

**Genesis 6:8-22, 7**  
Flood of Wrath ~ Ark of Mercy

*In the days of Noah ...*

- I. On God's Green Earth
  - A. Unbridled Evil
  - B. A Righteous Man
- II. In God's Great Mercy
  - A. Regret
  - B. Grace
  - C. Provision
  - D. Warning
- III. By God's Gracious Command
  - A. An Ark
  - B. Constructed
  - C. Occupied
  - D. Closed
- III. The Universal Flood
  - A. Days of Deluge and Death
  - B. Mercy Rises Above Wrath
- IV. Reserved for "the Day"
  - A. Rampant Wickedness
  - B. Imminent Wrath
  - C. Mercy Provided
  - D. Fair Warning

*... in the days of the Son of Man.*

**Children, Listen ...**

1. What did God tell Noah to do? Why?
2. Who and what was going to be saved?
3. Did Noah warn the people about what was going to happen?
4. Are sinners today still under the wrath (holy anger) of God?
5. How are people saved from God's wrath today?

**Of Universal Concern**

God was so grieved by the universal depravity of mankind that He decreed the destruction of mankind and most forms of animal life by a worldwide flood that would cover even the highest mountaintop. But God is merciful and made saving provision for man and animal alike in the form of an ark – a giant floating refuge that would secure the survival of man and the re-population of the earth. From Noah and his family alone would come the entire table of nations – and all the species of animals aboard the ark would be replenished as well. Noah obeyed God's command from the time He received it, but he also preached a warning message to the populace in the process. The people were fairly warned, but being as there is no record of repentance it seems we are to assume they simply carried on eating, drinking and being merry – and when the rains came they died. The sin issue did not go away with Noah's family nor did the universal corruption of mankind that followed. Man still remains under the wrath of God and faces destruction because of it. But God is merciful and has made provision by sending Jesus Christ as the means of salvation – the Ark of mercy, the one in whom sinners must take refuge from the deluge of righteous justice. The warning of impending wrath as well as the Gospel of salvation has and continues to go out into the world. But who will listen? Each man must reckon with their own personal end, but a day is coming that should be of universal concern as well – a day of judgment that will come not by flood but by fire. Only those found in Christ will inherit the glorious Kingdom in that day. Today is not the day to frivolously eat, drink and be merry with no eye to eternity, but as it is still the day of grace it is the day to repent and believe!

**Isaiah 34:1**

Draw near, O nations, to hear, and give attention, O peoples!  
Let the earth hear, and all that fills it; the world, and all that comes from it.