

## LESSON # 4

### NOAH AND HIS SALVATION

Genesis 6:1-4 “Sons of God”—a part, taken as representative of the whole body of followers of God

“daughters of men”—followers of flesh

The indiscriminate marriage (based largely on physical attraction alone) is used as evidence of the wickedness of mankind in general—wicked to the point they were “giants” at it (like Kaiser is a giant in aluminum), mighty men of renown—great reputations in the propagation of sin.

Verse 5: Wickedness rampant—gone to seed—“GREAT” even in God’s sight. Every (not just some, but all) imagination of the thoughts of his heart was ONLY (without exception, never a good thought—and beyond our imagination) EVIL CONTINUALLY (without letting up, day after day) to the point God viewed even the earth as corrupt and filled with violence (verse 11).

Verse 6; God had made the world and everything in it—and declared it to be “good” for man; and man was the crowning accomplishment of His creation. But now He is grieved in His heart (godly sorrow of II Corinthians 7:9-10) and set about to do something about it, (verse 7).

**REPENTANCE IN MAN: Matthew 21:28-29 Repented of doing evil; verse :30 Repented of doing good.**

Isaiah 1:16-17 Two-pronged approach to true repentance in man: cease to do evil; learn to do well.

**MAN REPENTS BY CHANGING HIS WILL TO CONFORM WITH GOD’S WILL (Matthew 26:39, 7:21).**

**GOD NEVER REPENTS BY WILLING A CHANGE—verse 7.** Instead of creating, He will now destroy. (James 1:13—God cannot be even tempted with evil, so certainly cannot do evil from which He should repent. But He can will a change for the betterment of mankind.) (See Numbers 23:19)

**GOD NEVER DESTROYS WITHOUT WARNING—verse 3.** He gave them 120 years (3 generations) to repent—adequate time by even the strictest standards of critics—and told everyone in danger of the approaching trial. God’s inherent goodness prompted Him to have mercy even on the vilest of men. Romans 2:4-11

**GOD SENT NOAH TO PREACH TO THEM—Romans 10:13-17, II Peter 2:5, 9**

Verse 7-8: God would destroy men (in general), BUT Noah “found grace (love and acceptance) in the eyes of the Lord”. Predestination? No. Eeenie-meanie-minie-moe? No. Why Noah, then?

Verse 9: Noah was a just man—just in dealings with man; perfect in his generations—in complete obedience to word revealed to him (Hebrews 11:7 “By faith (Romans 10:17)

**(which he got from hearing what God said and doing it) Noah being warned of God with fear (Philippians 2:12) (LEST HE MAKE A MISTAKE IN FOLLOWING GOD'S DIRECTIONS) prepared an ark (EXACTLY LIKE GOD SAID—Genesis 6:22) to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith (according to God's revealed word) BY HIS OBEDIENCE HE PROVED THAT MERE MAN COULD SAVE HIS SOUL BY SIMPLY FOLLOWING GOD'S DIRECTIONS EXPLICITLY. NO MAN COULD JUSTIFIABLY SAY THAT GOD'S REQUIREMENTS WERE TOO STRINGENT, HARD-TO-BE-UNDERSTOOD, ETC. BECAUSE NOAH PROVED BY SUCCESSFULLY FOLLOWING THEM THAT ANY MAN COULD HAVE DONE THE SAME HAD HE BELIEVED GOD AND ACTED ON THAT BELIEF, AS NOAH DID. SO NOAH'S OBEDIENCE DEMONSTRATED IT COULD BE DONE—THEREFORE ALL MEN WERE HELD RESPONSIBLE BEFORE GOD FOR DOING IT.**

**“and Noah walked with God”—Micah 6:8 Man humble himself to walk with the mighty God??? Preposterous!!! And yet pride—above all other things—prevents men from humbling themselves (putting down their own will) to walk (make progress forward) with God.**

**Verse 14: God told Noah to build an ark—and exactly how to do so, since Noah had probably never even seen a boat.**

**Verse 17: God told Noah what He was going to do. “wherein is the breath of life” (verse 21 & 23) All animals and fowl—but no fish.**

**Genesis 7:1-4 God told Noah when to get in the ark; to take two pairs of each unclean (unclean because God said it was, not for any apparent logical reason—Acts 10:15—but arbitrarily declared so by God) beast, and seven pairs of clean beasts. . . .which Noah did.  
Verse 5**

**Verse 11: All fountains of the deep broken up—waters below the firmament? Genesis 1:7. Windows of heaven were opened—waters above the firmament?**

**Verse 12: THE FIRST RAIN (see Genesis 2:5)**

**Verse 16: “the Lord shut him in”—GOD CLOSED THE DOOR TO SALVATION (Matthew 24:36, II Peter, chapter 3)**

**Verse 17: WATER. . .BARE UP THE ARK, AND IT WAS LIFTED UP ABOVE THE EARTH (DESTRUCTION) The same water that caused the ark to float and lifted Noah and his family above the destruction, was the cause of the wicked's downfall and destruction. Now: the same baptism and obedience which lifts the Christian above the world, separates him from the world—conversely, is the cause of the disobedient's downfall and sure destruction from the presence of God eternally. See I Peter 3:19-21**

**Verse 24: The waters prevailed 150 days. Noah sent forth a raven.**

**Genesis 8: 7 Noah sent forth a raven.**

**Verse 8-9: Noah sent forth a dove which returned.**

**Verse 10-11: Noah sent forth a dove again which returned with an olive branch.**

**Verse 12: One week later, Noah sent the dove again—it did not return, so Noah knew the waters were gone.**

**Verse 15-17: God told Noah when to leave the ark. Gave same commandment to all living as He had done at the beginning. Genesis 1:22**

**Verse 20: Noah worshipped God with a sacrifice of clean beasts, as God commanded.**

**Verses 21- 22: God’s promise to Noah: (1) He would not curse the ground anymore for man’s sake. (2) He would not smite everything living anymore, & (3) While earth remains: seedtime & harvest, cold and heat, summer & winter, day and night “shall not cease”. NO FLOOD—Genesis 9:11, 15 RAINBOW= visible evidence of agreement Genesis 9:12-15**

**Genesis 9:1 God blessed Noah—as He did man originally (Genesis 1:28)**

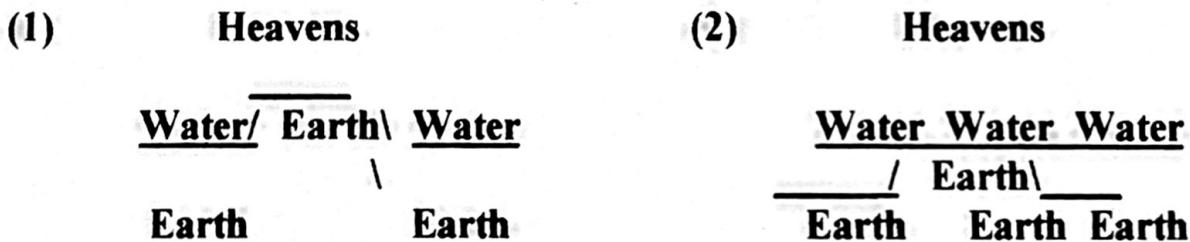
**Verse 2: God gives man flesh to eat—formerly vegetarian (Genesis 1:29-30)—so animals will fear men.**

**Verse 4: Man has always been forbidden to eat blood—because it is the life of the animal. See Acts 15-29 for today’s restrictions.**

**Verse 5-6: Captial punishment imposed by God—for destroying His image upon the earth—for murder. (See Exodus 21:12, 28)**

**APPLICATION: II Peter 3:3-15**

**3:5 By the Word of God in Noah’s time**



**By the Word of God in our time: Reserved to fire (not flood) until day of Judgment and perdition of ungodly men (II Peter 2:9).**

**When? No man knows—not even angels, or Christ himself (Matthew 24:36)**

**Verse 8: Time means nothing to the ETERNAL God.**

**Verse 9: As surely as God kept His promises to the world of Noah’s time, He will keep His promises to the world of our time. THE ONLY THING THAT WITHHOLDS THE DESTRUCTION IS HIS UNWILLINGNESS TO HAVE ANYONE PERISH THAT MIGHT BE SAVED....**

**Verse 10:** The merciful delay should not be interpreted as an indication the judgment will not be forthcoming—because it will come since God has willed it. There will be a day of reckoning.

**Verse 11-15:** Since it is bound to happen, **WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE SHOULD WE BE?**

:11 holy living & god-like-ness

:14 diligent to be found: In peace, without spot, and blameless

:15 recognizing that God is suffering with us—giving us more time to

correct

ourselves—thankful for the opportunity.

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### **OPTIONAL REFERENCES:**

**Matthew 24:36-51** As the days of Noe, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

**Matthew 25: 31-46** Judgment

**I Thessalonians 4:13-18** Order of saved leaving the world before destruction.

**John 5:24-29** All dead raised to resurrection of life or death.

**II Thessalonians 1:1-10** Vengeance on them that know not God and obey not the

gospel of our

Lord Jesus Christ.

**I Corinthians 3:10-15** Our test will be by fire—instead of flood.

**II Corinthians 13:5** We can know whether or not we're in the ark.