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God's Covenant Creation

Adam's Race and Mandate

Covenant Heritage Series - Book Four

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Introduction

Telcome to Book Four, God's Covenant Creation! The purpose of this book is to offer a fresh alternate perspective for understanding Genesis 1-11 that is predominantly ignored or rejected by the politically and religiously correct mainstream Christian movement today. Founded on evidence-based biblical and scientific facts, it is our desire to bring clarity, with knowledge and understanding, in respect to the relationship of the covenant Adamic race and the unfolding plan and purpose of God's Kingdom. Again, like the previous books in this Covenant Heritage Series, we hope this discussion of Genesis 1-11 will help you discover and resolutely conclude what is true, correct and certain in regard to what the Bible says and what it means by what it says.

Our Approach

In order to accurately understand the Scriptures, we will apply the same two basic principles of interpretation for Genesis 1-11 as we have used in Books One and Three, in particular. Again, these principles are: 1) that the Bible is more accurately and safely understood in its own context; and 2) when the Bible is allowed to interpret itself. These two principles are the foundation of this book in our continuing quest to correctly answer the question about what the Bible says and means.

Through understanding gained from the previous books in this series, we now we have the advantage of a more comprehensive knowledge of the context of Genesis 12 through Revelation to shed light upon the specific text of Genesis 1-11. And the broader the context, the more accurate the interpretation. For example, does the

story of Abraham's covenant family, as revealed through the Old and New Covenant Scriptures, shed light on the creation and purpose of Adam or the famous Noah's Flood and the Towel of Babel events? We will discuss how the biblical context of Genesis 12 through Revelation specifically relates to and interprets Genesis 1-11.

No longer do we have to try to figure out Genesis 1-11 as an isolated text apart from the rest of the Bible. We can take what we discovered in Books One through Three and let the Scripture interpret itself. By this approach we will be able to see the non-contradictory unity and consistency of the entire Bible beginning with Genesis 1.

The Issues

This approach will also help us work through all the various views and issues concerning the contemporary hot topics we will encounter in the creation account, Noah's Flood and the Tower of Babel events such as:

- Is the creation account a literal description of how God created the planet or does it refer to something else?
- Who was Adam? Was he the first father of all the races?
- Was Noah's Flood a local or global flood?
- At the Tower of Babel, when the people scattered and separated from each other, did these people change into different races?

The implications of Genesis 1-11 are critical. And the most prominent one is about race and how we can make sense of the parts and whole of Genesis 1-11. Rather than assuming what the majority of modern Christianity believes to be fact about the origin of the races from Adam, we will instead examine the popular views in light of the biblical context. Our objective is to examine Genesis 1-11 and discover the best answer as to what it says according to the context and evidenced facts with the fewest contradictions.

For sure, there are many issues that arise in Genesis 1-11 and we will not attempt to address and answer all of them. Our objective,

once again, is to handle the major issues as they relate to the overall context of the whole Bible.

Personal Application with Purpose

How do these issues and the overall perspective of Genesis 1-11 impact **your** life and purpose? So far in Books One through Three, we have tried to engage you to think about how all this knowledge and evidence you have been exposed to thus far has changed, or could change your personal life perspective. Now in Book Four, we need to put it all together to discover what God's revealed plan and purpose means for you. So, throughout Book Four, we ask you to think about these questions as they relate to the discussion of Genesis 1-11 and the entire Bible:

- Who am I?
- Why did God create me?
- How do I fit into what I have learned about God's plan and purpose of His Kingdom?
- What am I supposed to be doing?
- Where do I start?

We believe Book Four will challenge you to think about your life. Indeed, *God's Covenant Creation* may be the most serious and enlightening study you have encountered thus far in your personal quest for ultimate significance and purpose. If you find, at the end of this book, that the information has been fairly presented and that it is true, correct and certain, then it will demand a personal response. You may not have all the answers immediately, but you will have enough knowledge and understanding to take the next step forward in your life. Let the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and His written word move freely within you – to convict you, to fill you, and to mold you into His purpose for you in the grand design of the unfolding Kingdom. We pray you find that abundant life Jesus promised and the glorious mission of the manifestation of His righteous rule and reign!

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Summary of the Covenant Heritage Series

The *Covenant Heritage Series* is a set of seven books that will help you understand what the Bible says and what it means to you in regard to your heritage. The series examines the current critical issues of our time in light of what the Bible says. Finally, it offers biblical answers for transforming this world system back to God's original plan and purpose.

You will be challenged to re-examine what the majority consensus believes about the teaching of Scripture and the politically correct and religiously acceptable life perspectives and practices. The *Covenant Heritage Series* will provoke you to think! In the end, you will be able to decide for yourself what your ultimate purpose is and your consequential duties and obligations before the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

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