

So we find in verse seven they partook of something that was sexually immoral, in my humble opinion, caused the flood. So we have three references here pointing to particular angels that left their first estate or left the realm of spirit only and came into the realm of humanity, probably possessed certain men, had intercourse with women, had a genetically altered race and God wanted to crush that particular offspring and did so in the flood.

*Luke 8:27 And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes...30 And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because **many devils were entered into him**. 31 And they besought him that he would not command them to go out **into the deep**.*

Is that talking about a lake? Well, they were near a lake, but the word behind deep here is the word we get our word *abyss* from. They begged Jesus that he would not command them to go to the abyss. Now why would they be concerned about the abyss? The abyss is also used in Revelation chapters 9, 11, 17, and 20. Do you know what it is translated there? “Bottomless pit.” So they knew they were committing a particular sin, and they feared they were potentially earning themselves a particular place to be held for a while. I believe they feared the *tartarus* of 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 2:4.

### **6:5-8**

**Then the LORD saw** The “sons of god” **saw** (6:2), and the author wants you to draw the connection between what the “sons of god” **saw** and what the **LORD saw**. This connection is that God’s actions are related to the sin of the “sons of god.” Furthermore, verses 11 and 12 show that the corruption of the earth is related to the **evil of man**.

**that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6 And the LORD was sorry** He was happy with what He did (1:31) and now He has a sort of sorrow about day six of Creation week. God was emotionally involved with His correction of His Creation. God was equally affected when He saw Noah [6:8; 7:1 (same word “saw” is used in 7:1)].

**that He had made man on the earth, and <sup>i</sup>He was grieved in His heart. 7 So the LORD said, “I will <sup>k</sup>destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.” 8 But Noah** the historicity of this man is established in the previous chapter’s genealogy: If he is not historical neither are the others in chapter 5. Of course there are others who mention Noah as a historical figure (Isaiah 54:9; Ezekiel 14:14-20; Matthew 24:37; Hebrews 11:7; 1 Peter 3:20; 2 Peter 2:4-5). The motive for discrediting his historicity is so that one might discount Adam’s anti-type, Christ (see Paul’s discussion comparing the two in Romans 5 and 1 Corinthians 15).

**found grace in the eyes of the LORD.** It seems as though his dad thought **Noah** would be special (5:28). On the other hand, maybe everybody thought that (4:1). This phrase definitely means that while the world of mankind made God sorry; **Noah** made him happy (see 7:1 also). This sort of leads the reader to see **Noah** seeing the **LORD’s eyes**. After all, we recently read, in chapter 4,

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<sup>i</sup>Eph. 4:30

<sup>k</sup>Ps. 7:11

that Cain's face was fallen. In other words, there was no face to face contact with God. Cain found no approval in God's eyes while Noah did. **Noah** sees a kinder demeanor than did Cain and his children. It seems that this is the message of Moses.

### 6:9-10

**This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, <sup>6</sup>perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God.** As Enoch did.

It is worthy of note that **Noah** finds no ability, it seems, to **walk with God** if he did not first find grace in God's eyes (6:8). **10 And Noah begot three sons: <sup>o</sup>Shem, Ham, and Japheth.** He is 500 years old (5:32) at this point and thought it seems that the ark begun immediately upon God's pronouncement in 6:3 thus making **Noah** 480 years old, we are not entirely sure, based on the chronology between this verse and God's words in verse 13 that the ark didn't begin until after the boys were born.

### 6:11-12

**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.**

### 6:13-21

**And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me,** nobody reads this as it is and thinks, "I'll bet this is a local flood in just the Mesopotamian Valley." No, you have to assume that Moses meant something different than what he wrote or that his writings were corrupted. This view of local flood, then, is akin to "old earth" theory because if there is no universal flood, then you need another explanation for world-wide discovery of fossils. **for the earth is filled with violence** This may have had something to do with Cain (chapter 4) or with the *nephilim*. However, 9:6 tells us that God wanted this dealt with post-Flood with great expedience.

**through them; and behold, I will destroy them** these are found in the realm of the dead by Jesus during the time of His own death (1 Peter 3:19-20). **with the earth.** If this were nothing but a local Flood, it seems superfluous to spend years and years building an ark when they could have simply moved out of the region. Other questions like "why make a covenant with a bow (chapter 9) to "never again flood the earth" if we are simply talking about a regional flood? **14 Make yourself an ark** since this is the same word used in the **ark** in which Moses was hidden,<sup>1</sup> we see that it is more of a box/container rather than a modern understanding of "boat."<sup>2</sup> **of gopherwood; make <sup>7</sup>rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. 15 And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits,** The most conservative **cubit** known from this time is about 18 inches. It is probable that this was the average length of the tip of the center finger to the elbow.

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<sup>6</sup>blameless or *having integrity*

<sup>o</sup>Gen. 5:32

<sup>1</sup>the **ark** of the Covenant is a different word.

<sup>2</sup>Both Noah and Moses were saved by water [so is the believer...in a way (1 Peter 3:21)].

<sup>7</sup>Lit. *compartments or nests*

**its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. 16 You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above;** this is probably a **cubit** all the way around the **ark**. Perhaps this is the highest **cubit** all the way around. This was probably for both light and venting. This is roughly 1,500,000 cubic feet of space. This is roughly the carrying capacity of over 560 standard railroad boxcars providing space for more than 50,000 animals approximately the size of a sheep or smaller,<sup>3</sup> leaving more than ½ the space for living quarters and provisions.<sup>4</sup>

**and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it with lower, second, and third decks. 17 And behold, I Myself am bringing <sup>x</sup>floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life;** these animals, then, have lungs. We don't have to have any other type on the ark in our understanding. Genesis 2:18-19 show us that these animals came out of the ground just like mankind (2:7). What makes these animals different from mankind, then? They are not made in the image of God (1:26-27).

**everything that is on the earth shall die. 18 But I will establish My covenant with you; 9:11** shows us this was a covenant with all the “living creatures” on the ark as well, and the substance of the **covenant** is that **. and you shall go into the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you.** 8 of them (2 Peter 2:5). **19 And of every living thing of all flesh you shall bring two of every sort into the ark,** these came of their own accord, it seems (verse 20). There is no need to assume that these animals had to come from furthest extents of the earth. Even dinosaurs. Job 22 speaks of the Flood as past. Therefore, those animals described in Job 38-41 were on **the ark** (assuming they had lungs, and it seems as though they did).

**to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. 20 Of the birds after their kind, of animals after their kind, and of every creeping thing of the earth after its kind, two of every kind will come to you to keep them alive. 21 And you shall take for yourself of all food that is eaten, and you shall gather it to yourself; and it shall be food for you and for them.”**

**6:22**

**Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him,** according to chapter 7 as well. **so he did.**

**7:1-6**

**Then the LORD said to Noah, “Come** this word can mean “go” as well, but 8:16 has a word that can only mean “go” which means that here **come** is the correct translation. This means that God is in the **ark** with His people. **into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen that you are**

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<sup>3</sup>While some are grossly larger than a sheep, many are much smaller (a beaver, for example).

<sup>4</sup>This data is provided by my friend, Adam Greene of Berean Baptist Church, Fayetteville, NC.

<sup>x</sup>2 Pet. 3:6