

Genesis 8:20-22 **While The Earth Remains. . .**

20 “Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. 21 And the LORD smelled a soothing aroma. Then the LORD said in His heart, "I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done. 22 **"While the earth remains**, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease." NKJV

Facts revealed:

- ✧ Noah began his new life worshipping Almighty God as he built an altar to Yehowah.
- ✧ There was a distinction between clean and unclean animals which was demonstrated by those that God sent to Noah as he entered the Ark. Since God Himself sent in seven pair of each clean animal and only two pair of each of the unclean. [Genesis 6:20, 7:2-3; 7:8-9; 7:14-16]
- ✧ Noah took of every clean animal and of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar he made to Yahowah. Noah knew which were the clean animals because when they came to him in the Ark they came as seven pair of each clean animal and only two pair of each unclean animal according to God's own choice.
- ✧ Yahowah was pleased with the offerings and said in His heart;
 - ◇ **"I will never again curse the ground for man's sake although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth,**
 - ◇ **Nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done."**
- ✧ This tells us that there will never again be a curse that affects the entire face of the earth like the curse that was made because of the sin of Adam. However, it does not indicate that there will be no localized curses because there have been through the course of history.
- ✧ God said that He will not again destroy every living thing as I have done. This time it was by water, but the next time it will be by fire. This time it destroyed all but eight persons, the next time it will be only the wicked that will be cast into the Lake of Fire.
- ✧ God's promise of **"seed time and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, day and night shall not cease"** is limited to the time the earth will remain.
- ✧ That removes the longevity of an earth that was created to last forever and declares *that there will indeed be an end of this earth.*
- ✧ Those who teach that the earth will last forever are teaching false doctrine.
- ✧ The New Testament tells us that the earth **will pass away** in the teachings of Jesus. [see Matthew 5:17-18; 24:35; Mark 13:31; and Luke 21:33]
- ✧ The same truth is presented in [Hebrews 1:10-12, and 1 John 2:17].
- ✧ [Revelation 20:11; and 21:1] describes when it will happen.
- ✧ [Isaiah 34:4 and 2 Peter 3:7-14] informs us how the earth will be destroyed by fire.