~ 300-400 after flood.
- Typical lifestyle
  - Son's party
    - “His Day” = astrology
  - Job's friends
    - Pain is due to sin
    - Do good, get healed

## God's Answer

- Look at the creation
- Can you do this?
- Behemoth & Leviathan

## Events at Babel Focus Our Age

- God enforced division of mankind.
- Babylon (Nimrod) becomes . . .
  - “The Mother of harlots and the abominations of the Earth.”  
(Revelation 17:5)
- Job's friends (contemporary to Nimrod) expound a “works” relationship to God.
- Man-centered rebellion is at the center of all evil. (Romans 1:20-25)

## Romans 1:23, 25

“Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and . . . changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshiped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever.”