

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

וְאַתֶּם פְּרוּ וּרְבוּ שְׂרָצוּ בָאָרֶץ וּרְבוּ-בָהּ: ס

V<sup>e</sup>at-tem p<sup>e</sup>ru ur<sup>e</sup>vu shir<sup>e</sup>tzu  
And you be fruitful and multiply and bring forth

ba'aretz ur<sup>e</sup>vu- vah  
in the earth and multiply

- שְׂרָצוּ - *sharatz* - cp 1:21, 8:17 - idea of teeming, swarming or moving in great numbers was for mankind as well.
- 6-7 billion would allow for all people in the world to live in England with 20 square meters (approx 210 square feet) for each person
- note that the most populated countries in the world are not biblical areas (China, India)
- problems in higher population countries in Africa for example is corruption, greed and misplaced distribution
- not too many people!

8 And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying,

וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים אֶל-נֹחַ וְאֶל-בָּנָיו אִתּוֹ לֵאמֹר:

Vay-yo'mer 'elohiym 'el-noach v<sup>e</sup>el-banayv 'it-to ley'mor  
And said to Noah and to his sons with him saying

9 And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you;

וְאֲנִי הֲנִי מְקִיִּם אֶת־בְּרִיתִי אִתְּכֶם וְאֶת־זֶרְעֵכֶם  
אַחֲרֵיכֶם:

Va'aniy hin'niy meyqiyim 'et-b'riytiy 'it-t'kem  
And I behold I will establish my covenant with you

v'et-zer'akem 'ach'reykem  
and your seed after you

- referring to the covenant in the forth coming passages
- made with same people 6:18

## The so-called 8 Covenants and 7 Dispensations

1. First Dispensation (Innocence)
  - B<sup>e</sup>re'shiyt 1:28 / Edenic Covenant
  - B<sup>e</sup>re'shiyt 2:16 No mention of a covenant
2. Second Dispensation (moral responsibility)
  - B<sup>e</sup>re'shiyt 3:7 / Adamic Covenant
  - B<sup>e</sup>re'shiyt 3:15 No mention of a covenant
3. Third Dispensation (human government)
  - B<sup>e</sup>re'shiyt 8:15 / Noachic Covenant
  - B<sup>e</sup>re'shiyt 9:16