

Genesis 6:8-22; 7:1-5

This section of Chapter 6 informs us how Noah found grace in God's eyes. Noah built the ark and saved his family and some animals per God's instructions. God sent the great flood and destroyed all the evil men on earth at that time, save Noah, his family, and select animals. It also gives us information on Noah's descendants.

- 11 ¶ The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.** "Corrupt" means "wasted away". The world had become a wasteland. Mankind was getting more violent every day. Today is very much like the days of Noah. Men go after everything evil thing of the world: power, money, the occult, etc.
- 12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.** Again, corrupt means wasted. God's creation is being wasted by mankind. The only people God saw doing any good on the earth was Noah and his family.
- 13 ¶ And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.** God says His creation has become so awful that He's going to destroy it, wipe it out.
- 14 Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.** Notice this: the ark is a picture of our salvation. We don't know exactly what gopher wood is today. The word "pitch" is a Hebrew word means "tar" or "atonement, covering". Put the covering on the inside and the outside. Christ covers us inside and out with His atonement, just like He did Noah and the ark.
- 15 And this *is the fashion* which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark *shall be* three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.** 450 feet (300 cubits), 75 feet (fifty cubits), and 45 feet (30 cubits).
- 16 A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; *with lower, second, and third stories* shalt thou make it.** Notice there is only one door. Only one way in the ark, only one way to heaven: through Jesus Christ. He's laying out a 3-level ship. This is the most stable dimensions for a ship that can ever be built, according to current Navy engineers.
- 17 And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein *is* the breath of life, from under heaven; *and every thing that is in the earth shall die.*** Notice it had never rained on the earth before this. The earth was watered through a mist that came up from the ground intermittently. God is going to wipe out His creation from the earth: living, walking things. It says nothing about the fish. It is standing upright, living, breathing animals. God is warning Noah that He will bring a flood of earth and everything on the land will be destroyed. God gave Noah 120 years warning. God gave mankind 120 years to repent.
- 18 But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.** "Covenant" means "agreement". God is only going to save Noah and his family. We see over and over again in scripture that family reaps benefits or curses depending on how the father behaves and acts. Since Noah was good, he and his family were spared. Since Cain was bad, Cain and all his descendants are cursed.
- 19 And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every *sort* shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep *them* alive with thee; they shall be male and female.** God instructs Noah to bring a pair – one male and one female – of every creature. God told the animals to go to the ark and they did. Noah didn't have to round them up. At this time we are not told what animals were clean and not clean.
- 20 Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every *sort* shall come unto thee, to keep *them* alive.**

21 And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather *it* to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them.

22 ¶ Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he. Noah didn't ask questions; he just did what God instructed. Noah just simply believed God. Noah was 600 years old when the flood came.

Chapter 7

1 ¶ And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation. God chose Noah because he was righteous. Notice God gives Noah an invitation, not a command.

2 Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that *are not clean by two, the male and his female.* God refines His instructions about the animals to save: take 7 of each of the clean groups of animals, and just 1 pair of each of the unclean animals.

3 Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth. God instructs Noah to save some birds, too, 7 pairs of each species.

4 For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth. After 40 days Noah, after you all get in the ark and close the door, I'm going to give it 7 more days, and then I'll start the rain of the floods. "Every substance" means "every living thing" on the earth.

5 ¶ And Noah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him. God had much more one-on-one communication with people back then. We don't have that sort of relationship with Him today. Men today say if God came in person and talked to them, they would change and believe him, but that's not true. God did talk to people in person back in Noah's day, and they didn't believe Him. People want things their way and their way only. The antichrist will come and tell The Lie to people, and many will fall, including many church people. There is a rich business man out there today that said "The world will be a better place without the Christians. Let them go and then we can do what we want." There are a few people in this world who don't give up and keep preaching and teaching because you don't know who is saved and who is not.