The MESSage "NOAH"

LET'S TAKE THIS FROM THE BEGINNING!

LAST WEEK: ADAM & EVE!

-In the Beginning, God created the Heavens and the Earth!

-Created Adam and Eve with ONE RULE!

SIN ENTERED THIS WORLD!

JESUS IS THE SOLUTION!!!

-10 Generations went by from ADAM to NOAH!

-TORAH TEACHES 1656 YEARS FROM CREATION TO THE FLOOD!

-people lived hundreds of years!

-Sin and death entered the world, but people lived a LONG time!!

SO 1656 YEARS & 10 GENERATION IN, AND 6 CHAPTERS INTO GENESIS......

-GOD WAS GOING TO START OVER

-By Chapter 6 God is destroying the earth with a Flood

-Days of Noah-Earth were overtaken by evil!

Genesis 6:1-4 Wickedness in the World

When human beings began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them, ² the sons of God saw that the daughters of humans were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose. ³ Then the Lord said, "My Spirit will not contend with humans forever, for they are mortal; their days will be a hundred and twenty years."

⁴ The Nephilim were on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God went to the daughters of humans and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown.

LET'S OFFROAD HERE FOR A BIT!

START WITH THE DEVIL!

Lucifer was a leader in heaven!

Isaiah 14 & Ezekiel 28 Jude 6 & Revelations 12 (took 1/3 of the Angels with him)

Isaiah 14:12-15 How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! ¹³ You said in your heart, "I will ascend to the heavens; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon. ¹⁴ I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High." ¹⁵ But you are brought down to the realm of the dead, to the depths of the pit.

He clearly roamed the earth and TALKED to EVE!!!!

Let's go back to our text:

Vrs 2 -"son's of God" Jewish & Christian scholars believe these were FALLEN ANGELS!

Satan was cast out of heaven....LET'S START THERE!!!

Fallen Angels started having babies with humans! CRAZY STUFF!!!

They created this hybrid called NEPHILIM!

-Giants! "heroes of old....men of renown"

Genesis 6:5-7 The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. ⁶ The Lord regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled. ⁷ So the Lord said, "I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them."

WICKEDNESS.....BROKE GOD'S HEART!

-Mankind's desire to be there on God still drives humanity!

-The MESSage all points to Jesus.....THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

-Verse 4 "The Nephilim were on the earth in those days—and also afterward"

- -Why God had instructed not to inter-mary!
- -Why God instructed them to DESTROY their enemies!

THERE IS ALWAYS HOPE IN THE MESS!!!!

Genesis 5:32 After Noah was 500 years old, he became the father of Shem, Ham and Japheth.

-He became a dad at the age of 500! Talk about perseverance!!

Genesis 7:11-12 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, on the seventeenth day of the second month—on that day all the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened. ¹² And rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights.

-He built the Ark for about 100 years.

Genesis 6:8-13 <u>But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.</u> ⁹ This is the account of Noah and his family. <u>Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God.</u> ¹⁰ Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth. ¹¹ Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. ¹² God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. ¹³ So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth.

BEING HONEST: Always struggled a bit with this story!

- -a little over the top to me!
- -makes sense that it was to put a STOP to FALLEN ANGELS WITH HUMANS!

Jude 6 And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their proper dwelling—these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day.

God destroyed the earth and started over with Noah & his family

-He had told Adam and Eve to be fruitful and multiply......NOW

Gen 9:1-3 God's Covenant With Noah

Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth. ² The fear and dread of you will fall on all the beasts of the earth, and on all the birds in the sky, on every creature that moves along the ground, and on all the fish in the sea; they are given into your hands. ³ Everything that lives and moves about will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything.

WORLD 2.0! MEAT!

CREATION ONCE AGAIN!!!

-Foreshadowing to JESUS & THE NEW COVENANT!

GENESIS Shows God's authority over CREATION, PROVIDENCE & HISTORY

NEXT WEEK WE WILL TALK ABOUT THE COVENANT GOD MADE WITH ABRAHAM!!!

Abraham, Isaac & Jacob!

HUGE FOUNDATIONAL POINT: GOD-GOOD DEVIL IS BAD!

The Devil is real!!

1 Peter 5:8-11 ⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. ¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

DEVIL STILL USES THE SAME PLAYBOOK TODAY!!!!

Did God really say that?

Plant a lie....."you will not die"

Try to speak a hint of TRUTH that makes sense! JUSTIFY OUR ACTIONS!

RESULT -We still HIDE & BLAME!

AND......GOD STILL LOVES US! GIVES US ANOTHER CHANCE!

-PEOPLE CONTINUE TO MESS IT ALL UP......GOD IS GRACIOUS!

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Noah- 100 years! "Faith put the hammer in Noah's hand....Faithfulness drove the last nail!"

WHAT DO WE LEARN FOR TODAY???

- -The world is evil! God is patient with humanity!
- 2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

THAT'S THE MESS IN THE MESSAGE!

Genesis 6:9. This is the account of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God.

Look at 3 attributes we see in Noah's life

- 1) He was Righteous
- 2) He was Blameless
- 3) He walked with God

THINK OF THESE ATTRIBUTES IN YOUR LIFE..... THINK OF THESE ATTRIBUTES IN THE LIVES OF YOUR KIDS!!

Psalm 19:7-14 The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul.

The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

8 The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

⁹ The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever.

The ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous.

They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey,

than honey from the comb.

- ¹¹ By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults.
- 13 Keep your servant also from willful sins;

may they not rule over me.

Then will I be blameless,

innocent of great transgression.

14 May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight,
O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

RESPONSE:

- 1) Need a view of God as MERCIFUL!
- 2) You are Struggling in this EVIL world!
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