

OLD TESTAMENT STORIES FOR **PERILOUS¹ TIMES**

2 Timothy 3:1-5

EARTH: DESTROYED BY THE FLOOD

INTRODUCTION

But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be (Matthew 24:37). In the days of Noah man had become totally depraved. God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually (Genesis 6:5). God became grieved at the perverseness that prevailed on the earth and at the judgment that His holiness demanded. But there was one man who stood apart from the rest of the human race. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generation. Noah walked with God (Genesis 6:9); therefore, God made a way of escape for Noah and all his family.

As we can see history is repeating itself. The earth today is once again corrupt before God and filled with violence. The purity of God's creation has been turned into a moral cesspool. As with Noah, God has prepared a way of escape for His church; *therefore you also be ready for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect (Matthew 24:44).*

THEME SCRIPTURE

And Noah did according to all that the LORD commanded him (Genesis 7:5).

¹ PERILOUS - Greek *chapelos* reducing strength: difficult, dangerous, furious, fierce, savage.

SECTION I - The Wickedness and Judgment of Man

READ Genesis 6:1-12.

1. DESCRIBE the conditions on the earth in the days of Noah (vv. 1-4). _____

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2. What did the LORD see (vv. 11, 12)? _____

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3. How did the LORD feel (v. 6)? _____

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4. What did God say (v. 7)? _____

5. Noah⁶ found grace⁷ in the eyes of the LORD. DESCRIBE Noah (vv. 8, 9). _____

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² sons of God - may refer to fallen angelic beings (Job 2:1); or the godly line of Seth intermarrying with the line of Cain (Genesis 4:25, 26).

³ giants - Hebrew *nephil* fallen: fallen or mighty ones, bully, tyrant.

⁴ sorry - Hebrew *naham* to sigh: breathe strongly, felt pain.

⁵ grieved - Hebrew *asab* to crave: to worry, pain, anger, displeasure, hurt, make sorry, vex.

⁶ Noah - Hebrew *Noach*: rest.

⁷ grace - Hebrew *chen* find favor in the eyes of someone: Noah was acceptable to God.

⁸ perfect - Hebrew *tamiym* entire: integrity, blameless, upright in conduct.

6. What were Noah's sons' names (v. 10)? _____

SECTION II - The Ark

READ Genesis 6:11-22.

1. What did God observe and resolve to do about the wickedness that permeated the earth (vv. 11-13)?

2. DESCRIBE God's blueprint for the ark (vv. 14-16). _____
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3. What was God's intention for having Noah build the ark (v. 17)? _____

4. What would God establish with Noah (v. 18)? _____ 12

⁹ gopherwood: a resinous wood like pine, cedar, or cypress.

¹⁰ pitch - Hebrew *zapheth* bitumen (slime): resin, a black dark viscous substance like tar used to cover, smear or seal against water and moisture.

¹¹ cubits: one cubit is the length of the forearm (elbow to middle finger), 46 cm., 18 inches.

¹² covenant - Hebrew *beriyth* in the sense of cutting: solemn covenants were passed between divided parts of sacrificed animals, a compact, a confederacy alliance, pledge; divine transaction between God and man.

5. What did God instruct Noah to do (vv. 19-21)? _____

WRITE out verse 22. _____

PERSONAL

Can you think of a time when God commanded you through His Word to do something out of sheer obedience? How did you respond?

SECTION III - Divine Direction

READ Genesis 7:1-16.

1. What did God instruct Noah to do? Why (v. 1)? _____

2. What else was he instructed to take into the ark? Why (vv. 2, 3)? _____

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3. What did God say would happen seven days after Noah and his family entered the ark (v. 4)? _____

4. WRITE out verse 5 and PONDER what this verse means to you. _____

PERSONAL

After meditating on verse 5, what did God speak to you? _____

5. DESCRIBE in detail how Noah fully obeyed God when he was 600 years old and the flood waters came (vv. 6-9)?

¹³ clean animals: used for sacrificing to God or acceptable to God for human consumption.

6. How was God's Word fulfilled? How did God miraculously flood the earth (vv. 10-12)? _____

7. NAME all those who entered the ark on the very same day that the LORD gave the command (vv. 13-16).

8. Who shut the door of the ark (v. 16b)? _____

SECTION IV - The Flood

READ Genesis 7:17-24.

1. DESCRIBE the catastrophic results of the prevailing flood waters that covered the entire earth (vv. 17-20)?

How did this cataclysmic¹⁴ flood water event affect the ark? _____

¹⁴ cataclysmic: momentous and violent event marked by overwhelming upheaval and demolition; flood, deluge, floodtide, torrent.

2. What were the horrific consequences that this tumultuous event had on every living thing (vv. 21-23a)?

3. Who alone were spared (v. 23b)? _____

4. How long did the waters prevail on the earth (v. 24)? _____

PERSONAL

Can you think of a time when God kept you safe in a time of disaster? What did God teach you through it?

SECTION V - Noah's Deliverance

READ Genesis 8:1-19.

1. How did God bring about Noah's deliverance and that of every living thing that were with him (vv. 1-3)?

¹⁵ remembered: to pay attention to, to fulfill a promise, an act on behalf of another.

When did the flood waters begin to recede? _____

2. Where did the ark come to rest (vv. 4, 5)? _____ ¹⁶

When could Noah, his sons and his daughters-in-law see the mountain tops? _____

3. After the ark rested, Noah waited forty more days for the LORD to tell him what to do. What actions did Noah take in order to determine how far the waters had receded (vv. 6-12)?

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4. What took place when Noah was 601 years old (vv. 13, 14)? _____

5. Who did God command to come out of the ark (vv. 15, 16)? _____

¹⁶ mountains of Ararat: a mountain range in eastern Armenia; meaning the curse reversed.

¹⁷ raven: scavengers, eat dead bodies; a type of the carnal heart of man who feeds on the garbage of the world.

¹⁸ dove: feeds on fruit and seeds; a symbol of peace in the Old and New Testaments; emblematic of the gracious man who returns to Christ to find rest in his soul.

6. What else was Noah commanded to do (v. 17)? _____

7. What was the result of God's command to Noah (vv. 18, 19)? _____

PERSONAL

God commanded Noah to go into the ark and he waited patiently until he was commanded to come out. Why is it important to wait for God to command you through prayer and His Word?

SECTION VI - God's Covenant with Creation

READ Genesis 8:20-22.

1. After leaving the ark, the first thing Noah did was to build an altar and offer burnt offerings¹⁹ to the LORD. How did God respond (vv. 20-22)?

The flood washed away the race of wicked men but it did not remove the sin from mans' heart.

LOOK DEEPER

READ Genesis 9:1-17.

Briefly SUMMARIZE the blessings that God gave to Noah and his sons (v. 1-7). _____

¹⁹ burnt offerings - Hebrew *olah* ascending as smoke: a sacrifice to be wholly consumed; symbolic of the entire surrender to God of an individual or entire congregation.

What were the warnings? _____

What was contained in the covenant²⁰ that God made with Noah, his sons, all their descendants, and every living creature (vv. 8-11)?

What was the sign of God's covenant? What did it represent (vv. 12-17)? _____

THEME SCRIPTURE

WRITE out the THEME SCRIPTURE.

_____ (Genesis 7:5).

*Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth,
And that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*

Genesis 6:5

²⁰ covenant: a transaction between God and man.

NOTES: _____

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