

## *God's Covenant with Noah Means NO "Birth Control" (or abortion for that matter)*

Please refer to Genesis 9.1-19 sited below as a reference.

Here's a simple outline of how this verse can be applied today to discount "birth control" practices:

1. God commands Noah and his sons: **"Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth;"**
2. This may be argued that the command was *only* to those early generations until they filled the earth and not for us. However, in the following verses God lays out rules that will be requirements of a **Covenant** (vs. 9, 11-13, 15-17) between Noah and his descendants for **all successive generations** (vs. 12) and God;
3. He repeats His command in verse 7: **"Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth;"**
4. A covenant is an agreement between two parties that if one party fulfills their agreed requirements, the other party is obligated to fulfill theirs...a. God has fulfilled his part which includes: ~ Giving every living thing for food to man (vs. 3) ~ He will never again destroy whole earth with flood (vs. 11, 15) ~ He will have a sign that He will remember (& keep) covenant: rainbow (vs. 13-17)b. Man (and *all* flesh in some contexts) is required to fulfill his part: ~ Not to eat blood (vs. 4) ~ If man sheds man's blood, his shall be shed (vs. 5-6) ~ *hence, no abortion* ~ **Be fruitful & multiply abundantly (vs. 1, 7);**
5. We know we are descendants of Noah's three sons, because by them the **whole earth was populated** (vs. 19);
6. We know the covenant is **still in effect** because God has given us a sign that He continues to fulfill His part of it: a rainbow. ~ Have you seen a rainbow in the last year or two? ~ Or have you seen living flesh lately (as the whole earth is not destroyed)? THEN: the covenant is still valid and we currently must fulfill our part listed above including not eating blood, for example;
7. Another proof that the covenant is still in effect is the fact that the forbidding of eating blood has been repeated in the new testament / church age: Acts 15.18-29 Here are other references for examples of forbidding the consuming of blood in old testament: ~ Lev. 7.26-27, 17.10-14, 19.26 ~ Deut. 12.23, 15.23 ~ 1 Sam. 14.33-34 ~ Ezek. 33.25;
8. Since the "everlasting" covenant (vs. 16) in Genesis chapter nine has been proven to be still in effect, then we are obligated to fulfill our part, as one of the "all" generations and some of the "descendants" of Noah (vs. 9, 12, 19). This includes **being fruitful and multiplying abundantly;**
9. How can we ("we" general, used for all mankind) quantify by our own definition, "multiply abundantly", as to stop the process and say we have fulfilled our duty, when God continues to provide meat to

eat innumerably and preserves the earth from another global flood?;  
10. Will we be blessed when we stymie God's blessing (vs. 1) that requires us to simply act as naturally designed in marriage? God has not stymied the blessing of meat for food... for the animals obey God (Job 12.7-10)! Do we?

Bonus verses showing that children are a blessing & God wants them:

- ~ Job 42.12-13: God *blessed* Job with 10 more children (20 total)
- ~ Psalm 127.3-5: children are a gift, having many is a blessing
- ~ Malachi 2.15: He has desired Godly offspring
- ~ Mark 10.13-16: don't hinder children from coming to God
- ~ 1 Tim 2.15, 5.14: He wants women to bear children (this should be obvious by now)
- ~ Gen 29.31, Deut. 7.14, Ps. 113.9

List of all references describing birth control:

- ~ Gen 38.6-11: the only person listed in scripture that practiced birth control, God put to death for it..... (let this one sink in a while)

List of all references in scripture that permit or talk favorably of birth control:

- ~ NONE

List of all references in scripture that suggest in any way that we take action to limit family size:

- ~ NONE

List of references that even remotely *seem* to diminish the value of many children in family:

- ~ Ecclesiastes 6.3-4: talking about a man who has 100 children, but is not given a respectable burial

In fact: God forbids a husband and wife from separating (this includes a man divorcing his wife) (1 Cor 7.10-11),

- ~ while at the same time he requires continual relations, except for a very short time for prayer (1 Cor 7.3-5)...

~ plus forbids altering, defiling, misusing or in any way destroying one's physical body (1 Cor 3.16-17, 1 Cor 6.15-20, Rom 6.12-13), ... then, ...

- ~ let the reader do the math on what the results will be.

Actually, I'll just type it out in stead: "CHILDREN!" as many as the Lord decides to give each married couple.

We hope this helps to persuade the reader that they ought not to limit Gods blessing of children in the practice of birth control (or any other way, for that matter). May God bless, all who hear and obey His word, abundantly!

## GENESIS 9.1-19

*And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, **Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.** 2 And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered. 3 Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things. 4 But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat. 5 And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man.*

*6 Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God made he man.*

*7 **And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein.***

*8 And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying, 9 "And I, behold, I **establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you;** 10 And with every living creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth. 11 And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of the flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth. 12 And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, **for perpetual generations:** 13 I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. 14 And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be in the cloud: 15 And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16 And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember **the everlasting covenant** between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth. 17 And God said unto Noah, This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.*

*18 And the sons of Noah, that went forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth: and Ham is the father of Canaan. 19 **These are the three sons of Noah: and of them was the whole earth overspread.***

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