

Noah's Global Flood: Genesis 6-9 – Part II

Noah Found Grace
GENESIS 6 & 7

Introduction

1. The world that forgot God

 2. The Flood – local or global?
- I. Noah's world was a heart break to God (6:6, 7).
- How bad was it? Genesis 6:5

 - Human sin invites God's judgment.

 - God's patience can run out.
- II. Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord (6:8).
- Noah did not deserve what he received.

 - Noah was right with God.
 - Two kinds of righteousness

 - Noah was morally unique in a wicked world.

- No “blemish”
- “By faith Noah . . . prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith” (Heb. 11:7).
- Noah thought God’s thoughts.
 - Noah and Enoch, two men who walked with God

III. Noah’s ark was a refuge from God’s judgment.

- The size of the Ark
 - 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high with three decks
 - Deck surface area of 95,700 square feet with a capacity of 1.4 million cubic feet. Gross tonnage (cubic space) of 13, 960 tons.
 - It was a “freight barge.” A capacity equivalent to 520 modern railroad cars
 - The size of the Titanic length wise was 882 ft 9 in (260.1 m). It was 175 ft high (53 m) from the keel to the funnel. The tonnage was 46,328 gross tons.
 - The ocean liner was 92 ft (28 m) wide. From the water line up to the boat deck, the height was 59 ft (18 m). The displacement was 52,310 tons and the draught was 34 ft 7 in (10.5 m). The depth has been measured at 64 ft 6 in (19.7 m).
 - There were 9 decks
 - It made room for “kinds.” Even if “species” in the evolutionist sense (17, 500 species of animals today). Multiply by two and there would have been room for 35,000 animals the size of sheep. All this with two decks left over
 - Why all this space on the ark if only a local flood?

- Where is the ark now? Does our confidence in the story of Noah rest on its discovery?

- The purpose of the Ark
 - The preservation of human and animal life
 - Two of every “species” of air-breathing animals (in the world today).
 - Five additional representatives of each of the comparatively few kinds of animals acceptable for sacrifice
 - Two each of the “kinds”
 - Food for all
 - Noah and his family

- A beautiful picture of Jesus Christ
 - It surrounded and protected those who were in danger.
 - People who would ordinarily have been subject to God’s judgment made it through that judgment.
 - The ark took the beating they would have taken.
 - We who have put our trust in Him are placed in Christ.
 - There was only one ark, one vessel available to preserve life.
 - The ark was not an invention of humanity, but God’s invention.
 - The ark was revealed to Noah by the Word of God.

- The ark was “pitched” (Heb. *kopher*, “to cover”). A perfect covering for the ark, to keep out the waters of judgment, just as the blood of the Lamb provides a perfect atonement for the soul (HM).
- Within the protection of the ark there was work to be done while danger continued outside.
- Noah didn’t work because he was afraid of being tossed overboard, but because he was safe.
- While the door was open, anyone who believed what God had said was free to enter. But in due time, God closed the door. The text specifically says that: “So those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the Lord shut him in” (Gen. 7:16).
- The Bible story of the three arks
 - Noah’s ark
 - Moses’ ark (Ex. 2:3)
 - The ark of the covenant

How should we then live?

“By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.” Heb. 11:7

- Are we condemning the world?
 - By preaching and warning of judgment to come
 - Opportunity to believe. The world could have believed God, but they didn’t.
 - Faith reveals the unbelief of others. Every nail in the ark was a testimony to the truth of God.

- Noah's faith threw into bold relief the unbelief of those around him.
- A godly life constitutes a sharp rebuke to a godless generation.
- Examples
 - Rearing our children according to the Scriptures
 - Our belief in creation and the Flood
 - The atoning work of Jesus Christ