







CONCERNS RAISED

- Number of Animals taken on the Ark (6:20 & 7:2)
- Similar Myths
- God's killing of such a huge number of people.

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"The God of the Old Testament is arguably the most unpleasant character in all fiction: jealous and proud of it; a petty, unjust, unforgiving control-freak; a vindictive, bloodthirsty ethnic cleanser; a misogynistic, homophobic, racist, infanticidal, genocidal, filicidal, pestilential, megalomaniacal, sadomasochistic, capriciously malevolent bully." - Richard Dawkins in The God Delusion

WICKEDNESS ON EARTH (6:1-6)

"When the LORD saw that man's wickedness was widespread on the earth and that every scheme his mind thought of was nothing but evil all the time, the LORD regretted that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart." (Gen. 6:5-6)

NOAH AND THE FLOOD

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- God's delay of judgement (6:3)
- Noah Found Favor (6:8-9)
- The Importance of Obedience (7:5)
- God's Judgment (7:11-24)

GOD REMEMBERS

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a Transitional introduction – 6.9-10
     b Violence in creation – 6.11-12
           c First divine speech: resolve to destroy – 6.13-22
                d Second divine speech: "enter ark" – 7.1-10
                      e Beginning of flood – 7.11-16
                            f The rising flood – 7.17-24
                                 g God remembers Noah - 8.1a
                            f' The receding flood – 8.1b-5
                      e' Drying of the earth – 8.6-14
                d' Third divine speech: "leave ark" – 8.15-19
           c' God's resolve to preserve order – 8.20-22
     b' Fourth divine speech: covenant – 9.1-17
a' Transitional conclusion (9.18-19)
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- The Re-issuing of the Creation Mandate (9:1-11)