

“Basic Bible Stories – Noah and the Ark”
Genesis 6-9

Open: Story

- Events leading up to the flood.
 - The destruction of the earth was initiated because of the wickedness of God’s people. **Gen. 6:1-2**
 - God created man to live forever; but because of sin, his body would die. God wanted man to live as long as possible; but because of the severity of man’s sin nature, God shortened the length of man’s life. **Gen. 6:3-4**
 - Because of man’s wickedness, God devised a plan to start over. **Gen. 6:5-7**
 - Despite man’s wickedness one individual, Noah, remained obedient regardless of how everyone around him was acting. **Gen. 6:8-9**
 - God reveals to Noah His plan for destroying the earth, but assures him that if he continued to obey, he and his family would be saved. **Gen. 6:13-14; 17-18**
 - God teaches Noah how to build history’s first recorded watercraft (120 yr. process). **Gen. 6:14-16**
 - L = 300 cu. - approx. 450’
 - H = 30 cu. - approx. 45’
 - W = 50 cu. - approx. 75’
 - God not only gives Noah the task of building a giant ark; but he is also instructed to gather up the animals of the land to preserve life after the flood.
 - 2 of every unclean animal (male and female) **Gen. 6:19-22**
 - 7 of every clean animal (male and female) **Gen. 7:2-3**
- During the flood.
 - God instructs Noah to enter the ark with all the animals and God Himself shut the door to the great ark. **Gen. 7:1; 15-16** (Noah was 600 years old when the flood began)
 - The intense destruction of the earth
 - It rained for 40 days and nights straight. **Gen. 7:4, 17**
 - The waters covered the mountains. **Gen. 7:18-20**
 - All land-dwelling flesh perished in this catastrophic event called the Great Flood. **Gen. 7:21-23**
 - The water covered the land for 150 days. **Gen. 7:24**
- After the flood.
 - Despite all the destruction, God kept His promise to Noah and his family. **Gen. 8:1**
 - Noah’s test to determine if it was ok to leave the ark.
 - Raven released, but it never came back. **Gen. 8:7** – *It was a scavenger*
 - Dove was released, but it came back. **Gen. 8:8-9**
 - Dove released 7 days later, and it came back with an olive branch. **Gen. 8:10-11**
 - Dove released after another 7 days, and it never returned. **Gen. 8:12**
 - After some 244 days God establishes a sign with Noah and all mankind to remind them of the destruction of the world, because of sin, and to remind them of His promise to never destroy the earth by water again. **Gen. 9:11-17**

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- Recognize the connection between the lack of separation and morality, and a presence of violence and corruption. **Gen. 6:2,5,11-12**
- Note the willingness of Noah to obey regardless of obstacle. **Gen. 7:5**
 - Friends Culture
 - Family Age
- Recognize the promise of security to those who faithfully obey God's Word. **Gen. 6:18; 7:1,16**

➤ God's justice, His judgement, nor His genuine desire to have a personal relationship with His crowning creation has never diminished.

I. Lesson #1: God is focused on the actions of His children, not the world. (Gen. 6:2)

- Gen. 6:5 Ps. 18:24 Prov. 15:3
- Ps 11:4 Ps. 34:15 Ezk. 22:30

- a. God sent the flood because of the wickedness of *HIS* children. **Gen. 6:2**
 - i. We find no clear distinction between God's children and the children of men.
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 - ii. The decline in a personal relationship with God always begins with a decline of separation from the world
- b. God destroyed Sodom because of a lack of righteousness. **Gen. 18:32-33** *"And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake. [33] And the LORD went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place."*
- c. God's blessings on a nation are based on the righteousness of His children. **II Chron. 7:14** *"If **MY** people, which are called by **MY** name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from **THEIR** wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."*
 - **Prov. 14:34** *"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people."*

II. Lesson #2: It only takes one man to make a difference.

- Is. 1:9 Josiah Job
- Jonah Gideon Abraham

- a. Noah found grace in the eyes of God. **Gen. 6:8-9; Gen. 7:1,5**
- b. Caleb stood between the living and the dead. **Num. 16:48** *"And he stood between the dead and the living; and the plague was stayed."*
- c. Jesus is looking for one man to use. **Ezk. 22:30** *"And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none."*

III. Lesson#3: God always keep his promise.

- Israel = Deu. 6:3
 - Church = Eph. 2:12-22
- a. God did not forget His promise to Noah. **Gen. 6:18; Gen. 8:1**
- b. God has always kept His promise to those who obeyed. **James 1:12** “*Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.*”
- **Heb. 11:6**
 - **Rev. 22:12**

Gen. 6:8

“*But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.*”

“Review Questions”

1. How many animals did God instruct Noah to bring onto the ark?
 - a. **2** of every unclean animal.
 - b. **7** of every clean animal.
2. How old was Noah when the flood began? **600.**
3. How many days and nights did it rain? **40.**
4. God put this in the sky as a reminder of his promise to never flood the earth again? **The rainbow**
5. How many obedient people does it take to make a difference. **One.**