

Story #4 - Noah & Nations

After being expelled from the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve had many children. Their offspring inherited the sin they had introduced into the world. As the human population grew, so did their wickedness.

God eventually stepped in to address the destruction of His Creation. Only one man on the entire earth was considered righteous in His eyes - Noah. Through Noah and one of his sons, God preserved the "seed of the woman," as promised in the Garden of Eden. One of Noah's descendants would ultimately defeat Satan forever.

Once again, our world is facing God's severe judgment, much like in Noah's time. It's important to learn how to share and teach the story of Noah and the Nations, so that the people around you, whether at home, work, or play, can discover the One who can save them now.

Read Genesis 6-9.

Main Talking Points

- Along with their numbers, mankind's depravity grew to the point that God decided to destroy humanity and start over.
- However, constrained by His unconditional covenant of Genesis 3:15, God preserved the "seed of the woman" through Noah.
- The Lord commanded Noah to construct an ark. It would be the vehicle of Noah's salvation from the destruction God was bringing to the whole earth.
- Before Noah's time, the earth had likely never experienced rainfall. It was watered by mist in the air and lots of bubbling springs.
- God brought pairs of all the different kinds of animals He had made to Noah. Along with food for them all, they were sealed in the ark with the eight members of Noah's family.
- Then God said. Quote Genesis 7:4: ***Then God said, "For after seven more days, I will send rain on the earth forty days and forty nights; and I will blot out from the face of the land every living thing that I have made."***
- It rained for forty days and forty nights. All of humanity that remained on the earth died as a result of God's judgment. Every man, woman, child, and animal on the earth's surface perished in the flood.
- Sealed in the ark for over a year, Noah sent a raven and two doves out to determine if the water had receded enough from the land to exit the ark.
- Sealed in the ark for more than a year, Noah's family exited it, made sacrifices, and worshipped God for their salvation. The Lord placed a rainbow in the sky to help humanity remember the covenant promise He was making.

- Quote Genesis 9:13: ***"I will remember My covenant, which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and never again shall the water become a flood to destroy all flesh."***
- God commanded Noah's family to multiply and spread over the earth's surface.
- After him, Noah's descendants failed to obey God's command to spread out. In those days, there was one race speaking one language. All of mankind congregated together in one place, on the plain of Shinar, to make a name for themselves.
- They built a tower into the heavens as if pointing a finger at God while saying, "We will not obey you; we will be gods.
- Genesis 11:9 states, ***"Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of the whole earth; and from there, the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of the whole earth."***

Things To Think About

- It is possible that Lamech, Noah's father, was the last person to hear Adam tell the story of Creation and the Fall.
- Delve into the mystery of the source of all rain in this story by referring to the account of Creation in Genesis 1.
- Despite mankind's depravity, God preserved the "seed of the woman" through Noah. This story speaks to God's faithfulness. What does the demonstration of God's faithfulness to Noah mean to you today?
- After the flood, God changed the rules that were expected of mankind. These included dietary changes, the establishment of capital punishment, and, therefore, a system of government.
- The single language of all mankind was confused at the Tower of Babel, which formed the nations and cultures of the world. God partially reversed what He did at the Tower of Babel at Pentecost in Acts 2.

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