

Today is going to be a different day...normally preach a small section of scripture – Huge

- The Flood...we tell this story to our kids, [like it is some super cheerful event](#)

[Genesis 6:17 'Everything that is on the earth shall die'](#)

The world had become so wicked that the Lord...wipe the slate clean | [Etch-a-sketch](#)

- [Remember in the late 90's early 2000's there were all sorts of end of the world movies](#)
[Day after Tomorrow – Armageddon – The Core – Deep Impact | End the planet movies](#)
[Planet been destroyed once...global flood killed every living thing short 8 people & 2 Kinds](#)

God really did flood the earth – God really did command a man named Noah
A man and his family with thousands of animals were really on a boat for just over a year
The entire earth's population can really trace it's lineage back to Noah and his family

[What does the flood account reveal about God's character?](#)

God is: Holy – Just – Grieved by Sin | God is also: Merciful – Gracious – Faithful

Big Idea: God's judgment against sin is certain, but His grace provides salvation

- a. **God's judgment against sin is certain** = God is patient, but He will not ignore sin forever

- b. **God's Grace Provides Salvation** = God will always give us a way to avoid destruction

Instead of 3 points we are going to do 3 sections: Story – Apologetics – Meaning | Pray

- 1. **The Story** – The story of the flood covers three chapters...break it down into 5 sections

- a. **Humanities Corruption - 6:1-8**

⁵The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. ⁶And the Lord regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. ⁷So the Lord said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them." ⁸But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

- God sees that humanity's wickedness has become widespread – It's all people but 8
- Not just outward behavior—corrupted thoughts & intentions human heart continually
- God's grief over humanity reveals His holy sorrow over sin.
- Not mean God made mistake creating people, expresses deep displeasure corruption
- The flood will be His righteous response to persistent, unrepentant sin

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- In contrast to the world's rebellion, not that Noah was sinless...but God gave his grace
- Noah's salvation rooted God's gracious choice, demonstrated Noah's faithful obedience

Summary: Genesis 6:5–8 teaches that God sees the full extent of human sin, grieves over evil, judges it with perfect justice, and extends grace to save those who trust God's

- b. **Instructions and Noah's Obedience - 6:9–22**

¹⁴Make yourself an ark of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. ¹⁵This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark 300 cubits, its breadth 50 cubits, and its height 30 cubits. ¹⁶Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above, and set the door of the ark in its side. Make it with lower, second, and third decks.

- Longer than a football field | Height of a 5-story building | 450 Standard cargo trailers

On this massive sea vessel...the Lord commanded him to bring the following

- **His Family:** 8 humans: Noah, his wife, his sons (Shem, Ham, and Japheth & wives)
- **"Clean" Animals and Birds:** 7 pairs of all animals "clean" | Sacrifice & Sustenance
- **"Unclean" Animals:** 1 pair (male and female) all land-dwelling, air-breathing animals.
- **Provisions:** Large quantities of food and seed for both the humans and all the animals

[²²Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.](#)

Summary: How insane? – Contractor...in desert...AIG = 75 years | Obedience can be insane

c. **The Floods Judgment - 7:1–24**

- So, Noah and his family enter the ark with all the animals and sit for a week...then ¹¹In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. ¹²And rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights.

- **"Fountains of the great deep"** - Massive amounts subterranean waters breaking open

- **"Windows of the heavens"** - Describes torrential rain pouring down from above

- **"Forty days and forty nights"** - The intensity and completeness of God's judgment

[¹⁶And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him. And the Lord shut him in](#) – This is a picture of Heaven and Hell | Protection on the inside...death out

- Noah spent 120 years warning people...and now it was too late...[imagine chaos](#)

[All life outside the ark perishes - God's judgment against sin is fully executed](#)

¹⁷The flood continued forty days on the earth. The waters increased and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters prevailed and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the face of the waters...²⁰The waters prevailed above the mountains, covering them fifteen cubits deep. And all flesh died that moved on the earth, birds, livestock, beasts, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all mankind. Everything on the dry land in whose nostrils was the breath of life died. He blotted out every living thing that was on the face of the ground, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens. They were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those who were with him in the ark. ²⁴And the waters prevailed on the earth 150 days.

Summary: God acted decisively to judge the world's wickedness, sending a catastrophic flood that covered the earth exactly as He had warned Noah

- d. **God's Remembrance and Deliverance - 8:1–19**

• It rained for 40 days and flooded for 150 days – 6 months of animals – Isolation [8:1 'But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the livestock that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided.'](#)

- The phrase **"God remembered Noah"** does **not** mean God had forgotten him
- God "remembers," = He is acting faithfully according to His covenant and promise
- God turned His attention to delivering Noah and every living creature in the ark

²The fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were closed, the rain from the heavens was restrained, and the waters receded from the earth continually. At the end of 150 days the waters had abated, and in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. And the waters continued to abate until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen.

- For 70 more days Noah and his family wait for the waters to recede
 - After 40 days of seeing a mountain top...sends a Raven who comes back
 - Seven days later sends dove that comes back – Seven more days...dove...olive branch
 - The doves third flight...he doesn't come back...month later...Noah removes covering

In the second month, on the 27th day the earth had dried out...and God speaks to Noah
¹⁶"Go out from the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁷Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—that they may swarm on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth."¹⁸So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him.

Summary: God faithfully remembered Noah, caused floodwaters to recede, and safely brought Noah, his family, and every living creature out of the ark to begin life anew on earth

- e. **The Covenant with Noah - 8:20-9:17**

- Noah builds an altar and offers sacrifices - God receives Noah's worship
- God promises not to destroy all living creatures again in the same manner.

¹¹ I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

- God promises that He will never again destroy all life on earth by a worldwide flood
- God declares that this covenant is not only with Noah but with all future generations
- God gives the rainbow as the sign of this covenant.

Summary: Visible reminder God faithful to His promise and His mercy follows His judgment
The first time God destroyed the world it was with water...the final time will be with fire
Revelation 8:7 'The first angel blew his trumpet, and there followed hail and fire, mixed with blood, and these were thrown upon the earth. And a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up'

A miraculous story...one that takes God's hand and faith to believe...but is it only by faith?

2. The Apologetics - Discipline defending specific position | **Position = Flood really happened**

- a. Scripture** – The Bible speaks of Noah as a real person and the flood as a real even
- Gen 6:1 "When man began to multiply on the face of the land ..." ("once upon a time")
 - 1 Chron 1 - Noah is listed in Abraham's genealogy
 - Luke 3:36 - Noah is listed in in Jesus' genealogy
 - Ezekiel 14 - God speaks of Noah, Daniel, and Job as real men of history
 - Heb 11:7 - Noah included in list of people in history who are examples of faith
 - 2 Pet 2:5 - refers to preservation of Noah along with other historical events
 - Matt 24 & Luke 16 - Jesus refers to "Days of Noah" and the "flood" as a specific time in history
- b. Geology** - rapidly buried billions of creatures to form the fossil record
- **Mountain Fossil** – We have fossils of sea creatures found on the top of mountains
 - **Two Fish** - Animals in the process of eating other animals, animals giving birth, squid with ink still in their ink sacs. Only possible with very rapid burial of the flood
 - **Grand Canyon** - We're familiar w/ layered rocks like those can see at the Grand Canyon
 - The Bible-deniers claim they were laid down slowly over millions of years
 - But the layers contain fossils that could only have formed with rapid burial
 - They have internal folds that can only happen if bent while still wet
 - layers themselves can be traced across continent and even across multiple continents
 - Layers in the Grand Canyon can be found in distant parts of North America
 - White cliffs of Dover, England, chalk formation can be traced across Europe and into Asia
 - Single layers literally around the world that were caused by the flood
- c. Genetics** – 'X' / 'Y' and Mitochondrial DNA can be mapped and traced to a single source
- **Cell DNA** - A little science needed first – this is a very simple sketch of a cell
 - In the nucleus are chromosomes (the things that contain your DNA)
 - X inherited from father and mother, and Y (male) inherited only from your father
 - Mitochondria produce energy...have their own DNA...only from your mother
 - Today we can sequence DNA and trace variations that let us see where the women went (from mitochondrial DNA), where the men went (from Y chromosome DNA)
 - **Family Tree** - Tracing mitochondrial DNA - descended from a single woman...10,000
 - Y DNA reveals that all men descended from one man, who had three sons, about 5-6
- Note that Y chromosomes come together at Noah, since his three sons inherited their DNA from the same dad. But mitochondrial DNA goes back to Eve, since Noah's wife and three daughters-in-law descended from different mothers

d. Animals – How could Noah have fit two of every animal onto a boat

- **Cartoon** – We see pictures like this and think there is no way all the types could fit
 - There are as many as 1.8million species of organisms on earth today. How could those have all fit? Plus all the extinct ones, including the huge dinosaurs
 - Over 98% are fish, invertebrates, and plants – 24k land-dependent / air breathing
 - Genesis says "every kind" of animal, not everything we moderns call a species | Dog
 - We actually only need about 1,400 "kinds," or less than 7,000 animals total | **So big**
 - Average size of all 1,400 kinds is about that of a small dog – Lots little...few big
- **Ark** – 2 million cubic foot ark would easily fit all the animals , their feed, w/ Noah family
 - God brought the animals | Daniel and the Lion | Balaam and his Donkey

3. The Meaning - What does the flood account reveal about God's character?

a. God Takes Evil Seriously

- Human wickedness had become so great that He brought judgment on the earth
- Showing that sin always has real consequences – 'People who die in their sin' = Hell

b. God Provides Salvation

- The flood shows that while God judged sin, He also graciously provided salvation by making a way of escape through the ark.
- Everyone who entered the ark by faith was saved, pointing ultimately to God's provision of salvation through Jesus Christ...give the gospel | The ark is a 'type of Christ'

c. God Upholds His Promises

- The flood account shows that God faithfully upholds His promises:
 - He remembered Noah, preserved him through judgment, and established His covenant
 - Sealing it with the rainbow as a lasting reminder that He always keeps His word
- Destroy and He did - Preserve Noah and He Did - Not do it again...and He hasn't**

d. God Protects the Obedient

- While His judgment fell on a sinful world, God preserved Noah and his family in the ark
- Noah trusted & obeyed Him, God faithfully watches over those who walk in obedience

So we should: Take sin seriously – Accept Salvation – Trust God's Promises – Walk in Obedience

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