

Genesis: God and the Originals

THE FLOOD

Noah and the Preparation for the Flood (6:9-22)

Vv. 9-13

1. How is Noah described in these verses? Compare that to how the earth is described.

The word for “violence” in Hebrew is “_____.”

2. Who is to blame for the problems of the earth? How are the problems the complete opposite of God’s original commissioning of Adam and Eve? And what is God’s solution?

Vv. 14-22

3. Draw the ark according to the directions in vv. 14-16 (one cubit ~ a foot and a half, 18 in.).



The word “ark” actually means “_____” or “_____.”

4. Everything on the earth is going to be destroyed, but what promise does God make to Noah in v. 18? This is the first time we hear of a covenant. What is it?
5. Who and what is Noah supposed to bring on the ark with him according to vv. 18-21? How is this going to be accomplished?



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The Flood (7)

Vv. 1-5

6. How is Noah righteous in God's eyes (see Hebrews 11:7 for help)?
7. What do we learn about how many animals Noah is actually bringing into the ark in vv. 2-3? Why do you supposed God wanted it that way?

Vv. 6-16

8. Who all enters the ark? And who shuts them in?
9. What do vv. 11-12 tell us about how the flood happened?

Vv. 17-24

10. How long and how much water came upon the earth?

BONUS:Verse 20 could actually mean that the waters just rose fifteen cubits altogether (literally: "The waters rose more than fifteen cubits, and the mountains/high hills were covered."). Do you think this was a worldwide flood or a local one, or maybe something altogether different?

The Receding and Disembarkation (8)

Vv. 1-5

11. Did God forget about Noah according to verse 1 or does this mean something else?
12. As the waters receded, where did the ark come to rest?

Vv. 6-14

13. What two birds does Noah send out of the ark? What does the second bird finally bring back in its beak as a sign of dry ground and what is the meaning of it?



14. How long was Noah in the ark?

Vv. 15-22

15. What is God's command to Noah and every living creature in vv. 15-19 and how is it a type of "re-creation"?
16. What does Noah do immediately once he debarks? Why do you think he did this instead of pitching a tent or building a house or planting a garden?
17. What is God's promise upon smelling Noah's offering in vv. 21-22?

Concluding Question:

Does something change about humanity in the flood or does something change about God in the flood?

Quote[s] of the day: "The sinfulness of the human heart is first the reason for divine judgment and then the reason for holding back from judgment." - Karl Barth

"Instead of cursing the ground because of that waywardness, [God] will need to live with it and/or do something about it." - John Goldingay