

NOACH - GENESIS

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Chapter 6:9-11:32

INTRODUCTION



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⁵ The Lord saw that the wickedness of humankind was great in the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. ⁶And the Lord was sorry that he had made humankind on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart.

One of the saddest verses in the Bible ... God had desired so much from humanity - and was overwhelmingly disappointed. This says a lot. It means there was no aspect of man's nature not corrupted by sin.

9 This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God.

Noah is called 'ish tzaddik', a righteous man, blameless in his generation; one who walked with God. Also his DNA was pure. Sages, however do not put him in the same class as Abraham.

¹¹ The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹² So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. (See Psalm 14:1-2)

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¹⁴ Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ 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.

(450 feet) by wide (75 feet) by (45 feet). Three: the top was for people; the middle for animals; and the bottom for storage and garbage... ⁸ It took 120 years to build the ark, which was time for the people of earth to repent and turn to God (Gen. 6:3).

¹⁸ But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you.

Noachide Covenant - Not to commit idolatry; not to eat blood; not to murder; not to blaspheme; not to commit incest; not to steal; to establish courts of law. Note that some of these laws are thought to first be given to Adam in the garden.

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Then the Lord said to Noah, "Come into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen *that you are* righteous before Me in this generation. ² You shall take with you seven each of every clean animal, a male and his female; two each of animals that *are* unclean, a male and his female;

"Come thou" This is the same invitation that Jesus gives today to all mankind: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you (Noah = rest)."

⁴For after seven more days I will cause it to rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and I will destroy from the face of the earth all living things that I have made."

¹¹In 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. ¹²And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights

Not just rain: "fountains of the deep". This is when the heavens containing the great *waters that were above the firmament* (Genesis 1:7) opened up. These waters formed the huge so-called blanket of water in the upper part of the earth's atmosphere since creation.



Forty days and forty nights: The number 40 becomes associated with testing and purification, especially before entering into something new and significant.

This is seen in:

- Moses' time on Mount Sinai ([Exodus 24:18](#), [Deuteronomy 9:25](#)).
- The spies' trip to Canaan ([Numbers 13:25](#)).
- Israel's time in the wilderness ([Numbers 14:33](#), [32:13](#)).
- Elijah's miraculous journey to Sinai ([1 Kings 19:8](#)).
- Jesus' temptation in the wilderness ([Mark 1:13](#)).



¹⁶ So those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the Lord shut him in.

The “shutting him in” intimated that Noah had become the special object of divine care and protection, and that to those without the season of grace was over (Mt 25:10). Only one door. God shut it. Perfect security: not one person or animal was lost

²² All in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, all that was on the dry *land*, died. ²³ So He destroyed all living things which were on the face of the ground: both man and cattle, creeping thing and bird of the air. They were destroyed from the earth. Only Noah and those who *were* with him in the ark remained *alive*. ²⁴ And the waters prevailed on the earth one hundred and fifty days.

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Then God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the animals that *were* with him in the ark. And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided.

To remember in this context does not mean a collection of fond memories by God. Rather, it implies focusing on the object of the memory (Noah), which then results in positive action.

²⁰Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. ²¹And the Lord smelled a soothing aroma. Then the Lord said in His heart, “I will never again curse the ground for man’s sake, although the imagination of man’s heart *is* evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done.

As is the nature of true sacrifice, this was a costly offering unto God. With only seven of each animal on the ark, Noah risked extinction by sacrificing some of these animals. But costly sacrifice is pleasing to God.



3-4 At the end of 150 days the waters had abated, and in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat.

Andrew Suedkamp - Pretty cool that man got His new beginning on the same day that Jesus walked out of the tomb (and really gave man a new beginning!)

21 And when the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, the LORD said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man's heart is evil from his youth...."

Andrew Suedkamp - Sadly, the intention of man's heart is evil from youth. I find it curious that we don't have to teach kids to lie or behave selfishly; rather, we instruct them to do the opposite. Without God's mercy and forgiveness, we would have been doomed. Thank You Lord for doing for us what we could never do ourselves.

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³ Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. I have given you all things, even as the green herbs. ⁴ But you shall not eat flesh with its life, *that is*, its blood.

New Order: not vegetarians anymore;

⁶ "Whoever sheds man's blood,
By man his blood shall be shed;
For in the image of God
He made man.

⁷ And as for you, be fruitful and multiply;
Bring forth abundantly in the earth
And multiply in it."

Capital punishment ordained; human government established.

God values humans more highly than animal life because only humankind possesses God's image.

¹¹ Thus I establish My covenant with you: Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

¹² And God said: "This *is* the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that *is* with you, for perpetual generations: ¹³ I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth.

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And God said: "This is the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud; and I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." And God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Glen Iverson - Even though the rainbow has been marketed as the symbol of PRIDE, God defines what the rainbow is a symbol of. I'd encourage KFIR members to do a word search on pride and arrogance to see what God's opinion of that is. The rainbow is a symbol of God's covenant with man that water will never again be used as the method to destroy all flesh. One can read into this covenant that Global Warming is false. The icecaps will not melt and destroy the earth with rising water. Although God won't destroy the earth with water again, the final judgment is fire.

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²⁰ And Noah began *to be* a farmer, and he planted a vineyard. ²¹ Then he drank of the wine and was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent. ²² And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside. ²³ But Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid *it* on both their shoulders, and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces *were* turned away, and they did not see their father's nakedness.

²⁴ So Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done to him.

²⁵ Then he said:

"Cursed *be* Canaan;

A servant of servants

He shall be to his brethren."

Noah got drunk - this experience demonstrates that even the greatest people can become degraded if they lose control of themselves.

Several views:

Rabbinical: Ham castrated Noah; Ham slept with his (step?)mother and Canaan was the offspring of that union;

Ham was involved in a homosexual attack. The phrase **became uncovered** and the idea of **nakedness** is sometimes associated with sexual relations (Leviticus 18:6-20).

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8Cush begot Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one on the earth. 9He was a mighty hunter before the Lord; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod the mighty hunter before the Lord." 10And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. 11From that land he went to Assyria and built Nineveh, Rehoboth Ir, Calah, 12and Resen between Nineveh and Calah (that is the principal city).

The description of Nimrod suggests great arrogance. He ruled over **Babel**, which was the first organized rebellion of humans against God. The name **Nimrod** itself means, "let us rebel."

The prophet Micah would later use the name Nimrod to describe the region of Assyria. "This is not talking about Nimrod's ability to hunt wild game. He was not a hunter of animals. He was a hunter of men – a warrior. It was through his ability to fight and kill and rule ruthlessly that his kingdom of the Euphrates valley city states was consolidated." (Boice)

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Troy Anderson - Throughout human history people have established themselves as leaders and then have routinely led people away from God in an effort to replace God in the eyes and hearts of man. We must keep God firmly implanted in our hearts as our Lord because if we do not something or someone else will take His place and lead us astray every time. This is so prevalent in our society today, lost sheep without a real shepherd everywhere you look.



Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. ²And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. ³ Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and bake *them* thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. ⁴ And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top *is* in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."

⁵ But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. ⁶ And the Lord said, "Indeed the people *are* one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. ⁷ Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." ⁸ So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. ⁹ Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

This **tower** was real. The ancient Greek historian Herodotus said the tower of Babel still stood in his day and he had seen it.

Some things just never change! Let us make a name for ourselves reminds me of Satan's lie to Adam and Eve in the garden ... "⁴The serpent said to the woman, "You won't really die, ⁵for God knows that in the day you eat it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, Oh Boy, let's rebel so we can be like God and make a name for ourselves! Friends, NEVER underestimate the satanic power of PRIDE!