

Noah and the Flood

Lesson #3 - Genesis 7:6-20

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

Genesis 7:6-10 "Noah was **SIX HUNDRED** years old when the floodwaters were on the earth. So Noah, with his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives, went into the ark because of the waters of the flood. Of clean animals, of animals that are unclean, of birds, and of everything that creeps on the earth, **two by two they went into the ark to Noah, male and female**, as God had commanded Noah. And it came to pass after seven days that **the WATERS of the FLOOD were on the earth.**"

- **Matthew 24:37-39** "But as the days of _____ were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the _____ before the _____, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that _____ the _____, and did not know until the _____ came and _____ them all _____, so also will the _____ of the Son of Man be."
- **II Peter 3:3-7** "Knowing this first: that _____ will come in the _____ days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, 'Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things _____ as they were from the _____ of _____.' For this they willfully _____: that by the _____ of _____ the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of _____ and in the _____, by which the _____ that then existed perished, being _____ with _____. But the heavens and the _____ which now exist are kept in store by the same word, _____ for _____ until the day of _____ and perdition of ungodly men."

Definition: "Noah was SIX HUNDRED YEARS OLD" - People lived longer lives for several reasons: 1.) They were closer to Adam and Eve, when God had made man perfect, and there was no disease, sickness or sin in the earth. **God created Adam and Eve in a perfect world, without sickness and disease.** However, we know that by the time of Moses, the cumulative effects of sin and the curse that came upon the whole earth had produced so many diseases that God had to make a commandment for people NOT to intermarry and have children with any relatives closer than cousins. Nowadays, even marrying a cousin may cause problems, and produce children with hereditary diseases, although it is not forbidden; 2.) The water canopy around the earth probably protected mankind from the deadly cosmic rays that bombard us daily. Whether ultraviolet rays from our own sun, or Alpha, Beta and Gamma Rays from outer space, they break down our health and cause premature aging and death. **The "water canopy" is the term we use for "the waters which were above the firmament" (Genesis 1:7).** Scientists have discovered, by testing air inside bubbles of fossilized tree sap ("amber"), that the amount of oxygen in the air, and the air pressure of the Pre-Flood Earth was much higher than it is today. More oxygen and greater atmospheric pressure re known to be used today for healing, and for growing larger plants. All these components together would explain why, when the water canopy was covering the earth, people lived life spans of hundreds of years.

- **Genesis 1:6-10** "Then God said, 'Let there be a _____ in the midst of the _____, and let it _____ the _____ from the _____.' Thus God made the firmament, and _____ the _____ which were _____ the firmament from the waters which were _____ the _____

_____ ; and it was so. And God called the firmament _____ . So the evening and the morning were the second day. Then God said, 'Let the _____ under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the _____ land appear'; and it was so. And God called the _____ land _____ , and the gathering together of the _____ . He called _____ . And God saw that it was good."

Definition: "TWO by TWO they went into the ark to Noah, MALE and FEMALE" - This is not a contradiction to the seven pairs of clean animals and birds, but rather just a generalization. The emphasis is on the fact that there were males and females for procreation and re-populating the earth with animals. A question some people have is, "**Did Noah take DINOSAURS on the ark?**" Yes, dinosaurs, called "dragons", "Leviathan" and "Behemoth" in the Bible, would have been taken on the ark, probably small ones or baby ones. Remember, the ark was huge, and there was plenty of room for all the animals that God wanted to preserve. Only land-dwelling dinosaurs were taken, as most of the sea-dwelling dinosaurs would survive in the Flood. The reason you won't find the term "dinosaur" in the Bible is because the word "dinosaur" was not yet invented. The word "dinosaur", which means powerful lizard, was first used in 1841. For thousands of years before that, dinosaurs lived with man, and were called dragons. After the Flood, with the climate change, and men hunting them for food, the dinosaurs dwindled in population until nowadays, most are extinct. Some varieties of dinosaurs still exist in remote jungles and swamps, in places like Loch Ness, and certainly in the ocean ("sea monsters"). The "behemoth" described in Job 40:15-19 (and Job lived AFTER the Flood) is most likely a Brachiosaurus, the largest plant-eating dinosaur whose bones have been found, and which has a tremendously long tail. Unfortunately, many newer translations of the Bible try to translate "behemoth" as a hippopotamus or an elephant, but neither one of those animals has a "tail like a cedar" tree! The translators were influenced by evolutionary thinking, rather than taking God's word for what it says!

- **Job 40:15-19** "Now look at the behemoth, which I made along with you; he eats grass like an ox. See now, his _____ is in his hips, and his _____ is in his stomach muscles. He moves his _____ like a _____ ; the sinews of his thighs are tightly knit. His _____ are like _____ of bronze, his ribs like bars of iron. He is the first of the ways of God; only He who made him can bring near His sword."
- **Psalms 74:12-15** "For God is my King from of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth. You divided the _____ by Your strength; You broke the heads of the _____ in the _____. You broke the heads of _____ in pieces, and gave him as _____ to the people inhabiting the wilderness. You broke open the _____ and the _____ ; You dried up mighty rivers."

Genesis 7:11-12 "In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day **all the FOUNTAINS of the GREAT DEEP were broken up**, and the windows of heaven were opened. And **the RAIN was on the EARTH forty days and forty nights.**"

- **Genesis 1:1-2** "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The _____ was without _____ , and void; and darkness was on the face of the _____. And the _____ of _____ was hovering over the face of the _____ ."
- **Proverbs 30:2-4** "Surely I am more stupid than any _____ , and do not have the understanding of a man. I neither learned wisdom nor have _____ of the Holy One. Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has _____ the _____ in His fists? Who has bound the _____ in a garment? Who has established all the _____ "

_____ of the _____? What is His name, and what is His Son's name, if you know?"

Definition: "All the FOUNTAINS of the GREAT DEEP were broken up" - God's word tells us that **the earth was ALL WATER before God made the dry land appear** (Genesis 1:1-20). After there was dry land, II Peter 3:3-7 still describes it as, **"the earth standing out of WATER and in the WATER"**. So, there was a great deal of water under the earth, and this water was **"the FOUNTAINS of the GREAT DEEP" that were broken up**. There are still underground rivers and streams today, and geysers (ever been to or seen pictures of Yellowstone Park?), but just imagine a huge amount of water under the ground, and God caused it to erupt and shoot up like giant geysers all over the globe.

- **Proverbs 8:22-29** "The Lord possessed me at the beginning of His way, before His works of old. I have been established from everlasting, from the beginning, before there was ever an earth. When there were no _____ I was brought forth, when there were no _____ abounding with _____. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I was brought forth; while as yet He had not made the earth or the fields, or the primeval dust of the world. When He prepared the heavens, I was there, when He drew a circle on the face of the deep, when He established the clouds above, when He strengthened the _____ of the _____, when He assigned to the _____ its limit, so that the _____ would not transgress His command, when He marked out the foundations of the earth....."

Definition: "The RAIN was on the EARTH" - It had NEVER RAINED before on the EARTH! The climate of the earth was warm, and **the Bible says a MIST would come up from the ground to water everything**. Remember those terrariums we used to have, with plants all enclosed in a glass bottle or large container? The moisture would condense and run down the sides of the bottle, so a similar kind of condensation process went on in the Pre-Flood Earth. There was a huge canopy of water surrounding the earth, so it was a closed eco-system, and did not have the extremes of weather as we have nowadays. There were no deserts, and the trees and plants were huge and lush (huge fossilized ferns have been found) because of the warm, moist climate all over the earth.

- **Genesis 2:4-6** "This is the history of the heavens and the _____ when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the _____ and the heavens, before any plant of the field was in the earth and before any herb of the field had grown. For the Lord God had _____ caused it to _____ on the _____, and there was no man to till the ground; but a _____ went _____ from the _____ and _____ the whole face of the _____."

Genesis 7:13-20 "On the very same day Noah and Noah's sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark - they and every beast after its kind, all cattle after their kind, every creeping thing that creeps on the earth after its kind, every bird of every sort. And they went into the ark to Noah, two by two, of all flesh in which is the breath of life. So those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the Lord shut him in. Now the flood was on the earth forty days. **The WATERS INCREASED and LIFTED UP the ARK**, and it rose high above the earth. The waters prevailed and greatly increased on the earth, and the ark moved about on the surface of the waters. And the waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth, and **all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered**. The waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were covered."

- **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 _____ people, a preacher of _____, bringing in the _____ on the _____ 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 _____ (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: "The WATERS INCREASED and LIFTED UP the ARK" - Between **"the FOUNTAINS of the GREAT DEEP"** that were broken up, shooting up like giant geysers all over the earth, and **the "water canopy" above the earth ("the waters which were above the firmament" - Genesis 1:7) which explains how it could "RAIN on the EARTH forty days and forty nights,"** there was a lot of water from both under and above the earth that was now covering all the dry land! It has been estimated that there is enough water in our oceans right now **to cover the earth 8,000 feet deep** if the surface of the earth were smooth. The surface of the earth was much different in Noah's day, and although there were some mountains and hills, the really large mountains, as we have them today, did not exist until AFTER the Flood (Psalm 104:5-9, Genesis 8:3-8). The Bible says the highest mountains of that time were covered by 15 cubits of water, which is half the height of the ark, so it was not in danger of scraping the ground during the Flood. Also, don't let anyone fool you into thinking Noah's Flood was some sort of local flood, in the Middle East somewhere. God said in His word that "everything that is on the earth shall die", and if all the hills and mountains were covered, it could not be a "local flood". If God wanted to bring only a localized flood, He would just have warned Noah to MOVE to somewhere else where the flood waters would not reach!

- **Genesis 6:17-19** "And behold, I _____ am bringing _____ on the earth, to _____ from under _____ all _____ in which is the breath of _____; everything that is on the _____ shall _____. But I will establish My _____ with you; and you shall go into the _____ - you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. And of _____ living thing of _____ flesh you shall bring two of every sort into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female." **Definition: "The Lord knows how to DELIVER the GODLY out of TEMPTATIONS"** - The word "temptations" in this context means **TESTINGS**, and many times these "testings" include going through trials, tribulations, afflictions, and sometimes persecution or sickness. There are times when we must go through some kind of testing or trials, the "storms of life" so to speak, and it is not always because there is some sin God is purging out of our lives. Some testings are just to teach us obedience and to trust in and depend on our Lord no matter what. They are to prepare us for service, a training course or "boot camp", as we become "soldiers of Christ". God will deliver us out of these temptations and testings in life, but these verses in II Peter are even more importantly speaking of **the "testing" and judgment of God that He will pour out upon the world when Jesus returns**. Just as God saved His people (Noah and his family, only eight of them) in the ark, from the terrible destruction of His wrath against the wickedness of the world, He will save us from the "time of testing that will come upon the earth" in the future. **Noah's ark is a picture of the Rapture of the saints before the coming judgment of God** during the seven years of the Great Tribulation and the Battle of Armageddon.

- **Revelation 3:10** "Because you have kept the word of My patience, I also will _____ you _____ the _____ of _____, which shall come upon all the _____, to _____ them that dwell upon the earth."