

# 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.