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## THE FLOOD—GENESIS 5-9

1. How old was Adam when he died? (5:5) 930
2. Who is the oldest man in this chapter and in the Bible? (5:27) 969, Methuselah
3. Who walked with God and did not die? (5:24) Enoch
4. Why did God decide to destroy man? (6:5) Because he saw how cruel and wicked the world had become. And he thought that the human heart was evil all the time.
5. Describe Noah: A devout and humble man who trusted and followed the word and way of God. A model citizen of the day.
6. The Ark was made of what type of wood? Cypress Wood How many cubits long 300, cubits broad 50 cubits, cubits high 30 cubits, how many stories high approximately 3 stories tall was the Ark?  
*William Matthew Petrie gives the ancient cubit as equal to 22.5". This would make the ark 562'6" long by 93'9" wide by 56'3" high with 2,958,000 cubic feet, which equals the carrying load of 1,000 freight cars. The ark was six times long as it was wide. Some of the finest ships afloat are built in proportion to the Ark.*
7. How many of each clean animal were taken into the ark? (7:2) 7 pairs
8. How many of each unclean animal were taken into the ark? 1 pair
9. Who were the 8 people in the ark? Noah, his wife, Shem and his wife, Ham and his wife, Japheth and his wife.
10. How long did it rain? 40 days and 40 nights
11. On what mountain did the ark rest? (8:4) Mount Ararat
12. What two birds were sent out of the ark to test whether the water had receded or not?  
A Raven and a Dove
13. What did Noah do immediately after he left the ark? Built and Altar to worship God.

Noah's household was in the ark for 1 year and 17 days, as follows:

*7 days in the ark before the rain began*

*40 days it rained day and night*

*110 days more, the ark rested on Mt. Ararat*

*73 more days more, the mountain tops were visible*

*40 days more, Noah sent out a raven*

*7 days more, Noah sent out a dove; it returned*

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*29 days more, the covering of the ark was removed*

*57 days more, Noah went out of the ark*

14. What did God now give man for food? (9:3) Everything that lives and moves.
15. Did God ever command capital punishment? (9:6) Yes, whomever sheds human blood will have their blood shed.
16. What is the meaning of the rainbow? It is a symbol of the promise to ever catastrophically flood the earth again.

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Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be they name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those,  
Who trespass against us.  
Lead Us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom,  
The power and the glory,  
Forever and ever. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.

Fill me, Father, with Your Spirit of the Vine, Christ Jesus my Lord. May I bring forth fruit, more fruit, much fruit to glorify Your Holy name. I pray in Jesus' name, my precious heavenly Vine,

Amen.

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

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Discussion Notes:

## NOAH AND THE ARK GENESIS 6:5-22

300 cubits long, 50 cubits wide, and 30 cubits high. Needs a roof opening of one cubit long. Put a door in the side of the ark, and make it lower, middle and upper decks.

Noah 600 years old when the flood waters came.

### CONTEXT:

Time has passed yet again, and we are not roughly 1500 years after creation. Genesis 5 gives us a complete genealogy from Adam to Noah, showing that it was approximately 1056 years from Adam's creation to Noah's birth, and that Noah was 600 years old when God flooded the earth. During this time mankind did not improve, but yet the situation grew worse.

Genesis tells us that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of them thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" (6:5). The wickedness of mankind had indeed become so great that the Lord "was grieved in His heart" (verse 6). Yet amid this wickedness, one man found grace in the eyes of the Lord (verse 8)—this mans name was Noah.

Noah was selected by God to be the second Adam—the father of the human race. This honor set Noah apart from every other human being on the earth, which indicates that there was something special about him in the eyes of God. As we further our study, we will more closely at who Noah was so that we can learn to imitate him—that we too, might be pleasing to God.

### KEYS TO THE TEXT:

*A WICKED WORLD: Mankind has fallen so far into the depths of wickedness that God declares He is sorry to have made or created humans.*

6:5 EVERY INTENT OF THE THOUGHTS OF HIS HEART WAS ONLY EVIL CONTINUALLY: This statement describes the true nature of man's heart. James tells us that man's sinful and deceitful behavior begins in his thought life (see James 1:14-15). Jeremiah states, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it? (17:9). This theme is reiterated numerous times in Scripture, and it goes against the thought or notion that mankind is truly good.

6. HE WAS GRIEVED IN HIS HEART: this is a moving insight into the character of God—He is capable of feeling sorrow and grief. What moves Him to grief is the sinfulness of His special creature, man, whom He designed and created to hold a special degree of communion with himself. He is grieved that man now spend his energies and talents devising new ways to defy his Creator.

*ONE SET APART: yet there is one man in that wicked generation whose life is different—one man who finds favor in the eyes of God.*

8. **BUT NOAH FOUND GRACE IN THE EYES OF THE LORD:** the name Noah means “rest.” His father prophesied at his birth: “This one will comfort us concerning our work and the toil of our hands, because of the ground which the Lord has cursed” (Genesis 5:29). Amid this unprecedented wickedness, Noah stood out, he was different, and this gained the attention of the person who matter the most. GOD. So, we ask ourselves what was different about Noah that he was chosen for the large task of repopulating the world. What was the characteristic or trait that brought him the favor and grace of God?

9. **NOAH WAS A JUST MAN:** Here is the beginning of our answer. This statement suggests that there was little justice in the society around him—wicked men were being rewarded and innocent men were being punished, mush as it is in the West today. But Noah pursued justice in his dealings with his family and neighbors.

**PERFECT GENERATIONS:** Now was blameless, among his contemporaries. The same was said about Daniel, who kept his life blameless that his enemies could not find any charge to bring against him (see Daniel 6:4).

**NOAH WALKED WITH GOD:** This is the core reason as to why Noah was able to be just and blameless amid a wicked world or generation: he walked with God. Noah’s entire life was characterized by the presence of God. Noah made all his decisions, conducted all his affairs, and act out his everyday life with the conscious attitude that the was in the presence of God.

*SALVATION: God had determined to get rid of the corruption on earth by sending a great flood. However, He promised to keep Noah and His family safe in the ark.*

13. **I WILL DESTROY THEM WITH THE EARTH:** “Destroy” did not mean annihilation but rather referred to the Flood Judgement of the earth and its inhabitants.

14. **MAKE YOURSELF AN ARK:** While the ark was not designed for beauty or speed, these dimensions provided extraordinary stability in the tumultuous flood waters. The ark had three stories, each fifteen feet high, and each deck was equipped with various rooms (literally “nests”).

**PITCH:** was a resin substance used to seal the seams and cracks in the wood.

16. **WINDOW:** The “window” may have actually been a low wall around the flat roof to catch the water for all of the ark.

18. **BUT I WILL ESTABLISH MY COVENANT WITH YOU:** Unlike the rest of the created order that was about to be destroyed, Noah and his family would not only be saved or preserved but would also enjoy the provision and protection of a covenant relationship with God. This is the first mention of covenant in Scripture.

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**THE GREAT FLOOD**  
**GENESIS 7:1-8:22**

## CONTEXT

Modern science tells us that mankind is getting better and smarter and wiser all the time. However, as we saw in the last part of our study, the 1500 years from the time of creation to the time of Noah reveals that this is not true. The human race had become so depraved that God regretted creating it. He actually determined in His heart to destroy it.

If this were truly the end of the story, we would not be here studying creation, and we would not exist. Fortunately, God in his search, and through all the lines of Adam and his sons, he was able to find another shepherd to re-populate the creation. This man he found among all of the wickedness on earth. Noah a man who feared Him and did all that He commanded. Noah was selected to build an ark to save him and his family, and in this way he became a second father to the human race.

It took Noah approximately 100 years to build the ark. During this time, he was also warning people that God was about to send a worldwide judgement on the earth. The ark had room to accommodate all who wanted to escape the judgment—but nobody listened.

## KEYS TO THE TEXT

*BUILDING A BOAT: In Genesis 6, God commands Noah to build an ark, It take Noah a century to build it, during which time he preaches about God's coming judgement.*

7:2. SEVEN PAIRS OF EVERY CLEAN ANIMAL: We traditionally picture Noah collecting two of every living animal on earth—male and female—but this is not accurate, God commanded him to collect seven (or, more likely, seven pairs) of every clean animal, and two (a pair) of every unclean animal. (See Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14 for further information concerning clean and unclean animals.)

4. SEVEN MORE DAYS: God had already allowed 100 years for the people to repent. Noah was “a preacher of righteousness” (2 Peter 2:5) to the world around him, while “the Divine longsuffering awaited” (1 Peter 3:20) as he built the ark. Now God would allow one more week of opportunity for others to repent and find salvation on the ark. Nobody responded or heeded his call.

I WILL CAUSE IT TO RAIN ON THE EARTH FOR FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS: Prior to this point, it had not rained on the earth—or at least not in this quantity. This is probably part of the reason why people mocked Noah as he built the ark, saying, “Such a little thing has never happened before—therefore we are confident that it never will.” This was foolish thinking on their part, and still this type of thinking is prevalent in the world today.

I WILL DESTROY FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH ALL LIVING THINGS THAT I HAVE MADE: Some people surmise that the earth was originally surrounded by a canopy of water vapor. This canopy would have shielded the earth from the sun's destructive rays and contributed to the great life spans recorded in Genesis. If such a canopy did exist, it certainly contained enough water to flood the earth. Added to this was a great

quantity of subterranean waters that belched forth from below the earth's surface. Every living creature died, with the exception of fish ("all that was on the dry land," Genesis 7:22).

5. NOAH DID ACCORDING TO ALL THAT THE LORD COIMMADED HIM: This is the practical element involved in "walking with God." Certainly, a man who walks is the practical element involved in "walking with God." Certainly, a man who walks with God will spend time reading His Word, communing in prayer, meeting with others who are like-minded, and so forth. But at the core of this one word: *obedience*. Noah's life was characterized by obedience to God. Whatever God told him to do, he did it—exactly as God described. In this, Noah is a type of Christ as well as a second Adam: a man whose life was characterized by complete obedience to the Father.

*ALL ABOARD: Noah and his family get inside the ark, and God closes the door. Soon there will be no safe place on earth, except inside the ark.*

6. NOAH WAS 600 YEARS OLD: The genealogies of those who lived prior to the Flood record lived incredibly long lives—Methuselah, the oldest man in the Bible lived to be 969 (Genesis 5:27). The life spans of those born after the Flood, however, are dramatically shorter, which lends some credence to the concept that the earth had been surrounded by a water-vapor canopy.

11. IN THE SECOND MONTH: The dates and timing of the Flood are meticulous and specific, which indicates that Moses accepted it as an actual, historical event. This is not a myth or a fable; it is literal history. The entire flood lasted one year and ten days from beginning to end (See Genesis 7:11-8:14).

THE FOUNTAINS OF THE GREAT DEEP: Waters surged up from underground and poured violently down from the heavens. This was undoubtedly accompanied by earthquakes, as the subterranean waters broke through the surface of the earth. This depicts a worldwide catastrophe, not an event that was restricted to one geographical area.

13. ON THE VERY SAME DAY NOAH.... ENTERED THE ARK: God gave every possible opportunity to repent, up to the very last minute God reaches out in grace and mercy to mankind constantly—however, the time does come when His judgement falls. God is both merciful and just.

15. THEY WENT INTO THE ARK TO NOAH: As God had told Noah, the animals went into the ark to Noah, so that he could collect the required animals for the new improved and future of creation.

16. AND THE LORD SHUT HIM IN: God Himself shut the door of the ark, and only He could open it. This tells us that the door had been standing open for this period of time—a literal open door to anyone who would go into salvation. However, when the time was completely fulfilled, God shut the door- and it would not again be open to the outside. "Now is the day of salvation (2 Corinthians 6:2), but this day will not last forever.

*THE WATERS RISE: The entire planet is covered with water so deep that it covers the mountains tops.*



18. THE ARK MOVED ABOUT ON THE SURFACE OF THE WATERS: The New Testament uses the ark as a picture of God's plan of salvation and the church. This shows us the horrible judgement of God's wrath being poured forth on the entire globe, destroying every facet of life, while those who believe and follow God are safely harbored within the ark, guarded away from this destruction. No part of God's judgement or wrath was brought on Noah and his family. So it will be for God's church when His final judgement is poured forth on the earth.

20. THE MOUNTAINS WERE COVERED: 15 cubits would be more than 22 feet deep, meaning that the highest mountain was submerged under at least 22 feet of water. The ark eventually landed on Mount Ararat, which is 17,000 feet high. Again, these simple statistics proved beyond any doubt that this water completely covered the planet—not just a small geographical region as some researchers have claimed.

*GOD'S WATER ABATES: God's nature demands both mercy and judgement. However, now that His judgment has been appeased, His mercy comes to the forefront.*

8:1 GOD REMEMBERED NOAH: this does not mean that God had forgotten Noah. He "remembered" His divine mercy towards mankind, as His divine judgment had now been fulfilled. And turned His attention to getting Noah situated in the post-Flood earth.

GOD MADE A WIND TOPASS OVER THE EARTH: Here we see some re-birth of the original plan of creation. In the beginning His spirit hovered over the waters, here he created a wind to pass over the waters. The words wind and spirit are synonymous.

4. THE MOUNTAINS OF ARARAT: There are in the regions of the Caucasus, the tallest peaks in modern day Turkey.

7. RAVEN: The raven is a carrion eater, a bird of death. It undoubtedly found extreme amounts of rancid flesh to feast upon, but it could not find land that was dry enough for it to roost. The Raven kept going in and out of the ark window.

8. HE ALSO SENT OUT FROM HIMSELF A DOVE: A dove is much more selective in its food choices than a raven. The dove's food would indicate that new life had begun to grow and that Noah and his family could also survive outside the ark.

11. FRESHLY PLUCKED OLIVE LEAF: The water subsided to the point when trees were visible, and branches and leaves were visible. The dove brought back an olive branch as a symbol of peace, which has been symbolic throughout all of history.

13. NOAH REMOVED THE COVERING OF THE ARK: This was a window or hatch of some sort, however, he and his family did not leave the ark until they were commanded by God. (Genesis 8:16)

*NOAH WORSHIPPED: Noah not only obeys God but also worships Him. These characteristics set him apart from his generation and reveal the secret to his strong relationship with God.*

20. NOAH BUILT AN ALTAR TO THE LORD: Noah and his family had been cooped up in the ark for what seemed like an eternity. For one year, 378 days. They had not felt sunshine, touched dry land, or lived any kind of normal existence while they were aboard the ark, however, the first thing that Noah did upon his departure from the ark was to build an altar to praise and worship God. Most would rush to build shelter, gather food, or other things that are more selfish, but Noah put God first.

21. THE LORD SMELLED A SOOTHING AROMA: God's justice had been satisfied and His anger was put to rest. Again, Noah gives us a picture of Christ, who is the perfect sacrifice for sin, and would later become the final offering—the sacrifice that made complete atonement for the sins of man and opened the way to removing the curse of sin, put forth by the first humans.

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## **THE FIRST COVENANT**

**GENESIS 9:1-17**

*(End of the Flood and the First Covenant or Promise made by God in the Fresh World).*

### **THE CONTEXT**

Throughout Genesis, many covenants are made between God and man. Some were *conditional*, in a sense, God's people had something to do if the contract was to remain binding. Others, were *unconditional*, meaning that God would keep His end of the bargain regardless of what His people did. But all covenants were common: they revealed some aspect of God's nature, and they displayed the hopeless situation that mankind was in.

We saw hopelessness in God's first "covenant" with mankind in Genesis 3:16-19, which turned out to be more of a curse rather than a promise. Adam and Eve, made the decision, defiled by Satan. At that point that were unable to reverse the state of the situation, no matter what acts, sacrifices, or promises they made. Yet God as the merciful being He is, promised a to deliver salvation for all of creation. This promise would come through "the seed of woman" to redeem humankind. This promise was revealed right from the start. This was the nature and promise of God's loving and gracious plan, a plan of salvation and redemption.

As we move further in our study, we will be looking into the promise that God later made with Noah after the flood. This promise will show us important aspects of mankind/humankind's sin and be encouraged by glimpses of God's perfect nature.

### **KEYS TO THE TEXT**

*AFTER THE FLOOD: The floodwaters have receded, and God has set Noah and his family safely on dry ground. Now God pronounces a blessing on Noah.*

9:1 BLESSED NOAH... BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY, AND FILL THE EARTH: God blessed Noah, and recommissioned him, so that he may go forth and fill the earth, just as He had done with Adam and Eve (Genesis 1:28).

2. THE FEAR OF YOU: Man's relationship to the animals appears to have changed, and man is now free to eat earth animals as a sustainable form of food.

4. BUT YOU SHALL NOT EAT FLESH WITH ITS LIFE: Raw blood was not to be consumed as food, because it represented life. To shed blood represented death. The blood of animals represented their lives and was not to be eaten. The blood of life was the blood which God designed to be a covering for sin (Leviticus 17:11).

5. FROM THE HAND OF EVERY BEAST... HAND OF MAN: God invoked capital punishment on every animal or man who took human life unlawfully.

6. FOR IN THE IMAGE OF GOD: The reason man could kill animals, but neither animals or man could kill man, was because man (man alone) was created in God's image.

*THE COVENANT: After blessing Noah, God now voluntarily commits Himself to an eternal covenant with mankind and the whole earth.*

9. I ESTABLISH MY COVENANT WITH YOU: This is the first covenant between God and humankind and is known as the Noahic covenant (Genesis 9:11-17). It was an unconditional covenant, established by God at His own initiative. He was basing it solely on His own nature; man's actions had nothing to do with it.

10. WITH EVERY LIVING CREATURE: God's love and concern extends to all creation, hold mankind/humankind near to His heart.

11. NEVER AGAIN SHALL THERE BE A FLOOD: God promised that the earth would never undergo a flood of that nature to be inflicted upon the earth again. Prophets of future catastrophe, such as global warming, often claim that there may be a major flood (because of melting ice caps and other factors), if mankind/humankind doesn't do something quickly, but God has promised otherwise. We should also take note that God did not promise an eternal existence for the earth either.

12. THE SIGN OF THE COVENANT: The rainbow is a perpetual symbol, which reminds us of this covenant or promise, just as the circumcision of all males would be for the Abrahamic Covenant (See Genesis 17:10-11).

PERPETUAL GENERATIONS: The covenant or promise between God and humans shall last forever—even longer than the earth itself will last.

14. WHEN I BRING A CLOUD OVER THE EARTH: We witness clouds everyday since they are a part of our atmospheric makeup. However, God was saying that He would not forget the covenant/promise that He made.

15. I WILL REMEMBER: This is not simple recognition, but His very own word and commitment to His ultimate promise.

16. THE EVERLASTING COVENANT: God's covenant with Noah was the first of five originated covenants in Scripture that are explicitly described as "everlasting." The term

“everlasting” can mean either to the end of time, and/or through eternity, beyond the end of time. If the six explicit covenants of this kind in Scripture only the Mosaic or old covenant was nullified.

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