

## Genesis 6-7 – Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007

**Chapter 6 Verses 1-4** - 1 Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, 2 that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose. 3 And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years." 4 There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

- This documents for us the population explosion in the world, but it also records horrific and demonic sexual immorality.
- This is so displeasing to God, that He says He's going to destroy the earth in 120 years. This doesn't mean man only lives to 120.
- There is an interesting, but haunting, (no Halloween pun intended), declaration in v3. "My Spirit will not strive with man forever."

Verses 1-4 bring up a couple of questions:

1. Who are these sons of God, and daughters of men?
2. What kind of immoral sexual activity would rise to the level of God destroying the earth?

There are three thoughts:

**1. First:** one thought is that the sons of God were from the line of Seth, and the daughters of men were from the line of Cain.  
- The problem with this is that it wouldn't have displeased God to the extent that He would destroy the entire world population.

**2. Second:** another thought is that the sons of God were angelic beings and the daughters of men were human women.  
- The problem with this theory is that the angelic beings are not capable of a sexual relationship with human women.

**Matthew 22:30** At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven. NIV

- One argument regarding this statement by Jesus is that He says they don't get married, but He doesn't say they don't have sex.
- There are two problems with this argument;
  1. You can't argue out of silence. When the Bible is silent, we need to remain silent.
  2. Its not consistent with where the scriptures are not silent as it relates to fornication; "sex outside of marriage."

This doesn't do me any good like the sign that says; "This is not the way!" So who are these sons of God and daughters of men?

**3. Third:** it is believed that the sons of God were demon possessed men who were engaging in sexual union with women.  
- There are several reasons why this is most likely what the text is referring to.

1. In verse three; God says His Spirit won't strive with men, it doesn't say His Spirit won't strive with men and or angelic beings.
2. Satan uses his demons to possess humans to bring death and destruction.
3. Satan is actually trying to pollute the "seed of the women," (Genesis 3:15), so as to thwart the coming of the promised deliverer.

- One final thought, Satan almost succeeded. So much so that God found it necessary to start again with Noah and his sons.
- This explains why Satan has, from the beginning of time, sought to destroy the line from which the Savior would come.
- If the promised One were to come not from the Jews, but from the Japanese, then Satan would try to exterminate them instead.

**Verse 5** - 5 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

- There was such a proliferation of mans evil and wickedness that it had spread, like a virus, throughout the entire earth.
- This is hard to imagine, that they would imagine and invent every intent to do only evil. They would actually think up new evil ideas.

**Verse 6** - 6 And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

- In this verse God gives us a peak into His throne room. We see him broken hearted with sorrow and grief.
- I suggest to you that he's not sorry that he made man, He's sorry for man that He made. This is the broken heart of a loving father.
- Do you realize the implication of this; God feels pain. God has emotions. How I behave can and will impact the loving heart of God.

**Verse 7** - 7 So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.

- This brings up an interesting question: Did this worldwide corruption of mankind take God by surprise?
- No. God is all knowing, and He knows the end from the beginning. He knew that His plan of redemption would hurt His heart.
- Then why did He go through with this whole human experience of creation? One word: "LOVE!"
- That doesn't make sense; "If God is a God of Love, then why would He destroy the world?"
- God is so loving that He will destroy the corrupted to protect those who are not yet corrupted.
- God is so loving that He will destroy the corrupted to put them out of their misery and lessen their eternal punishment.
- Well that may answer why God allows this to happen to bad people, but what about that age old question?

- What about the question of "If God is so loving, why does He allow bad things to happen to good people?"
- First; the question is wrong, and you can't answer a wrong question with a right answer. The question is EVIL, (backwards).
- If God isn't just, then God isn't loving? Example of Judge in a courtroom not judging a child molester.
- He's unjust, unfair, and thus, unloving!

"On what grounds would God be told that He can bring death to millions of people at the end of a 'normal' life span, but that He may not do it in any other way?" (Barnhouse)

**Verses 8-10** - "8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. 9 This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. 10 And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

- Here comes God's grace in v8! "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord." Why? v9 says he walked with God. He wasn't perfect.
- Here comes the new, uncorrupted line for the promised Savior in v10: Noah has three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

**Verses 11-13** - 11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. 12 So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. 13 And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

- What's most interesting about all of this was not so much what God said to Noah, but what God didn't say to Noah.
- God doesn't yet tell Noah why he was to build an Ark, He just tells Noah that he is to build an Ark.
- God doesn't yet tell Noah how He's going to destroy the earth, He just tells Noah that He's going to destroy the earth.

- I think we would be grossly remiss to miss the prophecy woven into the fabric of verses 11-13.

- Jesus told us that the world in the days of Noah would be similar to the world in the last days of the coming of the Son of Man.

**Matthew 24:36-42** 36 "No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 37 As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; 39 and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 40 Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. 41 Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. 42 "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. NIV

One has made an interesting connection between them then, and us now:

- "They knew nothing about "rain," they had never seen rain coming down from the sky.
- "We know nothing about "rapture," we have never seen people going up into the sky.

**Luke 17:26-31** - 26 "Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man. 27 People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all. 28 "It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. 29 But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all. 30 "It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed. NIV

- So Jesus says that His coming will be like the flood coming and taking them all away. Could our day be like Noah's day?

THE DAYS OF NOAH	THE DAYS OF THE COMING OF THE LORD
Some Bible scholars estimate the population of the earth in Noah's day was approximately six billion to nine billion people. (Genesis 6:1)	In October of 1999 the current population of the earth reached approximately six billion people. (According to one internet site it's increasing at three per second.)

**World Population Since the Creation - Approximately 6-9 Million in the days of Noah** <http://www.ldolphin.org/popul.html>

**WIKIPEDIA** – "In September 2007, the world's population is believed to have reached over 6.6 billion. In line with population projections, this figure continues to grow at rates that were unprecedented before the 20th century, ...The world's population is expected to reach over 9 billion by the year 2050. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World\\_population](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_population)

People were engaged in the cares and the affairs of this life, and more concerned with eating, drinking, and being merry. (Genesis 6:5)	People today are engaged in all sorts of activities and thus caught up in the cares and affairs of this life and are more concerned with making a living. (Matthew 6:19-34)
There was demonic and very sexually abhorrent behavior as the norm of the day. (Genesis 6:2)	In the year 2007 homosexual marriage and sexual abhorrence are fast becoming the norm in our day.
Man's wickedness had become so vast, and the inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. (Genesis 6:5)	Man's wickedness is on a global scale. So vast is the evil of this generation that we hear about it continually. (2 Timothy 3:1-5)
Noah preached while he prepared the Ark, and people were warned, but no one would listen. (2 Peter 2:5)	Jesus is being preached while a place is prepared, and people are being warned, but are they listening?
They knew nothing about what was going to happen until "on that day" a "flood" destroyed the earth. (Matthew 24:39)	People know nothing about what is going to happen, but there is coming "a day" when a "fire" is going to destroy the earth. (2 Peter 3:3-13)
Right before the destruction of the flood, Enoch, who walked with God; was then no more, because God took him away (rapture). (Genesis 5:24)	Right before the tribulation, this final generation of those who are born again and walk with God will be caught up (rapture) and taken away. (1 Thess. 4:16-17)
Noah and his family survive the flood after the judgment and are in the new earth. (Genesis 8:13-18)	The Jews will survive the tribulation and after the judgment will enter into the new heaven and new earth.

- Remember back on April 1<sup>st</sup> of 1997 when the orbit of the "Hale-Bopp Comet" made its closest approach to earth?

- Remember the Heaven's Gate Cult?

- It's believed that the last time the "Hale-Bopp Comet" made its closest approach to earth was in the days of Noah.

Daniel W. E. Green of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics stated that the latest orbital calculations indicate that the Hale-Bopp comet last passed through the Earth's inner solar system about 4210 years ago. This would place it "in the days of Noah" preceding the flood.

I'm keenly aware there are those who would mock and scoff at all of this; however, the Apostle Peter addresses this in his 2<sup>nd</sup> epistle.

**2 Peter 3:3-7** 3 First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. 4 They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." 5 But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water. 6 By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. 7 By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men. NIV

**Verse 14** - 14 Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch.  
- We really don't know for sure what "gopherwood," is, only that it was from a particular tree that must have had quite a pitch.

JD Rockefeller, read this verse about pitch. Knowing it's a petroleum product he figured there would be oil in the Middle East, and thus became the founder of "Standard Oil." **It Pays to read the word of God.**

**Verse 15-16** - 15 And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. 16 You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it with lower, second, and third decks.

- Here we're given the specific details and measurements for the ark. Why the detail? Why take the time to record all this?  
- I submit to you that this detailed description with the measurements has both the historic and prophetic woven into it.  
- First we'll look at the Ark as "historic fact," then we'll look at the Ark as "prophetic truth."

#### Is Noah's Ark a true historic fact or just a myth?

- In 275 BC, Berosus, a Babylonian historian, wrote: "But of this ship that grounded in Armenia some part still remains in the mountains . . . and some get pitch from the ship by scraping it off"
- Around 75 AD, Josephus said that the locals collected relics from the ark and showed them off to this very day. He also said that all the ancient historians he knew of wrote about the ark.
- In 180 AD, Theophilus of Antioch wrote: "the remains [of the ark] are to this day to be seen . . . in the mountains."
- In 1876, a distinguished British statesman and author, Viscount James Bryce, climbed Ararat and reported finding a four-foot long piece of hand-tooled timber at a height of more than 13,000 feet.
- An elderly Armenian man in America said that as a boy, he visited the ark with his father in 1856 with three atheistic scientists. Their goal was to disprove the ark's existence, but they actually found the Ark instead, and became so enraged that they tried to destroy it, but could not because it was too big and had petrified. In 1918, one of the atheistic scientists (an Englishman) admitted on his deathbed that the whole story of Noah's Ark was a true historic fact.
- Six Turkish soldiers claimed to have seen the ark in 1916.
- In the early part of this century, a Russian aviator named Vladimire Rokovitsky claimed to have discovered Noah's ark. He was stationed in southern Russia near the Turkish border and Mount Ararat. He was testing a plane, and he and his co-pilot flew over Ararat and discovered on the edge of a glacier what he described as a boat the size of a battleship. He said it was partially submerged in a lake, and he could see there was an opening for a door nearly 20 feet square, but the door was missing. Rokovitsky told his commanding officer, and an expedition was dispatched to find the ark and photograph it. The report was forwarded to the Czar, who was soon overthrown and the photos and the report perished.
- In 1936, a young British archaeologist named Hardwicke Knight was hiking across Ararat when he discovered interlocking hand-tooled timbers at a height of 14,000 feet.
- During World War II, two pilots saw and photographed something they believed to be the ark on Mount Ararat.
- There have been many more recent attempts to find and document the ark, but they have been hindered by politics and surrounded in controversy. It is possible God still has a purpose for the ark, to use it to remind the world of a past judgment shortly before a future judgment.

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC NEWS - Noah's Ark Discovered in Iran?** – July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006 - A team of Christian archaeologists says this rock outcrop on a mountain in Iran could be the remains of Noah's ark. Layered patterns in the stone (inset) resemble petrified wood, the team says, but other scientists say the patterns are consistent with ordinary sedimentary rock.

<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2006/07/060705-noahs-ark.html>

**Noah's Ark can't be a historic fact because Noah couldn't possibly have had enough room for all those animals.**

- That's why God had the measurements recorded. If we did the math we would figure out that the Ark plenty room.

**CHRISTIAN ANSWERS.NET** - The total cubic volume would have been 1,518,000 cubic feet [462,686.4 cubic meters] --that would be equal to the capacity of 569 modern railroad stock cars.

<http://christiananswers.net/q-eden/edn-c013.html>

- With the average size of a land animal being smaller than a sheep. The ark could have held 136,560 sheep and only be half full.
- This would have left plenty of room for people, food, water, and other provisions, not the least of which would have been newborns.

### Noah's Ark couldn't have been sea worthy!

- Again, that's why we have the details recorded for us. Actually it's more like what's not recorded in the Arks description.
- Noah is not told to build a rudder to steer the Ark, nor is he told to build a mast move the Ark. It was to be more like a barge.
- The reason for this is because it would just bob in the water. It could bob up to a 90 degree angle and stay afloat.

### Wouldn't the animals have attacked and devoured each other?

- Animals were not carnivorous until after the flood. Good thing ya?

- Let's look at the prophetic truth woven into this true historic fact of Noah's Ark. The Ark is a prophetic picture of Jesus Christ!

THE ARK	THE CHRIST
The only way to be saved.	There's no other name given among men to be saved. (Acts 4:12)
There was only one door to get in.	There is no way to get into heaven except through Him. (John 14:6)
The door was only a side entrance.	We entered in the bride, when He was pierced in His side. (John 19:34)
The window in the Ark let the light in.	Jesus said He came into the world as light. (John 12:46)
The Ark was designed by God.	Salvation is God's design and not by mans efforts, it's by grace through faith. (Ephesians 2:8-9)
The Ark was also built by a man.	Jesus was both fully man and fully God in His humanity and divinity. (John 1:1, 14)
The Ark had many rooms.	Jesus said that in His Fathers house were many rooms. (John 14:2)
The Ark was a place to rest.	Jesus said come unto me and I will give you rest for your souls. (Matthew 11:28-29)
Anyone could have been saved.	Anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. (Romans 10:13)
Noah was a carpenter and preacher.	Jesus was a carpenter who preached. (Mark 6:3, 2 Peter 2:5)
The Ark was made of wood.	The cross was made of wood. (Galatians 3:13)
It was one Ark with three levels.	He is one God in three persons. Genesis (1:26)
Covered pitch sealed it together.	We are brought together and sealed by His atonement. (Romans 5:11)

**Genesis 6:14** – “Covered Pitch” - OT:3722 kaphar (kaw-far’); a primitive root; to cover KJV - appease, make (an atonement, cleanse, disannul, forgive, be merciful, pacify, pardon, purge (away), put off, (make) reconcile (-liation). (Biblesoft's New Exhaustive Strong's Numbers and Concordance with Expanded Greek-Hebrew Dictionary. Copyright (c)

**Verses 17-21** - 17 And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. 18 But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark -- you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. 19 And of every living thing of all flesh you shall bring two of every sort into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. 20 Of the birds after their kind, of animals after their kind, and of every creeping thing of the earth after its kind, two of every kind will come to you to keep them alive. 21 And you shall take for yourself of all food that is eaten, and you shall gather it to yourself; and it shall be food for you and for them."

- So God now tells Noah He Himself is going to bring the floodwaters and destroy the earth and that everything in it shall it.
- But, He also tells Noah that He's going to establish His covenant with him and that he and his family will be saved
- Interesting that God would save eight people. Eight is the number of new beginnings. The ark represented new life.

**Verse 22** - 22 Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.

- How important was it that Noah was obedient and “did; according to all that God commanded him” to do? It was life and death important
- For 120 years, Noah is a carpenter who is also a preacher of righteousness. How foolish he must have appeared to the world.

**7:1** 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.

- Just by virtue of the fact that He says “come in” means He's in the ark with them, just like He was in the furnace one time.
- If He would have said “Go in” that implies He's not in the ark with them.
- Notice that it's his whole household that is saved.

**Joshua 24:15** But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." NIV

- The question is asked; “How did Noah get the animals into the Ark?” The answer; he didn't God did.
- One has noted that it's easier for God to lead animals than it is for him to lead man.

**Isaiah 1:3** The ox knows his master, the donkey his owner's manger, but Israel does not know, my people do not understand." NIV

**Verses 2-3** - 2 You shall take with you seven each of every clean animal, a male and his female; two each of animals that are unclean, a male and his female; 3 also seven each of birds of the air, male and female, to keep the species alive on the face of all the earth.

- Seven of each clean animal, wait a minute, I thought it was two of each. Notice it says clean animal. These were to eat.
- They needed some to eat, some to sacrifice, and some to save. On said that they needed; “Pairs and Spares.”
- Listen, they are going to be on that ark for a year and a few days. (1 year 6 days)

**Verse 4** - 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.

- Why would God have them stay on the Ark for seven more days before it started to rain?
- Perhaps to complete His giving to the people every opportunity. (7 the number of completion.)
- Notice it's for 40 days and 40 nights. The number 40 is symbolic of testing, and or purification.

- 🌍 Moses' time on Mount Sinai ([Exodus 24:18](#), [Deuteronomy 9:25](#)),
- 🌍 The spies' trip to Canaan ([Numbers 13:25](#)),
- 🌍 Israel's time in the wilderness ([Numbers 14:33](#), [32:13](#)),
- 🌍 Elijah's miraculous journey to Sinai ([1 Kings 19:8](#)),
- 🌍 Jesus' temptation in the wilderness ([Mark 1:13](#))

**Verses 5- 10** - "5 And Noah did according to all that the LORD commanded him. 6 Noah was six hundred years old when the floodwaters were on the earth. 7 So Noah, with his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives, went into the ark because of the waters of the flood. 8 Of clean animals, of animals that are unclean, of birds, and of everything that creeps on the earth, 9 two by two they went into the ark to Noah, male and female, as God had commanded Noah. 10 And it came to pass after seven days that the waters of the flood were on the earth.

- It's interesting that we never see one time where Noah is questioning, arguing, or even complaining, He just did it.
- We see where Noah did according to all that the LORD commanded him, (v5),” or, “as God had commanded Noah, (v9).”

**Verse 11** - 11 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.

- There were two sources of water; from subterranean layers beneath the earth, and from the windows of heaven above the earth.
- Notice it happened on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of the month. What's so significant about the 17<sup>th</sup> of the month? I'm glad you asked.
- Jesus was crucified on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the month, & resurrected on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of the month.

**Numbers 9:11-12** 11 They are to celebrate it on the fourteenth day of the second month at twilight. They are to eat the lamb, together with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. 12 They must not leave any of it till morning or break any of its bones. When they celebrate the Passover, they must follow all the regulations. NIV

**Verses 12-16** - 12 And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights. 13 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 --14 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. 15 And they went into the ark to Noah, two by two, of all flesh in which is the breath of life. 16 So those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the LORD shut him in.

- They went in, were shut in, secured in, and saved in the ark, like we are in the in the Lord.
- Notice that it's the Lord who “shuts them in,” and not Noah. Noah didn't shut the door on anyone's salvation, God did.
- It's says in the letter to the church of Philadelphia in Revelation 3:7 that God opens and no one shuts; shuts and no one opens"

**Verses 17-23** - 17 Now the flood was on the earth forty days. The waters increased and lifted up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. 18 The waters prevailed and greatly increased on the earth, and the ark moved about on the surface of the waters. 19 And the waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth, and all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered. 20 The waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were covered. 21 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. 22 All in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, all that was on the dry land, died. 23 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. Only Noah and those who were with him in the ark remained alive.

- Have you noticed the specific detailed descriptions in this account?
- God includes seemingly obvious details like; “all with nostrils died.”

In the Scopes Monkey Trial, Clarence Darrow humiliated William Jennings Bryan by asking him if he believed every word in the Bible. When Bryan said he did, Darrow asked him how the fish drowned in the flood. Bryan didn't know the answer, gave a great, confused speech, and died the next day. If only he would have known the Bible better, he would have known it says **All in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, all that was on the dry land, died.** The fish did not die in the flood; only animals with the breath of life in them died, the animals on dry land.

- Another reason for redundant details is to refute theories like that of the “local flood theory.” Meaning the flood wasn't global.
- If the flood wasn't global, the Ark would have been unnecessary, and man could have when to where there wasn't a flood and lived.
- The description of the flood is so specific, complete and detailed that it's virtually impossible to deny it.
- There are so many accounts and even legends of the flood from a myriad of peoples, tribes, and cultures.

Boice specifically cites the legends of the Samo-Kubo tribe of New Guinea, the Athapascan Indians of America, the Papago Indians of Arizona, Brazilian tribes, Peruvian Indians, African Hottentots, natives of Greenland, native Hawaiian islanders, Hindus, Chinese, Egyptians, Greeks, Persians, Australian natives, the Welsh, Celts, Druids, Siberians, and Lithuanians. Of the more than 200 cultures which have their own account of the flood, in 88%, there is a favored family, in 70% survival is due to a boat, in 95% the sole cause of the catastrophe is a flood, in 66% the disaster is due to man's wickedness, in 67% animals are also saved, in 57%, the survivors end up on a mountain. Many of the accounts also specifically mention birds being sent out, a rainbow, and eight persons being saved. David Guzik

**Verse 24** - 24 And the waters prevailed on the earth one hundred and fifty days.

- A question comes up about how it would be possible for the animals to survive this long and coexist for during this time.
- One possibility, maybe even a probability, is that God put them into a period of hibernation so that they would be more manageable.

- Why do I need to know all of this?
- Knowing is information, Wisdom is application!
- What's the application? There's hope!

They put them in these tubs, and they spray these tubs constantly with water so that they couldn't roll over and float. And the rats drowned in an average of seventeen minutes. Then with an experimental group, as they were about to drown, they would take some of the rats, lift them out of the tub, dry them off, put them back in their cages, feed them, and let them live a normal life again. And then later on after they had recovered fully, their health, they put them back in the tubs under the same conditions. And these rats that lasted an average of seventeen minutes, now were able to survive for thirty-seven hours. Interestingly enough, the psychologist who conducted the experiments contributed it to the fact that the rats had experienced a salvation experience; that is, they had almost drowned when they were saved, so they kept hoping for salvation again. That kept them going, not just seventeen minutes, now it kept them going thirty-seven hours. The hope made that much difference.