

The Great Flood

Genesis 7:1-24

- I. THE COMMENCEMENT FOR THE FLOOD (Genesis 7:1-9)
 - A. The Command to Load the Ark Obeyed (Genesis 7:1-5)
 - 1. The Invitation to come into the ark (Genesis 7:1-3)
 - a. The inclusiveness of the invitation
 - (1) Noah and his wife
 - (2) Noah's sons and their wives
 - (3) The animals (both clean and unclean)
 - (a) Unclean to come in by twos
 - (b) Clean animals, and fowls of the air, to come in by sevens (Genesis 7:2-3, 8-9)
 - i. To keep seed alive (preserve life), as
 - ii. This would be for later sacrifice (Genesis 8:20)
 - b. Because of the righteousness of Noah (Genesis 7:1)
 - (1) In the sight of God
 - (2) In "this generation" (Genesis 6:9; Psalm 33:18-19; Proverbs 10:6-7, 9; 11:4-8; 2 Peter 2:5-9). God puts a high priority on holy living.
 - 2. The calendar of the invitation (Genesis 7:4)
 - a. Seven days remained
 - b. Then rain would begin to fall upon the earth
 - (1) For forty (40) days, and
 - (2) For forty (40) nights.
 - c. Note: 120 years before the flood, God declared that man's days were numbered on the earth (Genesis 6:3)
 - d. Seven days before the flood, God tells Noah to go ahead and get into the ark (Genesis 7:4, 10)
 - e. The flood comes in the 600th year of Noah (Genesis 7:6)
 - f. The rain began on the 17th day of the 2nd month and continued for 40 days and nights (Genesis 7:11-12)
 - g. The ark will come to rest on one of the mountains of Ararat on the 17th day of the 7th month, 150 days after the beginning of the flood (Genesis 7:24; Genesis 8:3-4).
 - h. The tops of the mountains will be seen on the 1st day of the 10th month (Genesis 8:5).
 - i. The raven and the dove were sent out during this time (Genesis 8:6-12).
 - j. The ground is dry on the 1st day of the 1st month of the 601st year of Noah (Genesis 8:13).
 - k. Noah and his family will leave the ark on the 27th day of the 2nd month (Genesis 8:14-19). This is one year and ten days after the rain began falling in chapter 7.
 - B. The Obedience of Noah and His Family (Genesis 7:5-9)

1. The obedience to the command (Genesis 7:5)
 - a. There were some significant reasons why Noah was delivered from the flood.
 - b. The most important one was grace (Genesis 6:8).
 - c. The goodness of Noah shown in the following:
 - (1) The **purity** of his conduct – contrasted to the rest of the world. He practiced what he preached (2 Peter 2:5).
 - (2) The **perception** of his conduct – God saw the righteous conduct of Noah. This is encouraging to the godly who live obscure lives. Others may not see your honest report but know that God does. He sees it and one day He will commend you for it.
 - (3) The **proof** of his conduct – The proof that Noah’s conduct was righteous was that it was righteous before God, that is, in God’s estimation. You may be righteous in the view of your peers, but are you righteous in the eyes of God (2 Corinthians 10:12)?
 - (4) The **place** of his conduct – Noah was righteous in a most unrighteous generation and time. We cannot excuse our habits, behavior or character because of our culture or situation. Noah lived in a most unholy time, yet God commended him. Daniel lived in captivity, yet he did not defile himself with the king’s meat (Daniel 1). Jeremiah preached and prophesied the word of God, yet it cost him imprisonment (Jeremiah 32:2; 33:1; 37:15).
 - (5) The **priority** of his conduct – As we’ve stated before God puts a high priority on righteous living. Man puts an emphasis on making money, hitting home runs, building careers scoring touch downs. Yet, God is interested in righteousness and holiness.
 2. The acting upon the command (Genesis 7:7, 9)
 - a. It wasn’t enough that Noah believed God – what came after the belief changed things. Faith in God will cause good works (Ephesians 2:10).
 - b. Noah believed God
 - (1) Because of the belief – Noah, his wife, his sons, and his sons’ wives, along with the animals went inside the ark, inside before the first drop of rain fell. (Genesis 7:9, 10).
 - (2) Without faith it is impossible to please God – Noah with his faith pleased God (Hebrews 11:6-7).
- II. THE APPEARANCE OF THE FLOOD (Genesis 7:10-12)
- A. After Seven Days (Genesis 7:10)
 1. God had given a final warning
 - a. Seven days prior to bringing in the flood
 - b. A final notice to the earth and to Noah to make final preparations and get inside the ark where it was safe.
 2. We are reminded of God’s promises here
 - a. What God promises He will perform (Numbers 23:19; Malachi 3:6; Philippians 1:6)
 - b. Many mock the promises of God but will learn that God keeps them (2 Peter 3:9).

- B. The Great Deep and the Windows of Heaven (Genesis 7:11)
 - 1. The “great deep” probably refers to subterranean water gushing to the surface of the earth (Some think that this may refer to water above the atmosphere.). (Genesis 7:11)
 - 2. The “windows of heaven” probably refer to waters above the atmosphere as well as rain in the clouds (Genesis 7:11).
 - 3. If the geography of the earth was similar to what it is today (that is, if there were mountain peaks approaching the height of Mt. Everest), then the flood waters would had to have raised 750 ft. per day. Rain could not have been the only source of water for the flood and the texts says it was not (See Genesis 8:2).
 - C. Forty Days and Nights of Rain (Genesis 7:12)
- III. THE EXTENT OF THE FLOOD (Genesis 7:13-20)
- A. The Entering of the Passengers into the Ark (Genesis 7:13-16)
 - 1. The need to get into the ark
 - a. Death and destruction were on the outside of the ark.
 - b. Safety and hope were on the inside of the ark.
 - 2. The obedience of going into the ark
 - a. The obedience of Noah is prominent through out the story of the Great Flood. Deliverance is inseparable from obedience to God.
 - b. Here one sees that Noah’s submission and obedience regarding boarding of the ark.
 - c. If Noah had done everything up to this point but had not gotten on the ark in the end it would have all been in vain. – So is true of people today, one can live a good life, pay taxes, go to church and be a good neighbor, however, if one does not get saved, putting their faith and trust in God and his Son the Lord Jesus Christ it will all be in vain. (Acts 4:12)
 - B. The Sealing of the Ark (Genesis 7:16)
 - 1. The door was their means to get into the ark
 - a. Everyone, man, beast, bird, and creeping thing had to pass through this door.
 - b. Jesus Christ is the door (John 10:7-9)
 - 2. God Himself shut them in
 - a. Once in they were safe and were not going back out.
 - b. God seals the New Testament Christian with the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:13; 4:30; cp. Romans 8:9-10)
 - C. The Prevailing of the Waters (Genesis 7:17-20)
- IV. THE EFFECT OF THE FLOOD (Genesis 7:21-24)
- A. All Flesh Died that Was Upon the Face of the Earth (Genesis 7:21-22)
 - B. All Living Substance Died (Genesis 7:23)
 - C. The Waters Prevailed (Genesis 7:24)
 - 1. Upon the Face of the Earth
 - 2. For 150 days