

Genesis: Chapter 6:1–7:10

Opening Question: Who brought the flood upon the earth and who and what perished in the flood?

Key Takeaways:

1. The word “now” in 6:1 indicates the story is continuing from the previous chapter.
2. Genesis 6:1 is a summary statement for what has occurred in Genesis 5.
3. Genesis 6–7:10 focuses on Noah, and contrasts Noah with everyone else.
4. Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD, “walked with God,” and is called righteous and blameless in his time.
5. The “sons of God” in this section refer to those who in the previous chapter had shared the desire of the woman but have now joined the serpent’s side.
6. Nephilim means “fallen ones,” who, like Cain, had rejected the LORD and were on the earth both before and after the flood.
7. Those taking multiple wives and doing what was good in their own eyes are contrasted with Noah having one wife and walking with God.

Discussion Questions:

1. Together read Genesis 4:17– 7:10 and discuss what is taking place in this section. In what way does the author contrast the two sides?
2. Why does the story now evaluate Noah and how is Noah contrasted with everyone else?
3. Spend time recapping the story to this point.

Practical Application:

1. Reread Genesis 4:17–7:10. What is the point of this section and what details do you now know that will help you understand the story as it unfolds?
2. Review and recap the story of the Bible to this point in as much detail as possible. What is this story about and why was it important for Moses to tell Israel this story as they prepared to take the Promised Land?
3. Think through the ramifications of God being the one to bring judgment on mankind by destroying everyone but Noah and his family in the flood? What do you learn about the LORD's character from this scene? Continue to add these discoveries to the list of God's character that you began earlier in the study.

Closing Prayer:

Father, Thank You for Your Word. Give us clarity and insight as we study and learn what You have revealed to us in Your story. Amen.