

## Noah Notes

### Noah's Ark Genesis 6-8

#### Setting the stage

#### Genesis 6:1-13

#### What did this old world look like?

3 things to notice here in chapter 6 to prepare us for the flood and what we are seeing:

1. **There is marriage between believers and unbelievers. V.2** Sons of God (line of Seth) took daughters of man (line of Cain) to be their wives- marrying whomever they wanted
  - a. Lamech 4:19
2. **There was violence on the earth. V.11** "earth was filled with violence".
  - Refer to the story of Cain and Lamech in Genesis 4.

Gen 4:8- Cain "Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him."

Gen 4:23-24- Lamech "Adah and Zillah, hear my voice; Wives of Lamech, listen to my speech! For I have killed a man for wounding me, even a young man for hurting me. If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, then Lamech seventy-sevenfold."

3. **There was corruption on the earth. V.11**

#### Why does God make the decision to flood the earth now?

- God has reached a point with creation where He desires to start over. God is seeing that man cannot help but to do what man wants and not what God wants.
  - Corruption
  - Violence
  - Marrying whomever they desire

This is consistent with God's character throughout his Word. He regrets decisions that he has made, but He always finds a way to turn what is wrong into what is right. This is to show God's forgiving nature.

- V.6- God had regretted that He had created man. But he found Noah righteous.

#### Genesis 6:14-7:1

v.22- While everybody else was out doing as they please, Noah was out doing the Lord's work.

## The Ark

2 points I want to make regarding the security of the Ark

### 1. The Ark was unsinkable.

- The story of the man saying that not even God could sink the Titanic. The reason it ended up sinking is because God did not create it! Man did!
- The ark was not sustainable because of anything that Noah did. This was all part of Gods work. God tells Noah how to build the ark!!!
- God gives Noah instructions for how to build Ark and to provide salvation for him and his family. NOAH TRUSTS IN GOD'S WORD. According to most shipbuilders, these dimensions that were given in 6:14-16 were the exact dimensions necessary to sustain something so powerful.
- The Ark was totally and utterly created by God, thus making it literally unsinkable for the flood.

### 2. The ark was totally guided and directed by God Himself.

- Scripture says nothing about sails, motors, or engines. God himself directed this boat.

Gen 7:1 "The Lord said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you are righteous before me in this generation."

- KJV and NKJV says "Come into the ark..."

God is inviting them into the ark to find safety and salvation.

## The Flood

### Genesis 7:11-16

1. God begins to bring rain from heaven instead of the ground. Something has never happened before.

- Gen 2:5-6 "For the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and there was no man to till the ground; but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground."
    - God would water the plants from the mist of the ground.
  - Gen 7:11-12 "The heavens were opened. And rain fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights."
- Noah is once again relying on what God is telling him to do.
  - Heb 11:7 "By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith."

### 2. The Lord shuts Noah and his family in. V.16

- The door was opened for all to come in for salvation, once it was closed, it was shut for good.

John 10:9- "I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture."

- Right now, in this very moment, any man or woman can come to faith and salvation. But that will soon not be the case. God will say, "I never knew you..." The scariest words in all the bible.

#### Genesis 7:17-24

- The writer of Genesis did not mince words when describing what the flood looked like and what God did to humanity.

#### 1. The waters covered all the mountains of the earth. V.17-20

- The tallest mountain in the world is Mount Everest. 29,031.69 ft above sea level which is almost 5.5 miles tall.

#### 2. Everything that was not on the ark was utterly and destroyed by the flood. V.21-24

- The flood was global...not regional.

#### Chapter 8:1-22

Genesis 8:1- "But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the livestock that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth and the waters subsided."

- God remembering means He is about to act for someone's benefit.

V.6-12- Noah patiently waits for the birds to give him a sign showing the waters have subsided.

v.16- God tells Noah and his family to come out of the ark. These moments are the first steps onto the new world that God has begun.

After Noah and his family come out of the boat, Noah worships the Lord by building an altar and making sacrifices. V.20

God then makes a promise to mankind to never again flood the earth... He goes on to say in chapter 9 the rainbow will be a reminder of the covenant that he has made with man.

Just like in this previous world where God has pronounced judgment, God will pronounce judgment on this world also.

Luke 17:26-27 "Just as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be in the days of the Son of Man. They were eating and drinking and marrying, and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all."