

Rebellion and Redemption – Part 3

Global Rebellion

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on Rebellion and Redemption, studying the theme of the Great Controversy between good and evil. Our topic today: Global Rebellion

Scripture Theme Song: I will praise You, O LORD (Ps. 9:1-2)

- 1) Cain and Abel
 - a) Genesis 4:1 – Nothing is mentioned about Eve’s thoughts and feelings during her first pregnancy.
 - i) What are your thoughts about her exclamation, “I have acquired a man from the LORD”?
 - ii) Painful reality: Romans 5:17a, 19a
 - b) Genesis 4:2a – Time between the two births?
 - c) Genesis 4:2b Why is this description so brief?
 - d) Genesis 4:3-4a – Did Adam and Eve see any warning signs that something was about to go terribly wrong?
 - e) Genesis 4:4b-5a Why does the LORD respond differently to the two offerings? (text: to obey..)
 - f) Genesis 4:5b Is Cain’s anger directed toward God, Abel, or both? Why?
 - g) Genesis 4:6-15 What parallels and differences do you see between Cain’s responses to the LORD and the response of Adam in Genesis 3?
- h) What did the LORD mean when He said “sin lies at the door and its desire is for you but you should rule over it”?
- 2) Noah and the global flood
 - a) Genesis 6:1-13 – How has the great controversy between good and evil intensified by the time of Noah?
 - b) What are your thoughts about the LORD’s reaction recorded in Genesis 6:6?
 - c) Why is the LORD’s response to this rampant evil so drastic?
- 3) Abraham – the LORD will provide
 - a) Genesis 3:15
 - b) Genesis 12:1-3
 - c) Genesis 22:1-19
- 4) Esau and Jacob – the controversy continues
 - a) Genesis 25:21-28 What clues do you see in this narrative of impending trouble?
 - b) Genesis 27:41 – Does this reaction by Cain remind you of another story?
 - c) Genesis 28:10-15 – the LORD speaks another word of hope.
- 5) Joseph and his brothers
 - a) Genesis 37:23-28 – Why do the brothers treat Joseph so harshly?
 - b) Genesis 37:31-34 – What sin is repeated here?
 - c) Genesis 45:4-8 Again God speaks a word of hope through Joseph.
- 6) What lessons have you learned from this brief overview of some of the early narratives in the Scriptures?