

GENERAL HISTORY - FLOOD
GENESIS 6-9

INTRODUCTION:

We have studied creation, the perfect environment in which man, animals, and God dwelled in harmony until Satan rose up in rebellion against God. God allowed His creation (man) to be tested. Sadly, man failed the test and plunged humanity into sin. God immediately revealed His plan to redeem man through a Messiah. Failing to stop God's plan with the killing of Abel, Satan determined he would corrupt all men with wickedness. Using a worldwide flood, God judged this great wickedness.

I. THE CONDITION OF MAN BEFORE THE FLOOD

- A. The distension of _____ - 6:1
 - 1. 1600 years have passed since Adam was kicked out of the Garden of Eden.
 - 2. Long life and ideal conditions led to a population in the _____.
- B. The _____ of society
 - 1. Man's _____ was full of wickedness. - 6:5
 - 2. The earth was full of _____. - 6:11
 - a. Religion does not solve man's problem with violence because it does not change his heart.
 - b. Religion has been responsible for some of the most violent movements in history.
 - 3. The last days are to be like the days of _____ - Luke 17:26-27
 - a. Men are corrupted when you combine the profane with the godly. - Genesis 6:4
 - b. God has always asked His people to be _____. - 2 Corinthians 6:14-18
- C. The destruction of all living things - 6:7

II. THE CALL OF NOAH TO PREPARE FOR THE FLOOD

- A. Noah found _____ in the eyes of God. - 6:8
 - 1. He found grace even in the Old Testament.
 - 2. He was _____ – he had imputed righteousness because of his faith. - 6:9
 - 3. He was _____ – he was “thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” - 2 Timothy 3:17
- B. Noah had faith among the faithless.
 - 1. The foundation of his faith - the Word of God.
 - 2. The ____ of his faith - moved with fear. - Heb. 11:7
 - 3. The fulfillment of his faith – became heir of the righteousness.

III. THE _____ OF GOD IN SENDING THE FLOOD

- A. God continually _____ man.
 - 1. From Adam in the garden to you and me today
 - 2. God uses 3 lights in every man’s life to draw him.
 - a. The light of _____ - Rom. 1:14-20; Psalm 19:1
 - b. The light of conscience - Romans 2:14-15
 - c. The light of _____ - Psalm 119:105
- B. God is continually patient with man. - 6:3
 - 1. God held His judgment for _____ years.
 - 2. There is an end of His patience; judgment will come.
- C. God continued to provide a way of escape.
 - 1. The arks of Scripture
 - a. The ark of _____
 - 1. 450 feet long
 - 2. 75 feet wide
 - 3. 45 feet high

4. 3 stories and 1 window
 - b. The ark of _____ - Exodus 2:3
 - c. The ark of the covenant
2. The only way to escape judgment today is through Christ our Ark.
 - a. There was only one ark, as there is only one _____. - Acts 4:12; 1 Timothy 2:5
 - b. The ark had only one _____, as there is only one way of salvation. - John 14:6
 - c. Entrance into the ark required faith. - Hebrews 11:7; John 3:18
 - d. The ark was sufficient and secure. - Hebrews 9:12; Genesis 7:16; John 10:27-29
- D. God continued to preserve the righteous seed.

IV. THE COVERING OF EARTH WITH A FLOOD

- A. God said He covered the earth with a flood. - Gen. 7:4;19-23
- B. Over _____ of the earth's surface is sedimentary rock.
 1. Sedimentary rock is formed under water.
 2. By hydrologic sorting of different stone.
- C. The fossil record supports a completely covered earth.
 1. Marine fossils were found on top of mountains.
 2. Whole fossils of many kinds of animals buried and preserved together.
- D. The _____ of land supports a worldwide flood.
 1. The force of water on the earth cut great crevasses like the Grand Canyon.
 2. The force of water on the earth caused shifting of the tectonic plates forming many of the mountain ranges.
- E. This was a supernatural event that should not be explained by natural terms.

V. THE COVENANT OF GOD AGAINST THE FLOOD

- A. God _____ - Noah. 8:1-4
 - 1. God always remembers His own.
 - 2. He remembered Israel in Egypt. - Exodus 2:24
 - 3. He remembered the thief on the cross. - Luke 23:42
- B. Noah remembered _____. - 8:20
 - 1. He built an altar before he built his house.
 - 2. We need to remember to put God first.
- C. God gave Noah some _____.
 - 1. Man was to spread over the whole earth. - 9:1
 - 2. Man was to be feared by animals.
 - 3. Man was okay to eat _____. - 9:3-4
 - 4. _____ punishment was instituted. - 9:5-6
- D. God gave Noah a _____. - 9:12-17
 - 1. The _____ is a reminder of the _____ - 9:13
 - 2. God would not again destroy the world by a flood. 9:15-17
 - 3. God renewed the face of the earth. - Psalm 104:30
- E. Noah shames himself. - 9:20-23
 - 1. Noah was drunken with wine and was “uncovered” in his tent.
 - 2. Ham “saw his _____” and shames his father by calling his brothers to see it.
 - 3. His brothers backed into the tent and COVERED his nakedness!
- F. Noah curses Ham and blesses Shem and Japheth. - 9:24-27
 - 1. Canaan, the son of Ham, was cursed. - 9:25
 - a. Ham had to watch his son suffer for his sin.
 - b. The descendants of Canaan suffered for a long time.
 - 2. Shem was given a _____ blessing. - 9:26
 - a. This gives glory to the Creator.
 - b. Shem became the bloodline of the Redeemer.
 - 3. Japheth was given a _____ blessing. - 9:27
 - a. His coast was to be enlarged.

b. Japheth's descendants cover a large part of the earth.

CONCLUSION:

Satan's goal to pervert the whole creation fell short because there was one family who found grace in the eyes of God. By faith, Noah stood for righteousness in a perverse generation and preserved the line of Christ.