

The Corruption of the Earth

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The Evil of Man

Genesis 6:5–8 NASB95

Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. The LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. The LORD said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them." But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

Wickedness - $\forall \gamma$ (ră'): adj.; \equiv Str 7451; TWOT 2191a, 2191c—1. LN 88.105–88.125 bad, evil, wicked, no good, i.e., pertaining to that which is not morally pure or good according to a proper standard, implying this evil hinders or severs a relationship to a person or principle which is proper; 2. LN 65.20–65.29 bad, poor, no good, i.e., pertaining to that which has undesirable features in an object, and so have lesser or no value (<u>Lev 27:10</u>ab); 3. LN 20.12–20.30 fierce, wild, harmful, i.e., pertaining to that which can harm or injure an object (<u>Ge 37:20</u>)

Intent - יַּבֶּר (yē·ṣĕr): n.masc.; \equiv Str 3336; TWOT 898a—1. LN 6.118–6.151 pot (Isa 29:16+); 2. LN 42.29–42.40 creation, i.e., a thing someone fashions or forms (Ps 103:14; Hab 2:18+); 3. LN 30.1–30.38 a thought, inclination, i.e., the content of thinking and reasoning (Ge 6:5; 8:21; Dt 31:21; Isa 26:3+); 4. LN 25.1–25.11 motivation, desire, i.e., what one wants or wishes for (1Ch 28:9; 29:18+)

Romans 1:28-32 NASB95

And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; *they are* gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

Grieved - עָצֵב (ʿā·ṣǎḇ): v.; \equiv Str 6087; TWOT 1666—1. LN 25.270–25.287 (qal pass.) distressed, i.e., pertaining to a state of emotional distress and sorrow (<u>Isa 54:6</u>+); (nif) grieved, be distressed (<u>Ge 45:5</u>; <u>1Sa 20:3</u>, <u>34</u>; <u>2Sa 19:3</u>[EB 2]; <u>Ne 8:10</u>, <u>11</u>+); (piel) grieve (<u>Isa 63:10</u>+); (hif) grieve, cause grief (<u>Ps 78:40</u>+); (hitp) filled with grief, be filled with pain (<u>Ge 6:6</u>; <u>34:7</u>+)

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But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

Favor - $\[\neg \Box \]$ (hēn): n.masc.; $\[\equiv \]$ Str 2580; TWOT 694a—1. LN 25.102–25.115 favor, i.e., acts which display one's fondness or compassion for another (Ge 39:20); 2. LN 88.66–88.74 grace, kindness, kindheartedness, compassion, i.e., acts of kindness displaying one's pleasure with an object, which benefit the object of pleasure (Pr 3:34)

Blameless - פְּמִים (tā·mîm): adj.; \equiv Str 8549; TWOT 2522d—1. LN 79.60–79.61 without defect, unblemished, i.e., pertaining to having a good quality animal without handicap, implying a prime animal of high monetary value (Ex 12:5); 2. LN 88.1–88.11 blameless, innocent, i.e., pertaining to a person or condition of moral goodness, with a focus of being guiltless and not liable for sin or wrong (Ge 6:9; 17:1; Dt 18:13; 2Sa 22:24, 26; Job 12:4; Ps 15:2; 18:24[EB 23],26[EB 25]; 37:18; 84:12[EB 11]; 101:2, 6; 119:1, 80; Pr 2:21; 11:5, 20; 28:10, 18; Eze $\frac{28:15}{2}$

Noah and the Ark

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These are the records of the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God. Noah became the father of three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Now the earth was corrupt in the sight of God, and the earth was filled with violence. God looked on the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth. Then God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence because of them; and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth. "Make for yourself an ark of gopher wood; you shall make the ark with rooms, and shall cover it inside and out with pitch. "This is how you shall make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its breadth fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. "You shall make a window for the ark, and finish it to a cubit from the top; and set the door of the ark in the side of it; you shall make it with lower, second, and third decks. "Behold, I, even I am bringing the flood of water upon the earth, to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life, from under heaven; everything that is on the earth shall perish. "But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall enter the ark you and your sons and your wife, and your sons' wives with you. "And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. "Of the birds after their kind, and of the animals after their kind, of every creeping thing of the ground after its kind, two of every kind will come to you to keep them alive. "As for you, take for yourself some of all food which is edible, and gather it to yourself; and it shall be for food for you and for them." Thus Noah did; according to all that God had commanded him, so he did.

Corrupt - ਸਹਾਂਦੂਂ (šā·ḥǎt): v.; ≡ Str 516, 7843; TWOT 2370—1. LN 20.31–20.60 (nif) be corrupt, be marred, be ruined, i.e., pertaining to an object being in a ruined state, implying the object is now useless (Ex 8:24; Jer 13:7; 18:4+); (piel) destroy, ruin, ravage, devastate (Ge 6:17)

Violence - הַּמְּכֹּ (ḥā·mās): n.masc.; ≡ Str 2555; TWOT 678a—1. LN 20.1–20.11 violence, i.e., a strong, fierce, destructive force resulting in acts that maim, destroy, kill, often implying a lawlessness, terror, and lack of moral restraint (Ge 49:5; Pr 3:31)

Flesh - בְּשֶׁרְ (bā·śār): n.masc.; \equiv Str 1320; TWOT 291a—1. LN 4 creatures, living things, formally, flesh, i.e., any biological life, human or animal, with a focus on the substance of that life (Ge 6:17)

Genesis 1:29 NASB95

Then God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you;

Genesis 6:7 NASB95

The LORD said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them.

Ark - ਜ਼ਰੂ (tē·ḇā(h)): n.fem.; \equiv Str 8392; TWOT 2492—1. LN 6.41–6.51 boat, large ship, i.e., a rectangular box-shaped boat (<u>Ge 6:14(2×),15, 16(2×),18, 19; 7:1, 7, 9, 13, 15, 17, 18, 23; 8:1, 4, 6, 9(2×),10, 13, 16, 19; 9:10, 18+); 2. LN 6.118–6.151 basket, i.e., an assumedly rectangular, box-shaped basket, water-proofed to float (<u>Ex 2:3, 5</u>+)</u>

Covenant - בְּרִית (berît): n.fem.; \equiv Str 1285; TWOT 282a—1. LN 34.42–34.49 covenant, treaty, compact, i.e., an agreement between two parties (<u>Ge 6:18</u>; <u>14:13</u>), note: the exact relationships of the two parties will vary according to context; 2. LN 34.42–34.49 pledge, a binding oath of promise (<u>2Ki 11:4</u>)