

## **SALT Church**

### **Genesis 7**

#### **“The Flood”**

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#### **“In the Beginning”**

### **Recap Chapter 6**

- Chapter 6 is the only record of the preflood world.
- In chapter 6 we were told by God that all of humanity had become evil with the exception of Noah and his family.
- We saw the demonization of marriage and the family.
  - This we learned was Satan’s plan to create a race of humans that would never rebel against him and therefore the promised Messiah would never be born.
  - We learned of God’s plan to destroy the earth and every living land animal.
  - We also learned of God’s plan to save His own.
- God gave Noah the plans to build the Ark and we talked about the massive size and the 120 years it took for Noah and his family to construct.
  - Noah was 480 years old when God revealed his plan and now in chapter seven the 600-year-old Noah is given the word that it is time.
  - This comes on the heel of the death of Noah’s grandfather Methuselah whose name means “his death shall send.”

## 1 Peter 3:20

**<sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. <sup>19</sup> After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— <sup>20</sup> to those who were disobedient long ago **when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built.** In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water,**

God patiently waited for 120 years for mankind to repent.

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**7 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.**

- Maybe I’m making too much of the wording here, but it clearly says here and in the Hebrew that God said, **“Come into the ark” which means that God was inviting Noah and His family into His salvation.**
  - In other words, He doesn’t say “Go into the Ark.”
    - The invitation is to follow the Lord and that means something to me.
      - Jesus when He called His disciples gave a similar invitation **“*Come follow Me.*”**
- I also want to point out that Noah’s righteousness was credited to him because he trusted in the Lord.
  - His trust, belief, or faith saved his entire family.

- This is extremely important as every man should fill the weight of this statement.
- Noah's sons were born while he was constructing the Ark, meaning they heard about Noah's faith from day one.
  - Dad's don't ever underestimate the power and influence of your faith over and own your children.

**<sup>2</sup> You shall take with you seven each of every clean animal, a male and his female;**

- Wait a minute!
  - What does Moses mean by this statement?
    - The law has not been given yet and therefore the “clean and unclean” animals have not been determined yet.
    - Man, nor animal has not yet been granted permission to eat meat, so there would be no need for clean and unclean rules.
      - My guess is that there was more to this conversation than is recorded.
        - It could be that Moses as he writes already knew what was clean and simply pointed out that both were saved by God.
- It is also noteworthy that seven pairs are required for the clean animals.
  - What we already know is that there will be a day in which Noah and his family will worship the Lord as they celebrate His salvation and protection from death through the baptism of the flood and the Ark.

- **We need not overlook what God was teaching in this requirement of the clean animals.**

- God determines how He will be worshiped (not us).
- God has determined that part of our worship must always include the reference to the “wages of sin” meaning something must die for our sins.
  - Before the cross it was the constant death of animals.
  - After the cross it is the remembrance of Jesus’ death on the cross. (Communion)
- Before we move on, I must also point out that God always provides the sacrifice.
  - Meaning God knows what we need before we need it.

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### **two each of animals that *are* unclean, a male and his female;**

- This gives us a hint about the future as it relates to the clean and unclean rules.
  - God preserves the unclean for a reason.
  - There will be a day when what was once considered unclean, God will pronounce to all that He has made them clean.
  - In Acts 10 Peter was praying and in his prayer, God showed him a vision of “unclean animals.”
  - God commands Peter to kill and eat but Peter refuses as he has never eaten any unclean thing, but God tells Peter these words, ***“Do not call unclean what I have made clean.”***

- To further illustrate God sends a gentile man to summons Peter and God instructs Peter to go with him without reservation.
- Peter goes and learns that the man that requires his attention is a gentile names Cornelius.
  - Suddenly the food reference makes sense to Peter as the Spirit reveals to Peter that this gentile man is no longer considered unclean, but he is clean before the Lord because of his faith.
  - Peter proceeds to preach the gospel and many who were considered to be unclean come to Christ.

Knowing this information from Acts 10 should blow our mind as we ponder some 2,500 years prior to that moment God is already at work establishing the significance of the clean and the unclean.

- The significance of the righteous and the unrighteous.

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**3 also seven each of birds of the air, male and female, to keep the species alive on the face of all the earth.**

- What does Moses “God” mean by this statement?
  - I conclude that this statement is thrown in to reassure the reader that this is no local flood but rather this is a global flood.

**4 For 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.”**

- Noah’s grandfather has just died and his name means “send forth” or “his death shall bring”

- If you have ever travel you understand the concept of the boarding call.
- For seven days the process of getting the animals and Noah's family into the Ark begins.
- This was no small undertaking.
  - God brings the animals and Noah, and his family enter 1<sup>st</sup>.
- I should also point out that God never deflects when He takes full responsibility for destroying all living things.
  - This also point out an amazing truth for those who claim that this was a local flood, **"I will destroy from the face of the earth all living things that I have made"**.
    - God clearly leaves no doubt that this was not a local flood in fact He will tell us that all the earth was covered and at it most shallow point it was 22 feet deep.
      - Meaning that the tallest point on earth had at least 22 feet of water covering it.

#### **5 And Noah did according to all that the Lord commanded him.**

- Obedience is the greatest form of worship and love.
  - Why?
    - Because obedience is the fruit of faith and love.

#### **6 Noah was six hundred years old when the floodwaters were on the earth.**

- $600 - 120 = 480$  years old.
  - Noah becomes a father at age 500.

#### **7 So Noah, with his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives, went into the ark because of the waters of the flood.**

- It is interesting to me that Moses “God” says that Noah and his family entered 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - I always thought it was the other way around.

**<sup>8</sup>Of clean animals, of animals that *are* unclean, of birds, and of everything that creeps on the earth, <sup>9</sup>two by two they went into the ark to Noah, male and female, as God had commanded Noah.**

- I may be way off base here, but it seems that it was the faith of the man of God “Noah” that initiated the faith of his family and the rest of the animals that were to be saved.
  - Never underestimate the power and influence of a faithful man.
  - Actions matter!

Now think about this:

- For a hundred twenty years Noah and his family built the Ark, most likely with the hired help of those close by.
- 120 years they hear the preaching of the righteous man Noah.
- Now, over a seven-day period animals (est. 30,000) come from all over the earth and voluntarily walk into this giant barn.
  - ***Now, I am the greatest doubter among us but if I saw this happening for 7 days straight, you would have my attention.***

**<sup>10</sup>And it came to pass after seven days that the waters of the flood were on the earth.**

- For seven days the boarding process had been in process and now it was complete.
- The time had come for God to close the door.
  - I should also point out that for 120 years Noah had said that this day would come.
  - For the last 7 days people would have seen Noah, his family, and all the animals entering the Ark.
  - I wonder if Noah hoped that some would join them.
  - It must have been both exciting and deeply troubling knowing what was going to happen.

#### **(Side note)**

- For six hundred years Noah had made a home.
- Six hundred years of memories.
  - Rest assured Noah said goodbye to it all because of his faith in the Lord but there must have been a sense of sadness.

**<sup>11</sup> In 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. <sup>12</sup> And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights.**

- We have no idea what day or month Moses writes about.
  - If it was based upon the current Jewish calendar it would put the flood mid-May but we have no way of knowing for sure.
- **What must have been going through the minds of all those people who had mocked Noah and his family?**



- Did they run to the Ark in hopes of finding an open door?
- Did Noah and his family hear the pounding upon the great ship as they begged to enter?
  - It didn't matter for only God could open the door and God had already closed and sealed the door.
    - So, it will be upon the day of the rapture.

The Hebrew word for “**the windows of heaven**” means to throw open the flood gate.

- Imagine a global size flood gate that remains open for 40 days.
- Also this gives us some insight to the amount of water that covered the earth's atmosphere.

**<sup>13</sup> On the very same day Noah and Noah's sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark— <sup>14</sup> they and every beast after its kind, all cattle after their kind, every creeping thing that creeps on the earth after its kind, and every bird after its kind, every bird of every sort.**

- I believe that these animals were very young (a year old)
  - Less space and less food needed
    - Kinds = no need for various types

**<sup>15</sup> And they went into the ark to Noah, two by two, of all flesh in which is the breath of life.**

- “They went into the Ark to Noah” meaning Noah led by example.

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

- Again, we see that Noah was the first to enter for it was God that had brought all the animals into the Ark.
- Our job is to be obedient it is the work of the Holy Spirit to draw.

**<sup>17</sup> Now the flood was on the earth forty days. The waters increased and lifted up the ark, and it rose high above the earth.**

- The wording here leaves no doubt that this was a global flood.

**<sup>18</sup> The waters prevailed and greatly increased on the earth, and the ark moved about on the surface of the waters. <sup>19</sup> And the waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth, and all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered. <sup>20</sup> The waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were covered.**

- Again, we see that there is no room for the concept of a local flood.
- 1 cubit = 1.5 feet
  - 15 cubits = 22 feet

**<sup>21</sup> And all flesh died that moved on the earth:**

- Again, God wants us to know that this was indeed a global flood!
- I should also point out that God takes full responsibility for their deaths.
  - He is not reluctant to bring judgement especially after being so patient with people. (120 years)

**<sup>21</sup> And all flesh died that moved on the earth: birds and cattle and beasts and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every man. <sup>22</sup> All in whose nostrils *was* the breath of the spirit of life, all that *was* on the dry land, died.**

- By now you should have no doubt that this was a global flood.

If you have an issue with this you must ask yourself how will God judge all mankind?

- What will His judgements be based upon?
  - Jesus tells us in Matthew 22:29 *<sup>29</sup> Jesus answered and said to them, “You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God.*

**<sup>23</sup> 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.**

- It just does not get any clearer.

**Only Noah and those who *were* with him in the ark remained *alive*.**

- Billions of people dead
- Billions of animal's dead
  - It is a good thing that God did not put windows on the Ark.
    - I can only imagine the devastation that floated on the top of the waters for months.

**<sup>24</sup> And the waters prevailed on the earth one hundred and fifty days.**

- I believe that this means that there were 150 days before the water began to recede.
- This makes sense to me.
  - There is a lot of clean up that the sea creatures would have been responsible for.
  - We will learn later that Noah and his family spent a total of 371 days on the ark before they stepped out on dry ground.
  - I wonder what that must have been like.

What have we learned?

1. God has absolute freedom and power over creation.
2. God hates sin!
3. God judges' sin
4. God is intolerant of sin
5. God takes sin as a personal attack upon Himself.
6. This was not a local flood as some teach.
  - a. Why collect all those animals for a local flood? (30,000)
  - b. Consider Sodom and Gomorrah. (Get moving) (8 people)
  - c. Genesis 8:21 God promises never to flood the entire earth again.
7. God is more concerned with us understanding the “why” as to the “how” of the flood.
8. Neither Noah nor Lott were perfect men but both were counted as righteous because they believed in what God said.