Noah and the Flood

Genesis 6:1 - 9:19

Bible Memory Verse

Genesis 6:9 NIV

Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God.

Bible Story

Things are just getting worse. First, Adam and Eve disobey God's one rule dooming all of mankind to a hereditary problem—sin. Then they have two boys, one of whom kills the other out of jealousy. This sin problem is quickly spiraling out of control.

Well, Adam and Eve have more children and then their kids have more children. Mankind had begun to proliferate the earth. However:

> *"The Lord saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. The Lord was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain. So the Lord said, 'I will wipe mankind, whom I created, from the face of the earth—men and animals, and creatures that move along the ground, and birds of the air—for I am grieved that I have made them'" (Genesis 6:5-7).*

So the Lord God, Creator of heaven and earth and all therein, decided to send a worldwide flood as "an end to all people" (Genesis 6:13).

> *"I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish. But I will establish my covenant with you..." (Genesis 6:17-18).*

The reference to "you" was a man named Noah who "found favor in the eyes of the Lord ... a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God" (Genesis 6:8-9). God wasn't going to wipe out mankind completely. He was just going to start over with a man He trusted and had "walked" with.

Noah was to build an ark of cypress wood. Within the ark, Noah was to bring "two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive…" (Genesis 6:19). In addition to the animals and birds, Noah was to bring his family into the ark—his wife, three sons and their wives.

> *"In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, on the seventeenth day of the second month—on that day all the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened. And rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights" (Genesis 7:11-12).*
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> *"For forty days the flood kept coming on the earth, and as the waters increased they lifted the ark high above the earth. The waters rose and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the surface of the water. They rose greatly on the earth, and all the high mountains under the entire heavens were covered. The waters rose and covered the mountains to a depth of more than twenty feet. Every living thing that moved on the earth perished…" (Genesis 7:17-21).*

After a period of time (about 150 days) the waters began to recede. A couple of months later the tops of the mountains were visible and the ark came to rest upon one. Another couple of months later and the earth had become dry.

> *"Then God said to Noah, 'Come out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives. Bring out every kind of living creature that is with you—the birds, the animals, and all the creatures that move along the ground—so they can multiply on the earth and be fruitful and increase in number'" (Genesis 8:15-17).*

Noah and his family came out of the ark and all the living creatures with them. Noah immediately built an altar to the Lord. The Lord God then promised "never again will I curse the ground because of man, even though every inclination of his heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures as I have done" (Genesis 8:21).

God set a sign of the covenant between Him and the earth. It was a rainbow in the clouds. "Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth" (Genesis 9:16).

Life Application

This was a big deal. I mean, there was a ton of water on the earth during the flood. God destroyed everything...except Noah and his family and the living creatures that were on the ark. God's promise of never doing that again gives us peace and assurance that all of mankind won't be utterly destroyed in a flood.

God's promise was sealed with a sign in the clouds—a rainbow. God said that "whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on earth."

- Maybe we should thank God for that promise every time we see a rainbow in the sky.
- Maybe we should thank God every time it rains and then stops raining.
- Maybe we should thank God all the time

Review Questions

1. In this story, who walked with God? Noah.
2. Why did God send a worldwide flood? *"The Lord saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time"* (Genesis 6:5).
3. How many days and nights did it rain? Forty (40).
4. How long was Noah and his family and all the animals in the Ark? Almost one year.
5. What promise did God make after the flood? God promised that he would never again send a worldwide flood on the earth.
6. What sign or symbol did God say would remind him of this promise? A rainbow.

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