

## In the Beginning

### Genesis 7:1-24

- As man grew in number so did his rebellion and disobedience against God, for instead of him worshipping and serving the Lord scripture says in his heart he grew further away from the Lord > as every aspect of his being from his thoughts to his motives there was evil continually. Anytime people want to say that they are a good person, or people in their hearts are generally good just open the bible and show them this verse or **Jer 17:9**- which tell us the same thing that apart from God nothing good dwells within our hearts for our desires is to please self not Him.

### V1-24

- **V1-8** after building the Ark God tells Noah to enter it with his family and all the animals, **V1** God calls Noah “**Righteous**, He also said that “**Noah had found grace in His sight**” while everyone else was spending their days and nights turning their backs on God, Noah was spending his years being obedient to God, and this is the reward a safe passage through the waters of judgment that is to come. A few points I want to make about Noah that gives us more insight into why God chose him to continue the bloodline that will eventually lead to the Messiah.
- To see how this took a lot of faith and trust in God look at **Gen 5:32** says that Noah was **500** when he had children, why is that so important? Because **Gen 6:3** tell us it will take Noah **120yrs** to build the Ark, and **Gen 7:6** says he was **600** when he enters the Ark and the flood occurs, this meant he was **480** when God first spoke to him about the Ark. That means before Noah had children, before he had ever seen rain, God said in **Gen 6:18**- that He would establish the line of the Messiah through his seed that had yet to be born, which is why **Heb 11:7** says by faith Noah believed God although none of the things God was promising to do had even happened yet, from having children to the heavens opening up and the clouds producing flood rains Wow!.
- **V9-16 Gen 6:20** says Noah didn’t go out and get the animals but that they would come to him and they do two by two male and female which is how God created the natural order of things. After seven days the number of completion and notice once everyone was in it wasn’t Noah or his kids that closed the door it was the Lord Who shut them in, very important point right here. It’s the Lord Who opens the door and its Him Who closes the door > **Jn 10:7-9**- It’s not us who keeps us, it’s not others who protect and lead us, it’s the Lord Who does all this for us.
- Once God has provided what was needed to survive, then He leads everyone and everything to their places and after guiding them to safety afterward it is Him Who shuts them in meaning He closes the door and of course it will be the Lord Who opens the door and tell them when to get out the Ark, this is what it means to find grace in the eyes of God. **V17-24 40** becomes a very important number in scripture as it represents testing and purification > Moses time on Mt. Sinai **Ex 24**, **Deut 9**, the spies trip to Canaan **Num 13**, Israel’s time in the wilderness **Num 14**, Elijah’s miraculous journey in **1Kings 19**, and the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness **Mk 1:13**.