

**People of the Promise:
Noah: The Exception
Genesis 6-9**

Introduction

NJFK—lifejacket; with lots of water you need
someway to float.

Noah and the _____ ?
Noah and the ark

1. His Walk: Grace (Genesis 6:5-9)
2. His Work: Faith (Genesis 6:22; 7:5; 7:15)
3. His Worship: Covenant Blessing (Genesis
8:20-22; 9:1-17)

1. His Walk: Grace (Genesis 6:5-9)

⁵ The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. ⁶ And the LORD regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. ⁷ So the LORD said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them." ⁸ But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD. ⁹ These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God.

Noah was the exception in the earth.

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v. 11 describes as corrupt in God's sight and filled with violence

Proverbs 15:3: The eyes of the LORD are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good.

1 Samuel 16:7b: For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.

Favor—grace

In the eyes of Yahweh—God's presence is everywhere.

Righteous man—conformity to God's standards of right and wrong

Blameless in his generation—testimony, reputation before others

Walked with God—ongoing relationship with God; same description of Enoch, his great grandfather

2. His Work: Faith (Genesis 6:22; 7:5; 7:15-16)

Hebrews 11:7

By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

OT and NT parallel the universal flood of Noah's day to the universal judgment at the coming of Christ.

Ark's dimensions—450 feet long, 75 feet wide, 45 feet high (300 x 50 x 30 cubits); size of today's cargo ships

[2 Slides of a cargo ship coming into Savannah]

Ark Encounter

Genesis 6:22

Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

Genesis 7:5

And Noah did all that the LORD had commanded him.

Genesis 7:15-16

¹⁵ They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. ¹⁶ And those that entered, male and

female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him. And the LORD shut him in.

God uses people who will follow His directions—task was huge, very difficult, certainly discouraging—in the face of ridicule, a seemingly absurd project (boats are for water; where's the water?)

Sufficient capacity?

Henry Morris: 1,400,000 cubic feet=522 standard livestock cars (RR); about 240 sheep can be transported in one stock car; 125,000 sheep could fit on ark

Taxonomists: less than 18,000 species of mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians; if we double that to account for extinct species, and then double it again for male/female pairs=72,000 animals; if on average the size of a sheep (many smaller, would use young of larger species); uses only 60% capacity

3. His Worship: Covenant Blessing (Genesis 8:20-22; 9:1-17)

Genesis 8:20-22

²⁰ Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. ²¹ And when the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, the LORD said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man's

heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done. ²² While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."

Genesis 9:1-17

¹ And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. ² The fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth and upon every bird of the heavens, upon everything that creeps on the ground and all the fish of the sea. Into your hand they are delivered. ³ Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. ⁴ But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. ⁵ And for your lifeblood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it and from man. From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man. ⁶ "Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image. ⁷ And you, be fruitful and multiply, increase greatly on the earth and multiply in it." ⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ "Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the

ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹² And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷ God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Starting all over again—God’s blessing reminds us of the creation mandate at the end of Genesis 1—fruitful and multiply; dominion; food.

Covenant—an agreement or treaty based on relationship; a covenant of blood, pointing to Christ, whose innocent life would be poured out for our guilty lives

Importance of this promise—think of the alarm Noah’s family could have felt whenever a rainstorm came.

God has promised He will not destroy the earth with water ever again. Next time it is with fire—at the end of the age. Those who walk in God’s grace, who work according to their faith in His promises, and who worship according to His covenant blessings, are prepared for that final day. They have found safety in Jesus, who will rescue us from death and judgment.

Conclusion

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