

Noah: Intro & Ark

Scripture Text: Genesis 1-6

1. The Beginning – Gen. 1:1-2:7

- 1:1 God literally breathed (inspired – II Tim. 3:16) the world into existence
- 1:5 How long were the days? Literal 24-hour periods. Each day had an evening and a morning. (5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31)

Things created:

1. Light & Dark
2. Clouds & Oceans
3. Sun, Moon, & Stars
4. Land, Plants, & Trees
5. Fish & Birds
6. Man & Animals
7. God rested

Man is younger than the earth by 5 days.

- 2:3 Garden of Eden – Paradise (Septuagint translates as *Paradeisos*)
- 2:20 No help meet for Adam after he had named every animal
Woman created
- 2:22 Married by God
- 3:1-19 Satan & Sin
- 3:21 God covered their sin
Cast out of the Garden
- 4:1-24 Cain & Abel

4:25 Seth is born – continues the line of Christ

Chapter 5 is overlooked too many times because of all the names but it is so valuable to the Bible student to see the lineage.

Quick genealogy:

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| 1. Adam | 930 | Time with Adam: | 7. Enoch | 365 | 308 |
| 2. Seth | 912 | 800 | 8. Methuselah | 969 | 243 |
| 3. Enos | 905 | 665 | 9. Lamech | 777 | 56 |
| 4. Cainan | 910 | 575 | 10. Noah | 950 | -126 |
| 5. Mahleel | 895 | 505 | 11. Shem | | |
| 6. Jared | 962 | 440 | | | |

Bold indicates recorded they walked with God

2. Noah on the Scene – Genesis 6:1-12

- 1 Multiplying
How? With whom?
- 3 Lifetime of people reduced
- 4 Two Things:
 1. Giants – cannot be the same people as in Numbers 13:33 (spies and Canaan) as no one survived the flood
 2. Giants – translated *Nephilim* – “Fallen Ones” – can translate to angels or also ones that have fallen away. Consider the second option. They were marrying with people that were unfaithful or even had no faith at all!
- 5 Thoughts were only evil
How would you compare it with today? Noah’s day had to have been worse
- 6 Repented – literally in Hebrew: to sigh or breathe strongly
Does not mean that God had done wrong but simply that He was upset with His creation
Cf. Acts 17:30
- 7 Completely reverse His handiwork
- 8 Key verse
Tombstone: “See, I Told You I Was Sick” Jean Sheppard; Thomas Jefferson’s grave
BUT – change in the story. Verses 1-7 are a sad story, but it picks up at verse 8.

3. God’s Instructions to Noah – Genesis 6:13-22

- 13 God spoke directly to Noah
In original language, YHWH is used (God’s personal name) – denotes the close relationship Noah shared with God!
- 14 Hebrews 11:7
Pitch makes the Ark waterproof
- 15 How big was the Ark?
 - 300 cubits long X 1.5 FT = 450 FT = 1½ football fields
 - 50 cubits wide X 1.5 FT = 75 FT
 - 30 cubits high X 1.5 FT = 45 FT = about a 5-story building
 - 3 decks = 101,250 FT² = 21 basketball courts

- IF Noah were to examine just the decks, he would walk 0.6 miles
- Cargo = 1.5 million cubic feet = 50 railroad cars
- 16 - 1 window @ 1 cubit
- 1 Door
- 17 Everything that breathes air is to be destroyed!
- 18 Covenant – promise – to 8 people
- 19 Two of every kind – possibly a type – regardless, all represented
- 21 Gather grain – everyone eats grain until after the flood

Key verses: 8 & 22

Lessons:

1. Don't miss the boat.
2. Stay busy – Noah was both physically and spiritually fit.
3. God seals the door. God is responsible for our Salvation.
4. We must develop complete obedience to God and His commands.

Noah: Flood & Salvation

Scripture Text: Genesis 7-8:19

1. Time to Board the Ark! – Genesis 7:1-15

- 2 Take the clean animals by the 7s, male and female
 - Clean? Lev. 11:3-8 chews the cud & has a split hoof
 - Unclean? Lev. 10:10 either of the above but not both
- 3 Take the birds also
- 4 One week until they board the Ark
- 5 Similar to 6:22
- 6 Noah is 600 years old – preached for ~120 years and converted no one. By today's standards, he would be a failure as a preacher. Yet he saved his entire family.
- 7 Boarded the Ark
- 10 God kept His word!

2. On the Ark – Genesis 7:11-8:15

- 11 600th year, 2nd month, 17th day of the month they start
 - Water came from above and below – 1st time to see it rain
- 12 40 days & nights of rain – a lot of water!

- 40: days Jesus, Elijah, Moses fasted; years the Israelites wondered; days Ezekiel laid on his right side to bear the iniquity of Judea's sins; years each of Israel's kings reigned; days Goliath taunted Israel before David slew him
- 13 8 souls entered the Ark
Current population 7.5 Billion
How many people died in the flood? The easiest and most accurate answer is, "All but eight."
- 14 Animals enter the Ark also
- 16 God shut them in – not man
If not inside the Ark when the door closes, you perish!
Parable of the 10 Virgins
- 18 Water continually went upward
- 19 Every part of the earth was covered – NOT a localized flood
- 20 15 cubits X 1.5 FT = 22 FT higher than the tallest mountain
Mt. Everest = 29,028 FT. if that was the tallest mountain pre-flood, water 20,050 FT
Do some math:
- 1 gallon of pure water = 8.345 pounds
- 1 cubic foot of water = 62.43 pounds
- 29,050 cubic feet of H₂O = 1,813,532.25 pounds
- 21 All living things destroyed, minus those on the Ark
- 24 150 days of the water remaining
Destructive power of water/floods:
- All have seen news stories
- May 2, 2010 – Nashville flood
- Grand Canyon formed during flood
- Cumberland Caverns – seashells and impressions in the ceiling of the cave
- Dinosaur bones at the American Museum of Natural History, NYC
- 8:1 God remembers Noah
- 2 Stops raining
- 4 Rests on the 7th month, 17th day @ Ararat – modern day Armenia – Silver Coins
- 5 Water decrease until the 10th month, 1st day
Mountaintops are seen
- 6 Sending of birds**
Opens the window – 1st mention of it being opened

- 7 Raven sent
- 8 Dove also sent
- 9 Dove returned
- 10 Waits 10 Days
- 11 Dove brings back an olive branch
- 12 7 more days
Dove doesn't return
- 13 Noah – 601st year, 1st month, 1st day – covering removed
- 14 2nd month, 27th day – Earth dried
How long were they on the Ark?
Right at exactly one solar year ~370 days; biblical year = 360 days

3. Leaving the Ark – Genesis 8:15-19

Told to leave

Take the animals

No mention of the physical Ark again

What happens when they get off? Tomorrow night's lesson

Lessons:

1. God will not contend with sin forever. God is not in the “sin tolerating business.”
2. The Judgment Day is coming.
3. God keeps His promises.
4. We serve a powerful God.
5. The “Ark” is never too small for one more person. If more people had been obedient, they would've fit on the Ark.
6. We must develop distinctiveness.
7. We must trust God completely.
8. The Lord remembers and protects – Gen. 8:1.

Noah – Thanks & Promises

Scripture Text: Genesis 8:20-9:17

- Have you ever taken a long car ride/plane trip and just wanted to sit once you get off?
- Longest someone has ridden in a car/plane?
- I love going places, but I am always so happy to come home and just relax!

1. Thanking God – Genesis 8:20-22

- 20 1st thing Noah does when he gets off the ark is builds an altar and offer sacrifices to God
1st altar recorded in history. Gen. 4 – Cain & Abel – mention a sacrifice but not the altar
Think of the size of this sacrifice! One of every beast and fowl was offered!
- 21 Anthropomorphic language – describes something using human terms
Pleased God with the sacrifice.
Lev. 26:31 – sometimes the smell was not pleasing to God
Lev. 1:9, 2:2, 3:16 – pleasing examples
God says He will never do the same thing He just did.
- 22 No more drastic changes until the end.
Things get on a regular rotation.

2. Covenant with God – Genesis 9:1-17

- 1 Job to do: be fruitful, multiply, replenish the Earth
Everyone else has more children except for Mr. & Mrs. Noah.
9:23-24 doesn't record any more children after the flood.
- 2 Now the animals fear man – dominion over them
We are not the same as animals and are not equal with them – we have a soul!
- 3 Before the flood, they only ate herbs of the field, Gen. 1:29
- 4 Cannot eat something that is alive
- 5 Taking a man's life is punished by that person's life being taken
- 7 Had to replenish the Earth
They do, but they don't move while they are doing it which leads to the problem at the Tower of Babel – Ch. 11
- 9 Establishment of the covenant
- 11 Never to destroy the earth with water again. Next time will be fire.
- 13 Sign of the covenant: rainbow (see below)
- 15 God remembers the covenant at every rainbow

3. Rainbow Rant:

- Question: what does the rainbow stand for?
- It is not a representation for a sinful choice of an individual

- Sadly, since a homosexual man by the name of Harvey Milk commissioned another gay man, Gilbert Baker, to make a flag for San Francisco's 1978 gay pride parade, the rainbow has become synonymous with homosexuals.
- Those of the homosexual persuasion have chosen to degrade a beautiful token of God and turn it into a symbol of rebellion and arrogance.
- They are wrong on many fronts.
- Homosexuality is a sin – OT: Lev. 18:22, 20:13, Sodom and Gomorrah; NT: Rom. 1:26-27, I Cor. 6:9-11, Jesus mentions male and female in Matt. 19:3.

4. Promises Today

1. God always keeps His promises
 - He promised to send the Messiah & He did!
 - He has promised that Jesus will return & He will!
2. Do we keep our promises?
 - Promise to meet a friend for lunch
 - Promise to help someone move furniture so they can repaint a room
3. When we obey the Gospel. We are making a promise with God that we will live according to that promise.
4. What have we promised?
 - Live faithful until death – Rev. 2:10
 - Not be lukewarm – Rev. 3:14-17
 - Repent if in the wrong – Luke 13:3, 5
 - Study – II Tim. 2:15
 - Preach the Word – II Tim 4:2
 - Always be ready to give an answer – I Pet. 3:15
 - Grow in grace – II Pet. 3:18
 - Grow in knowledge – II Pet. 3:18
 - Partake of the Lord's Supper on the 1st day of the week – I Cor. 11
 - Give – I Cor. 16:1-2
 - Keep the course – II Tim. 4:7-8
 - Put on the whole armor of God – Eph. 6
 - Don't have itching ears – II Tim. 4:2
 - Forgive those that wrong you – Romans 12:14

Lessons:

1. Noah and his family were thankful to God His protects – Gen. 8:20
2. God is with us even when we only see the "storm clouds."
3. Our worship, like Noah's, should be a sweet-smelling savor to God.

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