

The Flooding of our Family Tree

Genesis 5-9

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Please open your Bible today to Genesis 5. Last week, we began our march through the Scriptures that we plan to continue throughout the next several months. We emphasized the need to get a good start in our thinking about God, our lives, the world, etc. We looked at how God miraculously created all that is and formed the first human beings in His image. We also witnessed their tragic fall into sin which plunged the entire creation into it with them explaining why we have suffering, disease, and death. These were never part of God's original plan so don't blame Him for these, rather reach out for His help when they come. We ended recognizing God's amazing grace in making clothing from animal skins not only to cover their nakedness but by shedding the animal's blood, their sin was covered as well foreshadowing the day when His Son would rise up to crush the serpent's head. If you missed it go back and get a good start.

We also mentioned Abel's murder by his brother, but didn't mention that Cain was banished eastward from Eden to build the city of Nod, a civilization complete with metalworking, music, and violent revenge. Ancient man was not stupid. They were smarter than we are. At the end of chapter 4, Eve had another son named Seth. Say Seth. And it is through Seth that God's promise to crush the serpent's head and deliver us from the curse of death will finally be fulfilled. Then Moses, who wrote this book, lists our genealogy, our greatest grandparents. Everyone of us in this room and everyone on this planet today shares these common ancestors. They are the original entries in all of our Family Bibles and represent the trunk of our shared family tree.

I hope you won't be upset if I don't read all of Genesis 5 to you, for it contains a lot of names that sound crazy to us. However, like most names in the Bible, each one of these names holds a meaning and when strung together their names become an inscription on our family tree that is a direct prophecy of Jesus Christ. According to Chuck Missler, who is now with Jesus, their names string together in order from Adam to Noah give us this, "Man appointed mortal sorrow, but the blessed God shall come down teaching that His death shall bring the despairing comfort!" I preached on this many years ago going into detail on each name but suffice it to say, their names are another prophecy of Jesus to come.

You'll also notice these characters lived a bit longer than we do with the longest being who? Easy one for Bible Trivia. Methuselah at 969 was Noah's grandfather and if you make a chart of their births and ages, you find that Adam was still alive up until Noah's father was 56 years old. That means all of these men before Noah would have probably heard Adam tell the story of his own creation, of their fall into sin, and of the

Garden of Eden. Imagine what their family reunions would have been like! Someday we who are Christians won't have to imagine, we'll attend one ourselves!

But the family line leads up to a name that's easier to pronounce. Say Noah. He was the greatest financier ever for he was floating his stock while everyone else was liquidating. What kind of lights were on the ark? Floodlights. Which brings us to our Scripture today. If you are able, please stand as we read from Gen 6:1 When men began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them, 2 the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose. 3 Then the Lord said, "My Spirit will not contend with man forever, for he is mortal; his days will be a hundred and twenty years." 4 The Nephilim were on the earth in those days — and also afterward — when the sons of God went to the daughters of men and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown. 5 The Lord saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that **every inclination** of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. 6 The Lord was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain.

There is a lot about the earth before the flood that we do not know. There's a lot of conjecture, a lot of theories, but we don't know. The passage we just read is filled with questions I wish we had more information on. Who were the sons of God? Perhaps fallen angels, but that creates some challenges. Then there are their offspring, the Nephilim; men of renown, heroes, perhaps humans with superhuman powers. We also read of some Nephilim after the flood that are connected to giants. There's a lot we don't know. Be careful of anyone who says they do know. They may have some insight. But there are no firm answers to these questions. I've looked. If we needed to know, God would have told us.

But one thing He did tell us. The world was **very** evil. Say evil. The sin of Adam had mushroomed throughout all mankind, so much so that every inclination of the thoughts of man's heart was only evil, all the time! All the time! In Jeremiah 17:9 we are told the heart is "... deceitful above all things and beyond cure." The KJV says it is desperately wicked and the Amp Bible says exceedingly perverse, corrupt and severely, mortally sick!" And that's what's in your chest and mine! For without the influence of God through His Holy Spirit, we are all desperately wicked, every bit as much as were our ancestors before the flood! So much so that God was grieved He made man and His heart was filled with pain.

Which tells us that God can feel pain. Whenever a child is abused or a home is broken, He hurts. Whenever you and I hurt, He hurts. Whenever we disobey Him, whenever we refuse Him, He feels pain. When we hurt another, we hurt Him. Vs 7 So the Lord said, "I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth - men and animals, and creatures that move along the ground, and birds of the air - for I am

grieved that I have made them." Some of you know how it feels when your own child turns away from you. That's how God felt. Only on top of it, Vs 11 says the earth was not only corrupt but also **full of violence**. People were hurting and killing other people. Sound familiar? Only on a level even greater than today. On a level, perhaps similar to the Nazi Holocaust or Stalin's Russia. Vs 12 says **all** the people on earth had corrupted their ways. How tragic. We went from very good in chapter 2 to only evil all the time in chapter 6.

Vs 13 So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth." Why did He tell Noah? Vs. 8, "Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord." And vs 9 says, "Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God."

So against the black night of evil, corruption, and sin, Noah was like a beacon shining brightly. Shining faithfully. Not perfect, for all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God as you saw in Gen 9, but blameless among the people of his time. How are you living among the people of your time? Are we blending in with the darkness or are we shining brightly for Jesus? Like his great grandfather Enoch, Noah walked with God. He had a personal relationship with Him. And now, because of Jesus' death and resurrection, we can all do the same every single day through the Holy Spirit! We can take our first steps with Him in the morning as we pray and spend time in His Word. We can walk with Him throughout the day in our thoughts and with His music echoing in our souls. And we can lie down in Him at night cherishing the blessed truths of His Word read once again. What a blessing to walk with God! Noah did that.

And so God chose Noah to be a savior. To save the creatures He had created and to save human beings, made in His image. He gave Noah the details of how to build an ark and how to collect food and supplies and vs 22, Noah did everything just as God commanded him. And I'm thankful he did. For if he hadn't, you and I would not be here today! Talk about the fruit of obedience! Do you see how important it is to do everything just as God commands us? It may not even be for **your** benefit, it may be for the benefit of your great, great grandchildren. Or someone else you've never met. Only God can see the full picture and we **must** trust Him enough not to second guess Him and ignore or alter his commands. Imagine if Noah had said, "It doesn't need to be that big, or I don't need to take all that food. God doesn't understand how little my boys eat." How many of us today think we know more than God does? That's what we're doing every time we disobey. His Word is old, outdated. Times have changed, etc." God help us, for if God didn't spare that world, He won't spare ours either as Peter assures in the New Testament.

God designed a perfect vessel. He was the ARK-i-tect. It had dimensions that engineers have verified would have withstood 500 foot waves. It was at least 75' wide,

450' long and as tall as a 4-story building. It had 3 decks and could hold 340 tractor trailer loads of cargo. Two of every **kind** of animal came to Noah. He didn't have to go out and round them up. The Hebrew word for kind means a broad family, like the cat family. We've said before that zoologists confirm all tigers, lions, cheetahs, house cats, etc came from a common ancestor and many of them can even still interbreed like ligers and tiguars. Too bad the house cats didn't miss the boat like the unicorns. There's the dog kind, the deer kind, and the horse kind which includes zebras and others. And those who know the kinds have done the math and there was more than enough room to hold two of every **kind** of animal that ever existed which would amount to about 16,000 total animals. Plus seven of some that would later be used for sacrifice. Considering the ark could hold over 100,000 sheep-sized animals, there was plenty of room for everybody. The KJV says it was made of gopher wood. Which is what? It's what Noah's boys did when the stove got low. They had to go for wood.

Yes, I believe dinosaurs were also on the ark. There's growing evidence that dinosaur fossils are not millions of years old and that they lived with human beings. Marco Polo told of dragons he found in China and other artifacts from around the world indicate that these critters lived side by side with our ancestors. That would certainly make walking little Fido a bit more interesting if T Rex was waiting behind a rock. The earliest English novel mentions dragons. We can talk more about dinosaurs another time but I want us to understand that God doesn't just care about people. He cares about all of His creation. If He didn't, the ark wouldn't have needed to be nearly so big! Which is another reason I believe there will be animals in heaven, by the way, and on the renovated earth.

After Noah finished the ark, the floods came. For 40 days and 40 nights it rained cats and dogs and the fountains of the great deep burst open. Subterranean groundwater released to spew upward. Even today, scientists believe there are enormous supplies of water still far below us. So much water came that even the tallest mountains were 20 feet underwater. I've never been up there, but I've been told there are fish fossils and other aquatic critters on top of Mt. Everest. If you go, bring me one back. God will not be found a liar!

That much water caused every person and every animal on earth to perish, except the fish. They were loving it! No even many of them got buried. Which reminds us that this worldwide flood created most of the geology we see today. Ken Ham asks, "What would it look like if there **had** been a global flood? Billions of dead things buried in rock layers laid down all over the earth." What do we have? Billions of dead things buried in rock layers laid down all over the earth. God will not be found a liar. We have rocks that are bent. (s) Rocks don't bend, they break. They had to be wet when they were formed. When geologists start to interpret what they see through the lens of Noah's flood, it's amazing how many things suddenly make sense. Even the Ice Age

afterward. There are many resources in our library on the particulars of these things. And in my office.

And it took a long time for the water to drain off the earth. So long, in fact, that Noah and his family and the animals were on the ark about a year altogether. Now I love zoos, and I love my family, but being cooped up with both for a whole year might get a bit long. Finally, the ark came to rest in the mountains of Ararat which is now in modern Turkey. There are theories about where it is, but we don't need the planks to believe God's Word. We have everything else. Noah and his family came out of the ark, and the first thing they did was to worship the God who saved them! Noah sacrificed animals, indicating that this was probably going on since Adam. Gen 8:21 The Lord smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: "Never again will I curse the ground because of man, even though every inclination of his heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done. 22 "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." Climate change? Sure, maybe a little colder, maybe a little warmer, but the seasons shall endure. God promised and He promised to never send another worldwide flood and He gave what as a sign? A rainbow! How blasphemous that those who are enemies of God have hijacked the rainbow to celebrate their sin. If Noah's sons had entered the ark with husbands, none of us would be here today. For in Gen 9:1, "God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth." The same as He had told Adam about 1600 years earlier. God always wants fruit, increase. And we should want what He wants.

So many lessons. So little time. The first, is it even true? So many people dismiss Noah's ark as a child's fairytale. A myth. And yet, the more we discover, the more proof there is. I have a book that documents over 300 flood stories from North and South America alone. The author is working on another book for the other continents but North American Indians, Eskimos, Mayans, Incans and many tribes throughout the Americas all have versions of a catastrophic flood and many include details that match Genesis 6-9. In Brazil, one tribe has a story that a terrible flood destroyed most of the people of the world. Their god sent it because people were sexually promiscuous, gossiped, lied, cursed, and murdered. Others say their ancestor built a giant canoe that also held animals. Some include the rainbow, some include 8 survivors. In Cuba, some of the natives said that the man sent out a raven and then a dove which returned with a leaf. And etc. Coincidence of over 300 stories? I don't think so! Noah's children and grandchildren took this story with them as they spread out over all the earth. Abraham probably knew Noah for Abram was 58 when Noah finally died at the age of 950, 350 years after the flood. He would have bankrupted Social Security. It's true! You can trust the Bible!

The second lesson we've already looked at. Do everything God commands you whether you like it or not, whether you even understand it or not, for your own future as well as that of many others depends upon it.

Thirdly, this flood was God's deliverance from sin and is a symbol or type of the cleansing of baptism that Peter reminds us of. The world's evil was scrubbed clean. We see too God's amazing grace in the time leading up to the flood in which Noah preached to his neighbors without success. 1 Peter 3:15 God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. 120 years or so of grace rejected. For once God shut the door, it was shut. How horrible to be locked outside once the rains began. Even some of Noah's own relatives likely. We live in age of grace right now. Please come to Jesus for the day **will** come when God **will shut** the door and you **will not** be able to come in no matter how fiercely you beat upon it. God is patient in the midst of our sin, but even Thomas Jefferson observed that His justice will not sleep forever.

Jesus said this in Matt 24:37-40 As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; 39 and they knew **nothing** about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man." Unsuspecting. Unconcerned. Paying no mind to God or His Word. It was violent and evil, all of which we have today. Oh my friends, if I wasn't ready for the flood of God's wrath, I'd be getting' ready. If I wasn't in the ark, I'd be running toward it. You can enter it today by accepting not Noah as your Savior, but the Savior of all, the One the ark represents. Receive Jesus as we pray.