

Devil, Demons and Dinosaurs Series
**Demon Intrusion: Why God
 Flooded the Earth
 Genesis 3**

Satan the Adversary has tried to mess up God's plan over and over. There are at least 7 times He tried to do so.

1. He tempted and led to sin Adam & Eve in Genesis 3. But God promised a seed. A deliverer who would redeem humanity.
2. He incited self-righteous Cain to kill faith-righteous Abel in Genesis 4.
3. In our text this morning Genesis 6, he tried to corrupt the entire race, and thus erase the promised seed.
4. When God singled out Israel and Moses as the deliverer he tried to get Moses out of the way by riches, then murder then pride, etc.
5. Satan then tried to get God to destroy Israel with the golden calf, Ex 32-24.
6. He then tried to defile Israel with intermarriage with Midianite women in Num 25.
7. Finally he tried to murder Christ in Nazareth, then Jerusalem and finally through Judas.

You see the Lord has planned to pour out His wrath against sin two times on earth. First at the Flood secondly at the Tribulation. Both are fantastic pictures of His Grace. In the flood times God sent Enoch a preaching prophet who told the world

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Noah presents an interesting picture of Christ in His work of redemption. Noah's name means "rest" (see Genesis 5:29 He named him Noah and said, "He will comfort us in the labor and painful toil of our hands caused by the ground the LORD has cursed." (NIV), and Christ brings us rest Matthew 11:28-30 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (NIV), and redeems us from the curse Galatians 3:13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." (NIV).

- A. Noah and Enoch together represent Israel and the Church.
 1. Noah went through the judgment and was kept safe, just as the 144,000 and the Jewish remnant will go through the tribulation to establish the Kingdom on the earth.
 2. Enoch was raptured before the judgment came (5-21-24, Heb. 11:5), just as the Church will be raptured before the wrath of God is poured out upon the world.

THE FLOOD CONSIDERED PROPHETICALLY

- I. THE DOWNWARD SLIDE: Christ teaches that the days before the rapture and the tribulation will be like the days of Noah Luke 17:26 "Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man. (NIV), Matthew 24:37-39 As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; 39 and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. (NIV). We are living in the "days of Noah" today!
 - A. HUMANS CONTAMINATED Genesis 6:5 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man [was] great in the earth, and [that] every intent of the thoughts of his heart [was] only evil continually. (NKJV)
 - B. DEMONS RAMPANT Mankind had become largely demon possessed. I believe the "sons of God" who came down and cohabited with the "daughters of men" (Gen. 6:2) were fallen angels, demons (cf. 1 Pet. 3:19–20). Because of this cohabitation, the fallen race fell even further. The evil of man's own nature was compounded, and it became too much for the Lord to bear. Judgment had to come. Donald Barnhouse said, "Hell is as much a part of the love story as God in heaven is." Righteousness and sin cannot coexist. God cannot establish righteousness until sin is destroyed.
 - C. The DEMON INTRUSION of Genesis 6
 1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS DEMON INTRUSION Genesis 6:5 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man [was] great in the earth, and [that] every intent of the thoughts of his heart [was] only evil continually. (NKJV)
 2. THE NATURE OF THIS DEMON INTRUSION Jude 6 And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; (NKJV)
 3. THE TIMING OF THIS DEMON INTRUSION 1 Peter 3:19-20 by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, 20 who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while [the] ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. (NKJV)
 4. THE RESULT OF THIS DEMON INTRUSION 2 Peter 2:4 For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast [them] down to hell and delivered [them] into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; (NKJV)
 5. THE PARALELL TO THIS DEMON INTRUSION IN THE TRIBULATION The character of the last generation that precipitates God's intervention is seen in Revelation 9:20 But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. (NKJV).
 6. THE WARNING OF DEMON INTRUSION Paul described the drift toward demons as part of the end time last days 1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, (NKJV)
 7. MINISTRY IN TIMES OF DEMON INTRUSION
 - a) Enoch preached Jude 14-15 Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, 15 "to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him." (NKJV)

- b) Noah preached 2 Peter 2:5 and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, [one of] eight [people,] a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly; (NKJV) his job was to warn the people of his time that God would soon judge them because of their wickedness and unbelief. They had had the same opportunity to know God and His will as had Noah. The difference between Noah and everyone around him was not a difference in the amount of light but a difference in response to it.
- c) God waited As always, the Lord's judgment was tempered by His mercy. He is never happy with judgment, no matter how deserved. God was "grieved in His heart" (Gen. 6:6) about man's wickedness and the fact that he would have to be judged so severely. He allowed 120 years for the people to be warned and to repent, thereby staying the judgment (6:3). Actually a type of warning was given when Noah was born, 500 years before he started the ark. As he was being named, his father, Lamech, said, "This one shall give us rest from our work and from the toil of our hands arising from the ground which the LORD has cursed" (Gen. 5:29). And then, while God had Noah build the ark—a dramatic picture of the coming Flood—He also had Noah witness to the people, warning them. "The patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark" (1 Pet. 3:20). In other words, at the same time He was preparing judgment He was also preparing a way of escape.

D. THE LINE ENDANGERED

1. *We see the multiplication of people in the "population explosion"* Genesis 6:1 Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, (NKJV);
2. *Violence* Genesis 6:11-13 the earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. 12 So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. 13 And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth. (NKJV)
3. *Humanity was advanced from the start! Note the expansion of arts and industry* Genesis 4:16-22 Then Cain went out from the presence of the LORD and dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Eden. 17 And Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch. And he built a city, and called the name of the city after the name of his son -- Enoch. 18 To Enoch was born Irad; and Irad begot Mehujael, and Mehujael begot Methushael, and Methushael begot Lamech. 19 Then Lamech took for himself two wives: the name of one [was] Adah, and the name of the second [was] Zillah. 20 And Adah bore Jabal. He was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock. 21 His brother's name [was] Jubal. He was the father of all those who play the harp and flute. 22 And as for Zillah, she also bore Tubal-Cain, an instructor of every craftsman in bronze and iron. And the sister of Tubal-Cain [was] Naamah. (NKJV)
4. *Lack of conscience, even for murder* Genesis 4:23-24 Then Lamech said to his wives: "Adah and Zillah, hear my voice; Wives of Lamech, listen to my speech! For I have killed a man for wounding me, even a young man for hurting me. 24 If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, Then Lamech -sevenfold." (NKJV)
5. *True believers in a minority* Genesis 6:10 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. (NKJV)

II. THE UPWARD LOOK: But keep in mind that "than days of Noah" were also days of witness. In fact, God had told Enoch that judgment was coming, and he preached to the people Jude

14-15 Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men: "See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones to judge everyone, and to convict all the ungodly of all the ungodly acts they have done in the ungodly way, and of all the harsh words ungodly sinners have spoken against him." (NIV). In fact, Enoch named his son Methuselah, which means, "When he dies, it shall be sent"; that is, the judgment would come after Methuselah is dead. He was born in the year 687 and lived 969 years. He died in the year 1656 - the very year the flood came! In other words, God gave the wicked world 969 years of grace, and for the last 120 years of that period, Noah was preaching and preparing the ark (Genesis 6:3 Then the LORD said, "My Spirit will not contend with man forever, for he is mortal; his days will be a hundred and twenty years." (NIV); 1 Peter 3:20 who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, (NIV).

III. THE INWARD NEED: Today, God warns men that judgment is coming (II Pt. 3 - fire, not water); but few listen, and even fewer believe.

IV. The Flood considered practically

- A. GOD ALWAYS PUNISHES SIN: God must punish sin. There must be death to the old before He can establish the new.
- B. GOD ALWAYS WARNS SINNERS: God gives man warnings but eventually His patience ends and judgment comes.
- C. GOD ALWAYS SAVES BY GRACE: God has always saved people the same way: by grace Genesis 6:8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD. (NIV), through faith Hebrews 11:7 by faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. (NIV).
- D. GOD ALWAYS EXPECTS OBEDIENCE: True faith, always brings active obedience (Genesis 6:22 Noah did everything just as God commanded him. (NIV), Genesis 7:5 And Noah did all that the LORD commanded him. (NIV).
- E. GOD ALWAYS EXPECTS SEPARATION. 1 John 2:15-17 do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that [is] in the world -- the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life -- is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever. (NKJV) It was difficult for Noah and his family to remain separated in such a wicked world, but God helped them, and God rewarded them.

The Lessons of the Flood

The Depth of the Sin of Mankind	Reminds us we are sinners
The Incredible Deafness to the Message	Warns us to Listen because we lack sensitivity.
The Great Response of Noah	Challenges our Availability
A Second Chance for Mankind	Offers Hope for All to be pure and new!

What can we learn?

1. God is HOLY, He will judge sin. Galatians 6:7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. (NIV)
2. God LOVES, He will seek out individuals. Luke 19:10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost." (NIV)
3. God is GRACIOUS, He will transform fallen sinners 1 Peter 5:5 Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." (NIV)

What should we learn from this? Note Peter's words in II Peter 3

1. KEEP ALERT: This should Encourage a Godly Life; Live Christly v. 10-11
2. BUILD FIREPROOF: This should Discourage Materialism and encourage us to Live expectantly v. 12-13
3. LOOK UP: This should Develop an Expectant Life; Live Purely v. 14
4. STUDY THE BOOK: This should help us to Guard our heart and encourage us to Live maturely v. 17
5. OBEY JESUS: This should encourage us to Grow Spiritually and to Live Growingly v. 18

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What began, I think about three months ago, in 1 Thessalonians 2:12, where the apostle Paul says I thank my God that you receive the word of God not as the word of men but as it is; the word of God in truth. And we started looking at the book you can trust and we looked at why we can trust the Bible. We studied that extensively and concluded with the reality that the God who destroyed the ancient world is the God who's going to come back and take control of this planet. And you can trust Him.

Well, I got us started looking at the flood, the biblical flood, and this morning we're in the kind of wrap up of the flood, looking at one of the most interesting parts of the Bible. It's where we learn, perhaps more than any other part of the scriptures, about the devil, that's Satan; a malignant, a real, genuine individual, a spiritual entity, perhaps the second most powerful being in the universe next to God. We meet the devil and learn a lot about him. Then we meet demons. Those are his hosts. One-third of the countless myriads of angels are demons. There are probably billions of angels and one-third of them are in rebellion to follow Satan in his wicked rebellion against God. And then also in the midst of all this we find out a little bit about dinosaurs.

And so, if you, someone asks you, maybe tomorrow they say, "What'd you do? Did you go water skiing yesterday?" Say, no, I went to church. "And what did you learn there?" And you say, I learned about the devil, demons and dinosaurs. And they'll say, "Wow!" 'Cause a lot of people don't know the Bible talks about those things. And we're going to learn a lot about that this morning.

Genesis chapter six. Satan is the adversary. Satan has tried to in his constant, pernicious, in his evil way, he's tried to overthrow God's plan. When we come to the sixth chapter of Genesis we find Satan coming perhaps the closest that he ever came to destroying God's plan.

You see, ever since chapter three, and just to backtrack, in chapter three if you remember, he is the one that enticed Eve to rebel and sin against God. She brought Adam to follow her in her disobedience and the entire race plunged into sin. And Satan thought, ha, got 'em now.

But in chapter three verses 14 and 15, God gave a promise. Verse 15 says I'll put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her seed, and He shall bruise your head and you will bruise His heel. That's the first promise of the gospel.

And so Satan knew that there was some seed coming. He knew that there was going to be this promised redeemer, and so after he got mankind to go into sin, he thought Abel might be that seed. And so he got Cain to kill Abel. And the murderer from the beginning, Satan, enticed Cain to destroy his righteous brother. Self-righteous Cain destroyed faith-righteous Abel. But that didn't ruin the

plan. And Eve says, I'm going to have a seed. And so Satan kept his work up and that's where we get to chapter six.

And it says in chapter six that, verse five, that God looked down at his creatures that He had created, and it says that the wickedness of man was great in the earth and every intent of the thoughts of his heart were only evil continually. And Satan had, and his minions had, and his demons had so permeated the society of this planet that there was nothing but constant malignity, and evil, and wickedness coming up in the sight of God, God who looks at our hearts.

But we aren't going to cover that for a moment because that was his third. We're going to learn about that today. But man survives this, you know, the flood. And Adam and Eve, their descendants through Noah and his family, repopulate the earth. And God, by chapter 11, reaches down and picks one family, of all the families on the earth, he picks one pagan Gentile family.

There were only Gentiles on the planet, right? There were no Jews yet until God picked Abraham, and Abraham, the pagan Gentile, moon worshipper, became Abraham the faithful, the father of the faithful, the Jews. Now Jews is a derivation of Judah and that's one of his descendants. His grandson had 12 sons and one of those 12 sons was Judah, but that's where Jews come from. And Hebrew people come from a derivation of the Heber clan.

But we want to talk about God's chosen people, and God picked Abraham, and through him Isaac, and through him Jacob, and through Jacob 12 sons, and through the 12 sons, in chapter 49 of Genesis, God picks one of the 12. And he says, my Shiloh, the one that's coming, is going to come through Judah. And the scepter, the lawgiver will rise up from him.

So Satan says, aha, I know what I'm going to do now. So he decides he's going to destroy the Jews. And he gets Pharaoh to start oppressing them and start killing the firstborn, and God saves one of the firstborn. And one of these young men, he gives him a call. And Moses and his older brother Aaron are called of God to be deliverers. So what does Satan do? He gets Moses all caught up in the wealth of Egypt. So He gets him out of Egypt. So then he becomes a murderer. And he thinks he's got him set aside, but God uses him to deliver Israel. So then what happens? Israel gets into golden calf worship, and God says I'm going to incinerate all of 'em.

That would have wrecked the plan, wouldn't it? Because he had to have someone from Judah's descent to be the deliverer. And so God, through Moses' intervention and his intercession, doesn't destroy them all.

So what happens? Along comes Balaam. And Balaam pollutes them to immorality, and the intermarriage of the pagan women is going to ruin the line, the seed through which Christ is going to come. And so again Satan thinks he's so close, but God intervenes again and through a righteous Phinehas, who spirits through the immoral pair that is introducing this gross worship into Israel, He again preserves the line.

But then finally Satan thinks he's got it down. He finds that Christ has come to earth. And so he incites Herod to kill all the children, but Christ escapes and is taken by his parents to Egypt. So then he incites the townspeople of Christ's hometown to try and throw him over the cliff and crash in Nazareth. But Christ walks through the midst of them. Then he incites the people of Jerusalem to try and stone Jesus. But Jesus walks through their midst. But finally Satan says, I've got 'em. And he takes a man from Judah, Judas Iscariot. And Satan doesn't realize as he enters Judas and causes him to go and make a deal with the chief priests and the Sadducees to betray Jesus Christ, he doesn't realize that he is fulfilling God's plan.

You see he has always tried to destroy the plan. He's always tried to stop the seed from coming. And at the end when he culminates his plan to destroy the seed itself, he fulfills God's plan of redemption. Because Jesus Christ had to die in our place.

Well, that's what Satan's been doing, but let's look at the sixth chapter of Genesis. And I want to show you when he got closest to derailing God's plan. Because the Lord wanted to show his grace. But he could only find one person to show his grace on and that's Noah. And it says in verse eight, Noah alone on the whole planet found grace, in Genesis 6:8, in the eyes of the Lord.

You know, Noah presents an interesting picture of Christ. We've already looked at the ark in the last few weeks. But Noah's name means rest. In fact, it's prophesied, if you want to look at chapter five of Genesis, verse 29, it says and he - that's Lamech- lived 120 years and 182 years and had a son, in verse 29, he called his name Noah, saying this one will comfort us concerning our work and the toil of our hands because of the ground which the Lord has cursed. There's a little prophecy there. That Noah would be the one who would bring rest. And he would be the one that would comfort us from our labors. Do you know what Christ promised in Matthew 11:28, 29? Come unto me all you who labor and are heavy laden. I will give you rest. Noah was a picture of Christ as one who brought rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me for I am meek and you will find rest for your souls. What Lamech promised, Noah would do. Noah was just a picture of what Christ ultimately would do. Jesus is the only one that gives rest. He's the only one that gives rest for our souls.

Bonnie and I were talking the other day about how people find a lot of happiness in alcohol. They find it in various controlled and illegal substances, they find it in immorality, they find it in living the fast and loose life or the powerful life. But you know, that's not the spiritual gift that the spirit of God brings as fruit in our lives called joy. Happiness is just like this, you know, it just is, between the highs and the lows and it just comes and goes. But the spirit of God gives us unending joy. It's a fruit of the spirit. He gives us peace. He gives us rest for our souls and Noah was a picture of Christ. Christ who said that I will redeem you from the curse of the law because it's written in the scriptures, in Galatians 3:13, that everyone who's hung on a tree is cursed. And Christ who hung on a tree for us was cursed in our place that we might have the rest.

But Noah not only was a picture of Jesus and the work of redemption, as he was going to bring rest to a world and he did, as God killed everyone on the planet except for Noah and his family. It was the first time there'd been any rest on the planet since Adam and Eve and the curse and the fall had come. But Noah is also a beautiful picture of the end times. Because Noah and Enoch together represent the two groups that God has been working with from beginning. And Noah is a picture of Israel. Even before Israel was anything but a plan in the mind of God, Noah is a picture of Israel because Noah went in the ark and went through the flood. And did you know God is going to protect Israel through the tribulation? And he's going to preserve them and they are not going to be able to be destroyed, even though the entire world is going to be united in their desire for their destruction. So Noah is a picture of Israel being kept by the flood, or by the ark through the flood. Enoch is a picture of us, the church. Enoch was pulled out before the flood and taken to heaven and he didn't die. Enoch is a picture of the rapture, the *harpodzo*, the snatching of the church out of this world before God pours out his wrath and before he pours out his fury upon the sinfulness of a world going after demons.

And so this morning Noah is an interesting picture of Christ who brings us rest. And I wonder this morning, do you have rest? Have you ever met Christ? Those who have gone to church all their life, and have signed on the dotted line, and been baptized, and done all those other things that don't have rest, haven't met Christ. And I wonder this morning, do you have hope that he's going to deliver

you from the wrath to come? Do you realize that this morning, that if you're in Christ that you're going to be like Enoch, and I'm going to be like Enoch, and we're going to be translated out of this world before the fury of God's wrath descends. Before he unlocks the pit where the demon hordes have been kept and he releases these myriads of monsters that Revelation chapter nine talks about, that are going to cause horrible, horrible carnage on this planet. You know it says in the scripture, it says when God unlocks that pit and lets those demon warriors out that they are going to come and they're going to sting and they're going to pillage and plunder the people of this planet, and people are going to be looking for places to kill themselves. It's going to be so horrible.

It's interesting that Michael Crichton, whatever his name is, that wrote the book that they developed the movie "Independence Day" from, calls those invaders that come and attack the earth, whatever they do on Independence Day, he calls them a band of locusts.

Do you know what Revelation nine calls the demon hordes? They come like locusts. And you know what's interesting? When God unleashes this horde during the time of his judgment on the earth, that those demonic creatures are probably going to be invisible.

How'd you like to be a worldling not knowing Christ, sitting in your home, and all of a sudden your front picture window smashes as something comes through it that you can't see. And all of a sudden that something starts attacking you, and you start being in horrible pain and you can't fight back 'cause you can't even see what it is. That's what's going to be going on during the tribulation hour on this planet.

God says Israel, like Noah, is going to be brought through unscathed. The church, like Enoch, is going to be taken out of this world and translated into the presence of Christ.

But why did God send, and what I want to cover with you this morning is, why did God send this judgment? Why did God flood the whole world? Why did God kill every human being, probably hundreds of millions if not billions of people, that were living in the pre-flood world? Why did he do that?

Well, I'd like to show you, first of all, the downward slide. Point number one: Let's look at the downward slide of the flood and the world of the flood. Christ said in Luke 17:26, just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days when the Son of Man returns. Well, what was it like in the days of Noah. I already read to you Genesis 6:5. God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth and every thought and imagination of his heart was only evil continually. Number one. Humanity was contaminated. Man was sinful, but man was sinful but yet they were still operating halfway decent. But by the time Noah comes around, humanity had descended to the point of utter, total wickedness in the sight of God.

You say, you mean there are degrees of sin? You bet there are. Remember when Jesus cast out a demon, he told the man, watch out, lest something worse happen to you. Lest this demon go out and get some that are even worse than him and enter you. Did you know even among demons there are good and bad demons? I don't mean good as far as good, righteous. I mean that there are some that aren't as malignant as others. There are degrees of evil. Do you know that even hell will have degrees of punishment? There are some people that are going to be, as Dante and his inferno said, in the bottom. There are others that are going to be separated from God eternally in hell, but they are not going to be suffering as much as those who had more exposure to the truth. There are degrees of demons and there are degrees of punishment in hell. And God saw that the whole planet was evil continually. Humans were contaminating.

But look at verse two of chapter six, because the second point not only was humanity contaminated, but demons were rampant. Now this is unique. This is the only time in the history of the planet where God allowed this to happen. And I want to show you what happened. It says in verse two that mankind had become largely demon-possessed. It says in verse two, the sons of God saw the daughters of men. Now, you know there's some people say, oh, the sons of God are just the good people. They're just the descendants of Enoch. They're just the good and the sons of Cain are the daughters of men. And they try and explain this away, but if the sons of God means anything less than something supernatural, why didn't he just say the sons of Abel's brother Enoch or the sons of the good side? Why did they say sons of God? Well, I'm going to show you in just a minute, because I personally believe that the sons of God are none other than fallen angels or demons that cohabited that in some unusual way were involved in demonizing the race of mankind. And evil of man's own nature was compounding it, and it became too much for the Lord to bear and judgment had to come.

Why do I believe that? Number one, because the purpose of this demon intrusion was Satan's last-ditch effort to contaminate all of humanity. And it happened. Verse five. God saw that all of mankind was defiled; that all of mankind was utterly given over to wickedness; utterly pursuing enmity against God.

If you want to look with me for just a second at the book of Jude, the sixth verse, that's the other end of the Bible. Go to the end of your Bible, if you don't know much about the Bible, go to Revelation, and the book just before Revelation, just, the whole book of Revelation and the little tiny one page that's before Revelation is the book of Jude. And Jude was a brother of Jesus Christ. He was a child of Joseph and Mary's but he was not fully Jesus' brother, because Jesus didn't have a human father. But Jude was one of his four brothers. And Jesus had four earthly brothers and all of them didn't believe on him until after. And then they came around. And James, wrote the book of James, was another one of Jesus' brothers, and Jude was another. But Jude, in verse six, says this, and the angels, who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, he has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day.

What was the nature of this demon intrusion into society? We know what the purpose was. It was to destroy and to defile humanity. But how did it occur? Well, look at verse five. I want to remind you though, that once you knew this, this is Jude verse five, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. So he was talking about something that happened with the Israelites, Jude is. Then he talks about another event that we're looking at this morning. And he says also the angels who didn't keep their proper abode. How did they leave their proper abode? Look at verse seven. "As Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around about them in similar manners to these," to whom?, "to these, to whom I've already spoken of, to these angels that didn't keep their first abode, just like Sodom and Gomorrah gave themselves over to sexual immorality and going after strange flesh. What did Sodom and Gomorrah do? I mean, if sodomy is a derivative of the city of Sodom, and Sodom was a place where there was the absolute perversion of God's created order... God created one man and one woman to live together for life. He did not create polygamy, to have multiple wives. He did not create celibacy from the beginning, although God says that there are some that are celibate for the kingdom of God and some of them just can't be married. There are physical reasons. But he said that God's initial plan and his perfect order was one man and one woman to live together for life. A man and a woman to be married and to enjoy the wonders of what God has made for them. Well it wasn't long before there were perversions to that, and prostitution starts, and then polygamy starts, and by the time we get to chapter 19 of Genesis, sodomy starts. And sodomy in its broadest application is not only a perversion of men that are being with men, but women with women. And what we see here in Jude, he says in verse seven that Sodom and Gomorrah left God's order for human sexuality and perverted

it in sodomy and homosexuality. Well, now that we're talking about that, look at verse six. Angels didn't keep their proper domain, Jude six, they left their own abode. And he's reserved them in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day. These angels are in trouble. And they are incarcerated awaiting a future judgment. Why? Well, if you just, the commonest rendering, I mean if you can understand what you read, if you look at verse seven it says, as Sodom and Gomorrah went into sexual perversion, the only thing you can interpret verse six is that these angels went into sexual perversion. You say, well, wait a minute it says in the book of Matthew that angels don't marry or give into marriage. That's right, angels. These are fallen angels we call demons, and in their malignant pursuit of transgressing God's order they somehow inhabited possessed bodies of humans on earth. And somehow demonized and proliferated through the race until the earth was primarily demon-possessed, I believe, before the flood came. But the purpose of the demon intrusion, Genesis 6:5, was to spread wickedness. The nature of it, I believe, was a sexual perversion of these son's of God being fallen demons.

But look at 1 Peter three. And if you don't know where 1 Peter is, just back up about five books. It goes Hebrews, James, 1 Peter, chapter three. The demon intrusion of Genesis six, the purpose of it destroyed the race. That was Satan's plan. The nature of it: sexual perversion. Some type of unique time where demons came down and were involved in the generation of progeny that were demonized.

Number three. What was the timing of this? Well, look at 1 Peter three. 'Cause this is talked about in the Bible. Verse 18 of chapter three. Christ suffered once for sins. The just for the unjust, 1 Peter 3:18, that he might bring us to God being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the spirit. And that's a great verse. Christ suffered once and that's why we don't believe in the ongoing sacrifice of Christ, bloodlessly or bloodily in any religious observance. He died once. And anybody that promotes an ongoing sacrifice of Christ is totally against the scriptural concepts of the redemption, the atonement, the sacrifice of Christ. But look at verse 19. By whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison.

Now if you grew up in a liturgical church, they say that Christ descended into hell and, you know, in the apostle's creed, it says that. And people go, "Christ descended into hell." And so that's why some of the charismatic far-fringes talk about Christ as fighting with Satan and wrestling and all this crazy stuff.

No, no, no. It says he went and preached. What did Jesus do in hell? Did Satan torment him and did he suffer hell for all of us? No, the Bible doesn't say that. He did that on the cross. What did he go down into the lower parts of the earth for? Well, right here in verse 19. He went and preached to the spirits in prison. Who are the spirits in prison? Well, look at this. Who formerly were disobedient, verse 20, when once the divine long-suffering waited in the days of Noah. Hey, that's a great name of God, the divine, long-suffering. That's God. God's very patient. He's very long-suffering. In the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is eight souls, were saved through water. What's he talking about? Well, there's some spirits that got in trouble during the 120 years while Noah was building the ark, that God has incarcerated, and if you put Jude six with 1 Peter 3:19,20, you say, hmmm. Maybe there's some correlation here. And so I believe that the timing of this demon intrusion was during the time, the 120 years, while God was long-suffering, waiting for mankind to repent, Satan poured out the demons and they invaded humanity.

Look at 2 Peter, you're in 1 Peter, look at 2 Peter two in verse four. It's talked about again. Because if the purpose of this demon intrusion was to destroy the race so that there would be no seed, and if the nature of it was sexual in nature, and defilement of the descendants of these demons cohabiting with women, and if the timing was prior to the flood, what was the result? Well, 2 Peter 2:4. It says in

verse four, God did not spare the angels who sinned. Well, they all sinned that went with Satan. Is he limiting them? Yes. But cast them down into chains of darkness to be reserved for judgment and in the same breath, what does Peter say? This links this event. Verse five. And did not spare the ancient world but saved Noah.

Okay, all I can say is this, and you know this is one of those points of doctrine that you have to study out and you know what? It's not one that determines your eternal destiny. It doesn't even determine your orthodoxy, but I tell you what, it explains a lot of stuff in the Bible. And basically it's this: that Satan sent an intrusion into humanity. He sent a legion of demons in that began to infiltrate the human race. In fact it says in Genesis six, and you can go back to Genesis six with me, it says that what happens when they did this intrusion was, verse four of Genesis six, there were giants on the earth in those days. And if you look at the word giant, it's the word **nephalim**. You know what **nephalim** means? Fallen ones. These demons, by the way the word demon means intelligence or knowledge, and these intelligent, knowledgeable, malignant spirits that know more than we do, because they're in the spirit realm, came down and began this intrusion. And they caused giants to be on the earth. Interesting time.

God says, you know what, Satan's almost done. He's almost defiled the whole race. I'm going to pull out one family that found grace in my eyes and I'm going to destroy everybody else. They're all tainted. And he didn't spare anyone. He killed every living human being on this planet except for Noah, his three sons, and his wife and the three son's wives.

The apostle Paul tells us that in the last days there's going to be an intrusion again. First Timothy 4:1. You can just write this down, I'll have to hasten. It says in the last days some will depart from the faith, and they will give heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons. You see the same thing that Satan did the first time, when God's judgment had to come to clean up the world, is going to be the same thing that causes and precipitates the tribulation hour. Did you know that in the tribulation hour there's going to be a global pursuit of demons? There's going to be a global giving-over to demons. And I hope you realize that we're headed that way rapidly.

It says in Genesis 6:1, that people began to multiply. There was this population explosion. If you look at Genesis 6:11-13, it says that the earth was filled with violence. It says that the earth was corrupt before God, Genesis 6:11, the earth was filled with violence.

Whoa! Doesn't that sound familiar? Airplanes mysteriously being blown out of the sky. The Olympics, I mean the whole world, 3.5 billion people are watching the Olympics, and what do they see? They see explosions. What is our society filled with? It's filled with violence. I mean, when people want to have a night out and spend a little time relaxing, they go and pay \$6-\$7 and watch a movie of people getting blown up and killed. I mean that's how our society has feasted on violence. The ancient world was filled with violence. Humanity was very advanced.

In fact, I don't know if you realized, but I was at the zoo yesterday with my children, and I went through the caveman exhibit. And you know what society teaches, that cave man was on the way up. You know that everyone climbed out of the slime pits and finally, you know, and they stopped dragging along with their arms on the ground, and they started walking upright and they quit swinging in the trees and they started to be human, kind of, and then they lived in caves. Did you know that's absolutely absurd? That was on the way down.

Did you know that mankind started up here? What did Cain, Cain - the first child born on this planet - what did he do? He built a city. He did not go into a cave and pull his wife in by her hair, you know, with his club. He built a city. Do you know what his children did? You know what it says in Genesis

chapter four, it says that his children lived in tents. They had livestock. He lived in a city. They played the harp. They played the flute. Genesis 4:22, they instructed people in making bronze and iron. Started out up here. Cave men are down here. The ravages of sin and the decline of the human race. But God saw that. God waited.

Well, what's happening in the days ahead? It says in Revelation chapter nine that mankind is going to be, in the tribulation hour, worshipping demons. It says that it's going to get so bad that God's wrath is going to be poured out, and in verse 20 of chapter nine of Revelation, it says the rest of mankind, who are not killed by these demon hordes, wouldn't repent of the works of their hand, and they wouldn't stop worshipping demons and idols. And they wouldn't repent, verse 21, of their murders, of their sorceries, of their sexual immorality or of their thefts. The last two verses of Revelation nine tell us where the planet's heading. They're heading right back to exactly what the earth was like before the flood: worshipping demons, murderous, vile, sorceries.

You know that's the word Drugs. You know we're living in a world where people are just totally controlled either by external spiritual powers they don't know about or internally induced chemicals that they can't stop. They're addicted to them. And that's where the planet's heading.

Well, what about all this? What should we learn? Practically, what does the flood teach us?

- 1) God always punished sin. Be not deceived. God is not mocked. Whatever you sew, you're going to reap. If you sew the flesh, you'll from the flesh reap corruption. If you sew the spirit, you'll from the spirit reap life everlasting. God always punishes sin. Don't be deceived. Don't think you can hide it. Sin is glaringly prominent in the sight of a holy God. You can't hide it. You can't cover it with water: baptism. You can't cover it with certificates of membership or attendance. You can't cover it with anything other than the blood of Christ which doesn't cover; it takes it away. God will always punish sin. If you have sin, if I have sin, it's like having a hot engine with a heat-seeking missile coming straight toward it. You cannot resist the wrath of God.
- 2) The flood teaches us that God always warns sinners. God gave man 120 years of warnings in the time of the flood and mankind wouldn't listen. We talked about that last week. They scoffed and mocked.
- 3) God always will save by grace. God has always saved people the same way.

I just talked to someone. They have studied the Bible so intently that they don't see any connection between the Bible. And I think I really jarred them out of their chair when I said, did you know everyone is going to get to heaven on the same basis.

God has saved everyone exactly the same, by grace. People weren't saved by offering lambs and sacrifice in the Old Testament. People weren't saved by being circumcised or being baptized in the New Testament era. Everyone's been saved the same way - by finding grace in the sight of God. The scriptures say in Hebrews 11:7, by faith Noah, being warned of things not seen as yet, built an ark to save his house. By faith he condemned the world and he became an heir of a righteousness that comes by faith. God saves graciously through faith.

Have you ever looked to Christ as your only hope of salvation? Because God will judge sin and you can't escape his wrath. And I tell you what, it's going to be awful to be on this planet when God uncorks the bottomless pit and lets out the demon hordes that have been kept there, and they come and they, month after month, plague horribly and torment the people on this planet. And God even sends that as a warning, and people won't respond to that warning. They start worshipping the ones that are persecuting them, the demons.

God always expects obedience. Genesis 6:22, it says that Noah did everything that God commanded him. It says in Genesis 7:5, Noah did all that the Lord commanded him. The God who always punished sin, the God who always warns sinners, the God who always saves by grace, always expects a response of obedience.

You know there are a lot of people, and there might even be one or two here this morning, you know all about the grace of God. You know about the gospel. You've just got it right here and you've never responded to it by faith. You see, saving faith is like changing faith. Your life will change when God moves in. When he moves out of just knowledge, mere head knowledge, mere profession, and you experience possession of Christ.

Well, the scriptures tell us that God is so holy that he judged sin. He's so loving he saved Noah and his family. And this morning he's so patient that he's letting some of you who've heard the gospel so many times you can't count it, hear it one more time. I tell you what, the Bible says, while you hear his voice, harden not your heart. This might be the last time someone sitting here this morning hears the gospel. Now you heard it coming from Genesis six and you heard it by way of demons, being our subject we've looked at, but you just heard that Jesus Christ is our only hope and you can only be saved by faith in his gracious gift of eternal life: His sacrifice where he gave Himself in your place and in my place. I hope that if you hear Christ knocking this morning (knock, knock, knock) on your heart's door, that you'll come to trust in him. Unless you want to stay around, and be on this planet, and have a heart of stone when God unfurls his fury and lets out the demon hordes.

Let's bow as we bow before the gracious God of our salvation. And as you bow your heads in just a moment we're going to sing a hymn in our hymn books and it's going to be a hymn of challenge. A hymn that calls us to stand up for Christ. If you've never done that by faith, I hope that perhaps this morning you will decide to. Well, let's just ask the Lord to bless His word to our hearts. Oh, Father, I pray that your spirit would have taken some part of the word that was spoken this morning to speak to hearts. For Christians I pray that we would be amazed at your gracious long-suffering. That we would be overwhelmed that the same conditions are beginning to multiply that caused your first destruction of this planet, and we are witnessing the onslaught of demonic, occultic, horrific times that have never been before since the flood on this planet. May we be those who keep ourselves in the love of God that turn from sin and that seek the Savior. In your precious name we pray, Lord Jesus. Amen.