

Noah and the Flood

Lesson #1 - Genesis 6:5-17

(Most Scriptures used are from the New King James Version)

Genesis 6:5-7 "Then the Lord saw that **the WICKEDNESS of MAN was GREAT in the earth**, and that every intent of the thoughts of **his HEART was only EVIL** continually. And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and **He was grieved in His heart**. So the Lord said, 'I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.'"

- **Romans 3:10-18** "As it is written, 'There is _____ righteous, no, not one; there is none who understands; there is _____ who seeks after _____. They have all gone out of the way; they have together become unprofitable; there is _____ who does _____, no, not one. Their throat is an open tomb; with their tongues they have practiced _____; the poison of asps is under their lips; whose mouth is full of _____ and bitterness. Their _____ are swift to shed _____; destruction and misery are in their ways; and the way of peace they have _____ known. There is _____ fear of _____ before their eyes.'"
- **Romans 3:23** "For _____ have _____ and fall short of the glory of God."
- **Jeremiah 17:9** "The _____ is _____ above all things, and desperately _____; who can know it? I, the Lord, search the _____, I test the mind, even to give every man according to his _____."

Definition: "His HEART was only EVIL continually" - These verses above show us that the condition of humanity is sinful and beyond our own ability to fix it. **Our hearts are deceitful and wicked**, and without God, through His Son Jesus Christ, we have no hope. And this is after the flood! Just imagine **the wickedness of mankind going unchecked** by any kind of righteousness before the flood, and that **God could only find ONE MAN** and his family who even cared about God and His righteousness!

Genesis 6:8-10 "But **NOAH found GRACE in the EYES of the LORD**. This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. **Noah walked with God**. And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth."

- **Ezekiel 14:14 & 20** "'Even if these three men, _____, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they would deliver only themselves by their _____'; says the Lord God." (Verse 20) "'Even though _____, Daniel, and Job were in it, as I live', says the Lord God, 'They would _____ neither son nor daughter; they would deliver only themselves by their _____.'"

Definition: "NOAH found GRACE in the EYES of the LORD" - See how Noah is mentioned by God to the prophet Ezekiel, as **ONE of the three MOST RIGHTEOUS MEN in the Bible**, "Even if **these three men, NOAH, Daniel, and Job....**" (Ezekiel 14:14 & 20). When it says, "Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations - Noah walked with God," it doesn't mean that Noah was "perfect" in that he was without sin. Noah was born with a sin nature, as all men since the fall of Adam, but Noah followed after Seth and the other descendants of Adam that believed God, obeyed God, were committed to do God's will, and "walked with God" in a daily relationship with Him.

Noah had to believe that God would send the Messiah as a savior for him, to save him from his sins, just as we do. The only difference was that **Noah and all the "just" or "righteous" men and women of the Old Testament looked AHEAD to the COMING Messiah**, and we LOOK BACK to Christ on the cross.

Genesis 6:11-13 "The earth also was **CORRUPT before God**, and **the earth was FILLED with VIOLENCE**. So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. And God said to Noah, '**The END of ALL FLESH has come before Me**, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, **I will DESTROY THEM with the earth.**'"

- **Luke 17:26-27** "And _____ it was in the _____ of _____, so it will be also in the _____ of the Son of Man: they ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day _____ entered the _____, and the _____ came and _____ them all."
- **II Timothy 3:1-4** "But know this, that in the _____ perilous times will _____: for men will be lovers of _____, lovers of money, boasters, _____, blasphemers, _____ to parents, unthankful, unholy, _____, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God...."
- **Romans 1:18 & 27-32** (Verse 18) "For the _____ of God is revealed from heaven against all _____ and _____ of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness." (Verses 27-32) "Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their _____ for one another, _____ with _____ committing what is _____, and receiving in themselves (in their bodies) the _____ of their error (sin) which was due. And even as they did not _____ to retain _____ in their knowledge, God gave them over to a _____, to do those _____ which are NOT _____; being filled with all unrighteousness, _____ immorality, _____, _____, maliciousness; full of _____, murder, strife, _____, evil mindedness; they are whisperers (gossips), backbiters, _____ of God, _____, _____, boasters, inventors of _____, _____ to parents, undiscerning, _____, _____, unforgiving, _____, who, knowing the righteous _____ of God, that those who _____ such _____ are worthy of _____, not only do the same, but also _____ of those who practice them."
- **II Peter 2:4-9** "For if God did not spare the angels who _____, but cast them down to _____ and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for _____; and did _____ spare the ancient _____, but saved _____, one of eight people, a preacher of _____, bringing in the _____ on the world of the _____; and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to _____, making them an example to those who would afterward live _____, and delivered righteous Lot, who was oppressed with the filthy conduct of the wicked (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds) - then the _____ knows how to _____ the _____ out of temptations and to _____ the _____ under punishment for the day of _____."

Definition: "DAYS of the SON of MAN" - Also called "**The Last Days**", this refers to the time **just BEFORE the RETURN of Jesus Christ** to the earth. Lawlessness and wickedness will be one of the "signs" of His soon return, and the condition of the

human race **just before Jesus returns** will be as **WICKED and EVIL as it was in Noah's days**, before God destroyed the earth with the Flood.

Definition: "The END of ALL FLESH has come before Me" - The wrath (righteous anger) of God against sin, violence, corruption and all that goes with it was poured out on the ancient world ("all flesh") in Noah's day. The Bible also warns us many times that **world conditions will be "....as it was in the days of Noah"** (Luke 17:26-27) **before the return of Jesus Christ, when God will POUR out His WRATH on the earth one final time.** You might say the worldwide flood in Noah's day was a **"dress rehearsal" for the final destruction** of all the evil and wickedness with which sinful man has polluted and corrupted this earth.

- **II Thessalonians 2:1-10** "Now, brethren, concerning the _____ of our Lord _____ Christ and our _____ together to _____, we ask you, not to be soon shaken in mind (alarmed) or _____, either by a spirit or by a word or by a letter, as if from us, as though the _____ of _____ had come. Let no one deceive you by any means; for that _____ will _____ come unless the _____ away comes first, and the man of sin (the Anti-Christ) is revealed, the son of perdition (hell), who opposes and exalts _____ above all that is called God or that is worshiped..... And now you know _____ is _____, that he may be revealed in his own time. For the mystery of _____ is _____ at _____; only He who now _____ will do so until _____ is _____ out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the _____ will _____ with the breath of His mouth and _____ with the brightness of His _____. The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of _____, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous _____ among those who perish, because they did _____ receive the _____ of the _____, that they might be _____."

Definition: "LAWLESSNESS is ALREADY at WORK" - Lawlessness (also called "Licentiousness") means not obeying the rules, no respect for the laws of God or country, and having no moral restraint. **This "lawlessness" is already at work, as we see it so clearly in our society today.** World conditions are becoming progressively worse - the moral condition of our society is full of violence and wickedness - just turn on your television to the nightly news. Every person, saved or unsaved, has **a conscience that gives them a knowledge of right and wrong**, and produces guilt when violated. It is a built-in warning system from God, but it can become desensitized. When a person violates his conscience enough times, it eventually becomes scarred, or seared (I Timothy 4:2) and that person no longer feels any guilt. This lack of conscience or guilt for doing wrong is also becoming more and more evident in our society.

- **I Timothy 4:1-2** "Now the Spirit expressly says that in the _____ some will depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing _____ and doctrines of _____; speaking _____ in hypocrisy, having their _____ seared as with a hot iron."
- **Titus 1:15** "To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are _____ and _____ nothing is _____; but even their _____ and _____ are _____."

Definition: "He who NOW RESTRAINS will do so until HE is TAKEN OUT of the way" - Most Bible teachers believe the **"He who restrains" is the Holy Spirit**, living within the collective Believers in Jesus Christ throughout the world ("the Church"). When will "He" be "taken out of the way"? The Holy Spirit will be removed from the

earth **when The Church is raptured** at the trumpet call of God, **when Jesus comes in the clouds to "take away" His Church**. As long as Believers in Christ are here on this earth, **we serve as "salt and light** ("Salt of the earth" - salt purifies and preserves, Matthew 5:13 - "Light of the world" - Matt. 5:14-16) to hold back the corruption and rottenness of sin. **When we are removed**, that restraint to the world's wickedness will no longer be there, and the ungodly will reach their full potential of wickedness, violence, and everything in opposition to God's holiness. **The world already hates us Christians, and when we are no longer here to hold back their wickedness**, their sin will erupt to a level that we can only imagine now.

- **I Thessaonians 4:16-17** "For the _____ Himself will _____ from _____ with a _____, with the voice of an archangel, and with the _____ of God. And the dead in _____ will rise first (Christians who have died will be RESURRECTED). Then _____ who are _____ and remain shall be _____ together with _____ in the _____ to meet the _____ in the _____. And thus _____ shall _____ be _____ the _____."

Genesis 6:14-17 "Make yourself an ARK of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. And this is how you shall make it: the length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it with lower, second, and third decks. And behold, **I Myself am bringing flood waters on the earth, to DESTROY from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life**; everything that is on the earth shall die."

- **Isaiah 54:9** "For this is like the _____ of _____ to Me; for as I have sworn that the _____ of _____ would no longer cover the _____. So Have I sworn that I would not be angry with you nor rebuke you."
- **I Peter 3:19-20** "By whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, who formerly were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of _____ waited in the _____ of _____, while the _____ was being _____, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were _____ through _____."

Definition: "Make yourself an ARK of gopherwood" - Gopherwood seems to be an unknown kind of tree. Either we don't know the modern name for it, or it was a tree that existed before the flood, and doesn't exist anymore. The old fashioned term of measurement of a "cubit" makes it hard for us to envision the size of the ark. A cubit was the distance from a man's elbow to his fingertips. If we assume this cubit was about 18 inches, the ark would have been about 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high. At this size, it has been calculated that the ark had the cubic capacity of more than 500 railroad freight cars, and since it was three stories high and was divided into rooms, dens and cages, there was plenty of room for all the animals. People lived longer lives before the flood, and were bigger (skeletons have been found of men up to 12 feet in height), so if Noah was even taller, his cubit would have been bigger, and the ark even larger. As for covering the wood with pitch, that would be resin, to keep it waterproof.

Definition: "He went and preached to the spirits in prison" - Don't get all confused and think that Jesus is here giving people a chance to be saved after death. These "spirits in prison" who have been around since the time of Noah, are demon spirits, and not the spirits of human beings. Jesus went into the "Abyss" where these demons are bound in chains, awaiting the final judgment, to show that He was triumphant over them and all of Satan's hordes. What did these demons do that was

so bad that God has them chained up in the Abyss? According to Genesis 6:1-4, they were probably fallen angels (demons) that had sexual relations with human women, creating a half-breed race of men who were exceedingly evil. These demons and the half-demon-half-men they created were responsible for hardening the hearts of all humanity, so that no one believed Noah's preaching for over a hundred years when he warned about the coming flood and destruction of the earth.