

# Vegetarianism

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Religions come in many forms. One goes by the name Vegetarianism and there are other similarly styled diets that omit or require various things. The adherents of these diet-based religions believe (many fanatically) that they are right about food and what to eat and not eat, and that everyone else should join them, much like every other religion and their beliefs.

Like all religions, Vegetarianism is a choice; a life option. Those who follow this option have many reasons to do so and one of those reasons often stated is that it is “biblical”. It is not, hence this paper on the subject.

Before the flood, the world was quite different. Man ate a diet of plants and fruits and this is the “biblical” reason cited for not eating meat. They claim “man didn’t need meat then so doesn’t need it now.” This is very much out of context and so, wrong.

The pre-flood world had a vapor canopy over all the earth giving the planet a moderate climate from pole to pole. The vegetation was not what we have today. A diet of pre-flood plants was sufficient for the needs of the body, so meat was not necessary. All that vegetation was destroyed in the global flood. Post-flood, the type of vegetation in the world would no longer meet the needs of Noah and his family. For man to live in this new environment required a different diet. God instructed Noah and his family to eat the animals. That command applies to everyone today as well.

So, eat what you want, but don’t claim the Bible as a mandate to maintain a meatless diet.

## **Genesis 9**

**1 ¶ 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.**