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Numbers

Eight and Fifty

New Beginning in the Flesh

After that Adam had sinned in the Garden of Eden and he and Eve were driven from the garden and men began to multiply on the face of the earth, it was said in Gen. 6:5 "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. 7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them."

In order to keep flesh alive after the flood, God chose Noah and his wife, and his three sons and their wives to come onto the Ark and to replenish the earth after the flood. By these eight people was the earth replenished after the flood.

The first beginning in the flesh had ended with Adam transgressing the law of God and bringing sin and death upon all of mankind. Great corruption and sin followed the sin of Adam. This second beginning in the flesh with Noah had no better results as we see Noah, shortly after the eight had come off the ark after the flood was dissipated, drunk within his tent and his youngest son having committed a grievous sin against his father.

The corruption of the flesh is not changed by a new beginning in the flesh. Many people make New Year's resolutions only to see them quickly fail as a result of the corruption of the flesh.

In conclusion, the new beginning in the flesh had the same old results.