

### **Study 3: Noah - Genesis 6-9**

**Gen 6:5** - The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. 6 The Lord regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled. 7 So the Lord said, "I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them." 8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

#### **God's Judgment:**

Question: Was the flood local or global?

#### **Problems suggested by those who don't believe in a global flood (or any flood):**

1. The language may just as easily be describing a local flood. What words should have been used to communicate the global nature of the flood if this language was not sufficient?
2. Not enough room on the ark for all the animals in the world
  - a. All the *kinds* were included, not every *variation* within the kinds (e.g. *genus* or *family*)
    - i. About 16,000 animals total
    - ii. Average size of the animals about that of a sheep. Young dinosaurs were small.
    - iii. Similar animals could be grouped together
    - iv. Space used: About 47% of the ark. Food & water take up an additional 9%. Plenty of living space left over for Noah and his family
    - v. Insects don't take up much space
3. Too much to feed all the animals
  - a. Automatic feeders & watering
  - b. Some animals hibernate (or similar states) – God may have put them to sleep

<https://answersingenesis.org/noahs-ark/how-could-noah-fit-the-animals-on-the-ark-and-care-for-them/>

#### **Evidence of the global nature of the flood:**

1. Mountains covered by more than 15 cubits (about 23 ft) of water – *above* their peaks (7:20)
2. Fossils, sea shells at the tops of the highest mountains
3. Flood legends in every culture around the world

#### **Themes set forth in Genesis chapters 6-9:**

1. Noah as a "type" or "shadow"
  - a. of Adam
    - i. Newly "created" (cleansed) world, akin to Eden
  - b. of Christ
    - i. Redeemer
    - ii. Ark as a place of salvation
    - iii. Flood as type of baptism (1 Pet 3:18-21)
2. Covenant (Gen 8-9) – Sign of it: God's bow (weapon of war) seen in the sky
  - a. Stipulations
    - i. Be fruitful and multiply
  - b. Blessings
    - i. No more curse on the ground (8:20)
    - ii. No more global flood (9:11)
    - iii. Meat to eat! (9:3-4)
  - c. Cursing / Penalties
    - i. Capital punishment for murder

## **Other references to Noah in the N.T.:**

Matt 24:38

Heb 11:7

1 Pet 3:18-21

2 Pet 2:5

## **Promise of the Gentiles becoming part of Israel:**

**Gen 9:27** “May God extend Japheth’s territory;  
may Japheth live in the tents of Shem....”

## **Rom 11:13-27**

11 Again I ask: Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? Not at all! Rather, because of their transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious. 12 But if their transgression means riches for the world, and their loss means riches for the Gentiles, how much greater riches will their full inclusion bring!

13 I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I take pride in my ministry 14 in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. 15 For if their rejection brought reconciliation to the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? 16 If the part of the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; if the root is holy, so are the branches.

17 If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, 18 do not consider yourself to be superior to those other branches. If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you. 19 You will say then, “Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in.” 20 Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but tremble. 21 For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either.

22 Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off. 23 And if they do not persist in unbelief, they will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. 24 After all, if you were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more readily will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree!

25 I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in, 26 and **in this way** all Israel will be saved. As it is written:

“The deliverer will come from Zion;  
he will turn godlessness away from Jacob.

27 And this is [or will be] my covenant with them  
when I take away their sins.”