

At the outset, I am stating categorically that there is no salvation outside the shed blood of the Lord Jesus! I'm going to state it again just in case someone claims I believe otherwise:

There is absolutely no salvation outside the shed blood of the Lord Jesus!

That includes everyone, regardless of when they lived: the patriarchs and the people under the law of Moses. Revelation 13:8, states, Jesus "was a lamb slain before the foundation of the earth." Important, because if Adam had eaten of the tree of the knowledge of good evil before God the Father saw the death of His Son, creation would have ended, right then, in a thunderclap!

I'm no specialist in the antediluvian age, but scholars who have made a study of that age believe there were between 4 and 11,000,000,000 people on earth when the flood came . . . between one third and one half off all the humans who have ever lived on this planet. Those antediluvian people didn't know Jesus, didn't have a Bible, had no tabernacle and no Levitical code. Nevertheless, we can prove from Genesis 1-5 that some were saved. They didn't understand election, know the four spiritual laws, say the sinners prayer or "accept Jesus as their Savior," so how could they be saved?

Romans 4:15 . . . Where there is no law there is no transgression."

So God does not hold people responsible for laws they do not know.

Many believe that unless a person conforms to New Testament doctrine, i.e., accepts the Lord Jesus as his personal savior, that he is lost and destined for an eternity in hell.

So the question is this: Did God set up a world in which up to half the people He ever put upon the planet would go to hell? From my understanding of the rest of Scripture, 1John 2:2 etc., that is most unlikely and not in keeping with the nature of God. So God must have somehow made provision for the antediluvian people and if He did, did He also make provision for those samurai, but how do you support it scripturally?