



Course: A Survey of the Bible: Genesis to Revelation

Lesson: 4

Title: The Flood

Passage: Genesis 6-9

For Our Learning (Romans 15:4; 1 Corinthians 11:6, 11)

The Survey So Far

- (Genesis 1 & 2) Creation
- (Genesis 3) Sin and Satan
- (Genesis 4) Cain and Abel (Hebrews 11:4; 1 John 3:12; Jude 11)
- (Genesis 5) Genealogy of Adam. Noteworthy, Seth, Enoch (Hebrews 11:5-6), Methuselah, Noah. BLUE indicates passage that were not covered in Lessons 2 and 3 but ought to be carefully studied.

Why Should the Flood Concern Us Today?

- READ Matthew 24:36-44; Luke 17:26-30 (with Genesis 13:13; 19:14 see also Ezekiel 16:49-50;).

What God Saw? (Genesis 6:1-9)

- (5:21) *Methuselah* means "When he is dead it shall be sent".
 - ★ This gives us an idea of God's long-suffering.
- (v. 3) God sets a limit: 120 years. God's compassion has a limit. (2 Chronicles 36:15-17)
- (v. 5) God saw:
 - Man's wickedness was GREAT.
 - EVERY INTENT of man's thoughts were ONLY EVIL CONTINUALLY.
- (Jude 14-15) Men were without excuse!

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- (vv. 6-7) God was sorry (relented) and grieved. Anthropopathy language: ascription of human passions or feelings to a being not human, especially to a deity. Here we learn God's great displeasure/hate for sin.
- (v. 7) "I WILL DESTROY man whom I HAVE CREATED . . ."
- (v. 8) Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.
 - ★ First mention of GRACE in the Word of God. When sin is darkest grace shines.
- (v. 9) GRACE WORKS. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generation (see vv. 11-12), he walked with God. (Amos 3:3; Titus 2:11-14)
 - ➔ See Hebrews 11:7 remember Ecclesiastes 12:13-14.

God's Provision for Noah's "Salvation". (Genesis 6:13-22)

- (v. 13) God repeats to Noah what HE is going to do - not the "I WILL".
- (vv. 14-16) God commands Noah what to do. Noah's "salvation" will come by God's way - not man's.
- (v. 17) God repeats Himself again.
- (v. 18) "BUT I will establish MY COVENANT with you . . ."
- (v. 22) **NOAH DID ACCORDING TO ALL THAT GOD (*Elohiym*) COMMANDED HIM, SO HE DID.**
- (2 Peter 2:25) Noah preached for 120 years - **with no success!** This speaks loudly of the times of Enoch to Noah.
- Consider carefully: The restraining power of God's people while here on earth!
 - ★ Ten righteous men would have stayed God's wrath from falling on Sodom, yet only one was found. (Genesis 18:27-33; 2 Peter 2:6-7; 2 Thessalonians 2:7-8)

God's Promise (Threat) Fulfilled (Genesis 7)

- (v. 1) Noah's "salvation" would be "in the Ark" and not place. The Ark, and nothing else, would "shield" Noah from God's wrath.
 - (v. 1) God commands, "Come!" - see Matthew 11:28-30.
 - (v. 4) "I WILL CAUSE . . ." and "I WILL DESTROY".
- READ Romans 11:22**
- (v. 5) "And Noah did according to all that the **LORD** commanded him."
 - Remember Hebrews 11:7
 - vv. 10-24 - It rained forty days and nights and the waters prevailed on the earth for 150 days.

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The Earth Dries (Genesis 8)

- (v. 2) God's sovereignty over weather. (See Psalm 148:8; 107:25-29; Amos 4:13; Jonah 1:4; Matthew 8:27-29)
- (vv. 13-16) After one year and 10 days of being in the Ark.
- (v. 15) **THEN** God spoke to Noah! Meditate!
- (v. 16) **EVERY** soul that God put "**in the Ark**" was saved! NOT one was lost.
- (v. 17) Same command God gave to Adam. Same command Christ gave His disciples! (See Genesis 9:1; Matthew 28:18-20)
- (vv. 20-22) God's promise to mankind.

God's Covenant with Noah (Genesis 9)

- This is a covenant (like the Everlasting Covenant) where God is the initiator and **sole** compacter. See 9:11, 12, 15.
- This was a covenant that God made with Noah and man had **no part** in it.
- God made His covenant with His *new head of the new creation*. The covenant was made with Noah but Noah's descendants throughout the ages of reaped the benefits. Just like the Everlasting Covenant.
- The covenant was based on sacrifice - Genesis 8:20.

The Flood and Us

- ① Genesis 6-9 are preserved for our learning. (Romans 15:4)
- ② In studying the Flood we learn the "severity and goodness" of God. (Romans 11:22)
- ③ We must heed Christ's warnings in Matthew 24:36-44 and Luke 17:26-30
- ④ As we gaze upon a rainbow we ought to reflect/meditate on what God says about it in His Word. It ought to also be a reminder of the Everlasting Covenant that God made with His Son *for us!*

More Study: *Gleanings in Genesis*, A. W. Pink, see chapters 10-14. Available in PDF format on our website's recommended reading list. Note carefully Pink's passages on the typology of Noah, as a type of Christ, and the Ark, a type of our eternal salvation.

