INTRODUCTION.



Scripture text: **Genesis 6:5-9**.

Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. [6] And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. [7] And the LORD said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them." /8/ But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD. /9/ These are the records of the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God.

B. Because of Noah's faith and righteousness, midst terrible wickedness, the world was saved.



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- 1. Noah; his Life and Character.
- 2. The Flood.
- 3. The Covenant and the Rainbow.

NOAH; HIS LIFE, AND CHARACTER.



A. Noah was blessed with a long life.

- He was 480 when God told him the flood was coming (Gen. 6:3). Then the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."
- He was 500 when his first, son was born (Gen. 5:32). And Noah was five hundred years old, and Noah became the father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
- He was 600 when the Flood came (Gen. 7:11). In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on the same day all the fountains of the great deep burst open, and the floodgates of the sky were opened.
- He died at the age of 950 (Gen. 9:28,29). And Noah lived three hundred and fifty years after the flood. [29] So all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years, and he died.
- Genesis 6:9 tell us three things about Noah.

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- He was a righteous man.
- He was blameless, without fault among his contemporaries.
- He had a close communion with God, he "walked with God."



Noah's righteousness came from his faith (Heb. 11:7).

By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

- D. Noah was a preacher of righteousness (for 120 years) to a generation of extreme moral degenerates (2Pet. 2:5: Gen. 6:11-13).
 - (Gen 6:11-13) Now the earth was corrupt in the sight of God, and the earth was filled with violence. [12] And God looked on the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth. [13] Then God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence because of them; and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth.
 - (2Pet 2:5) and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;
- Noah was a father to three sons, all born before the flood; Shem, Ham, and Japheth (Gen. 9:18,19). Now the sons of Noah who came out of the ark were Shem and Ham and Japheth; and Ham was the father of Canaan. [19] These three were the sons of Noah; and from these the whole earth was populated.
- Noah built a great ark to save the selected animals, and his family (Gen. 6:13-16: 1Pet. 3:20). (Gen 6:13-22) Then God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence because of them; and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth. [14] "Make for yourself an

ark of gopher wood; you shall make the ark with rooms, and shall cover it inside and out with pitch. [15] "And this is how you shall make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its breadth fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. [16] "You shall make a window for the ark, and finish it to a cubit from the top; and set the door of the ark in the side of it; you shall make it with lower, second, and third decks.

(1Pet 3:20) who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through *the* water.

- G. Noah was probably a farmer before the flood, as indicated by his activity after the flood (Gen. 9:20). Then Noah began farming and planted a vineyard.
- H. Noah became drunk after the flood, and sinned against God (Gen. 9:21).

 And he drank of the wine and became drunk, and uncovered himself inside his tent.
- I. Noah was not perfect (sinless), but he was a great man of faith and action whom God used in saving the world from wickedness.

III. NOAH AND THE FLOOD.



A. Noah and the Ark:

- 1. The ark was about 450 ft. long, 75 ft. wide, and 45 ft. high. It had three decks divided into compartments, with a course of windows around the top. There was to be one door one side (Gen. 6:15,16).
 - "And this is how you shall make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its breadth fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. [16] "You shall make a window for the ark, and finish it to a cubit from the top; and set the door of the ark in the side of it; you shall make it with lower, second, and third decks.
- 2. The ark was made of gopher wood and sealed with pitch (Gen. 6:14). "Make for yourself an ark of gopher wood; you shall make the ark with rooms, and shall cover it inside and out with pitch.
- 3. Noah was to take himself, his wife, his 3 sons, and their wives on the ark (Gen. 6:18). "But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall enter the ark-- you and your sons and your wife, and your sons' wives with you.

B. Noah and the Animals:

- 1. Noah was to store food for his family & the animals on the ark (Gen. 6:21). "And as for you, take for yourself some of all food which is edible, and gather *it* to yourself; and it shall
 - And as for you, take for yourself some of all food which is edible, and gather *it* to yourself; and it shall be for food for you and for them."
- 2. Noah was to gather the animals onto the ark:
 - a. Seven pairs (male and female) of clean animals.
 - b. One pair (male and female) of unclean animals.

C. Noah and the Flood:

- 1. The rains poured and the fountains of the deep were opened to cause the earth to flood (Gen. 7:11).
 - In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on the same day all the fountains of the great deep burst open, and the floodgates of the sky were opened.
- 2. This phenomenon took place for 40 days and 40 nights (Gen. 7:12). And the rain fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights.
- 3. The water covered the tops of the mountains and all flesh that moved upon the earth that was not in the ark died (Gen. 7:19-22).
 - And the water prevailed more and more upon the earth, so that all the high mountains everywhere under the heavens were covered. [20] The water prevailed fifteen cubits higher, and the mountains were covered. [21] And all flesh that moved on the earth perished, birds and cattle and beasts and every swarming thing that swarms upon the earth, and all mankind; [22] of all that was on the dry land, all in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, died.



- 4. Time in the ark:
 - a. Noah went in 7 days before the flood (Gen. 7:4,10).
 - (Gen 7:4) "For after seven more days, I will send rain on the earth forty days and forty nights; and I will blot out from the face of the land every living thing that I have made."
 - (Gen 7:10) And it came about after the seven days, that the water of the flood came upon the earth.

- D. It began raining in Noah's 600th year, 2nd month, and 17th day (Gen. 7:11). In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on the same day all the fountains of the great deep burst open, and the floodgates of the sky were opened.
- c. It rained for 40 days (see Gen. 7:12).
- d. The waters prevailed for 150 days (Gen. 7:24; 8:3).
 (Gen 7:24) And the water prevailed upon the earth one hundred and fifty days.
 (Gen 8:3) and the water receded steadily from the earth, and at the end of one hundred and fifty days the water decreased.
- e. He went out of the ark in his 601st year, 2nd month, and 27th day (Gen. 8:14-19). And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. [15] Then God spoke to Noah, saying, [16] "Go out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and your sons' wives with you. [17] "Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that is with you, birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, that they may breed abundantly on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." [18] So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him. [19] Every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out by their families from the ark.
- f. Total time: 1 year, 17 days (5 months floating, & 7 months on the mountain).
- 5. Noah probably began his trip in the ark around Fara, a town in Babylon on the Euphrates, and ended up on Mt. Ararat some 500 miles away (Gen. 8:4).

And in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark rested upon the mountains of Ararat.

IV. NOAH; GOD'S COVENANT AND THE RAINBOW.



A. The Preamble.

- 1. This states the identity of the overlord.
- 2. God originates the contract (Gen. 6:18; 9:8,9).

(Gen 6:18) "But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall enter the ark-- you and your sons and your wife, and your sons' wives with you.

(Gen 9:8-9) Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying, [9] "Now behold, I Myself do establish My covenant with you, and with your descendants after you;

B. <u>The Prologue</u>.

- The history of the overlord's aid to the vassal.
- 2. God has delivered them from the great flood (Gen: 8:18).

 So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him.

C. The Stipulations.

- What is expected of the vassal.
- 2. God tells Noah what He will do for them (Gen. 9:11).

"And I establish My covenant with you; and all flesh shall never again be cut off by the water of the flood, neither shall there again be a flood to destroy the earth."

D. The Deposit.

- 1. The token or reading of the covenant.
- The rainbow in the sky (Gen. 9:12,13).

And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant which I am making between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all successive generations; [13] I set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth.

E. The Witnesses.

- A list of those affirming the covenant.
- Noah's family and all creatures (Gen. 9:10,17).

(Gen 9:10) and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you; of all that comes out of the ark, even every beast of the earth.

(Gen 9:17) 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."

F. <u>Blessings & Cursings</u>.

- 1. For covenant keeping and breaking.
- 2. None listed.

V. CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.



- A. Noah was a great man of God, who did a great work for God.
 - B. There are many qualities of Noah that Xians can use.
 - C. May we always remember the OT story of Noah and the flood.
 - D. Plan of salvation for non-Xians, erring Xians.