

1. Intro

- Genesis 1-12 is the foundation for the rest of Scripture.
- Noah, the ark, and the flood is the account of unrestrained sin in the human race and God's judgment on it. But it's also the story of a blameless man named Noah, who God rescued from His judgment because of his faith.

2. Text Genesis 6-9

Genesis 6:1-7

- Everything that humans thought or imagined was consistently and totally **evil**.
 - How long after creation did the flood occur? **1,656** years.

Genesis 6:8-22

- Noah found **favor** with the Lord. He was **righteous** and **blameless** and walked in close fellowship with God.
 - Noah honored God and lived differently than every other person on planet earth!
- God's rescue plan for Noah involved building an **ark**.
 - Was it actually possible to fit all the animals on the ark Noah built? The "Answers in Genesis" organization gives insight on that:
 - There were possibly around 6,700 "kinds" of animals on the ark.
 - Obviously, there were no sea creatures on board.
 - God sent young, small elephants, dinosaurs, etc. rather than large adults.
 - Perhaps God put the animals in a state of hibernation so that they wouldn't need much food while on the ark.
- Why did Noah find favor with God? Why did God call him righteous? His **faith**.
 - **Hebrews 11:7** "It was by **faith** that Noah built a large boat to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God, who warned him about things that had never happened before. By his **faith** Noah condemned the rest of the world, and he received the **righteousness** that comes by **faith**."

Genesis 7:1-24

- Noah's family and the animals who entered the ark were **saved** from God's judgment.
- **The Lord** closed the door behind them. (Gen 7:16)
 - The story of Noah, the ark, and the flood was a literal, true story, but it was also a picture of salvation through Christ alone.
- The flood was **global** and the water covered the highest mountain on earth. (7:19)
 - **Psalm 104:5-9** "You placed the world on its foundation so it would never be moved. 6 You clothed the earth with floods of water, water that covered even the mountains. 7 At your command, the water fled; at the sound of your thunder, it hurried away. 8 Mountains rose and valleys sank to the levels you decreed. 9 Then you set a firm boundary for the seas, so they would never again cover the earth."
 - All land animals died. (Genesis 7:19-24)
- Genesis 8: the flood waters receded. Noah's family and the animals left the ark.
 - Noah was on the ark for around **370** days.
- Genesis 9: The **rainbow** is the sign of God's promise to all mankind that He will never again destroy the earth with water.
 - **Genesis 9:12-17**

3. Application:

God's Word predicts there is another catastrophic judgment coming:

2 Peter 3:3-13

- If you've entered the door of salvation through faith alone in Jesus, thank God you are safe from the coming judgment! **-John 10:9**
- If you haven't entered the door of salvation through faith in Jesus alone, do it today.
- Lastly, do we have the same compassion for unbelievers that God has? Are we burdened for them and unwilling that they be destroyed in the next judgment? What are we doing about that?