



## Lesson 7 – The Flood

Based on Genesis 6 and 7

- 1) Just a few generations after creation, what was the world like?

**Genesis 6:4-5** There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of \_\_\_\_\_, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. And GOD saw that the \_\_\_\_\_ of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil \_\_\_\_\_.

Had that long-lived people, with their rare powers to plan and execute, devoted themselves to the service of God, they would have made their Creator's name a praise in the earth, and would have answered the purpose for which He gave them life. But they failed to do this. There were many giants, men of great stature and strength, renowned for wisdom, skillful in devising the most cunning and wonderful works; but their guilt in giving loose rein to iniquity was in proportion to their skill and mental ability.

They sought only to gratify the desires of their own proud hearts and reveled in scenes of pleasure and wickedness. Not desiring to retain God in their knowledge, they soon came to deny His existence. They adored nature in place of the God of nature. They glorified human genius, worshiped the works of their own hands, and taught their children to bow down to graven images.

- 2) What are those who worship idols like?

**Psalms 115:8** They that make them are \_\_\_\_\_; so is every one that trusteth in them.

Man will rise no higher than his conceptions of truth, purity, and holiness. If the mind is never exalted above the level of humanity, if it is not uplifted by faith to contemplate infinite wisdom and love, the man will be constantly sinking lower and lower. The worshipers of false gods clothed their deities with human attributes and passions, and thus their standard of character was degraded to the likeness of sinful humanity.

- 3) To what point did God get?

**Genesis 6:11-12** The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with \_\_\_\_\_. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all \_\_\_\_\_ had corrupted his way upon the earth.

**Genesis 6:6-7** And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it \_\_\_\_\_ him at his heart. And the LORD said, I will \_\_\_\_\_ man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

God had given men His commandments as a rule of life, but His law was transgressed, and every conceivable sin was the result. The wickedness of men was open and daring, justice was trampled in the dust, and the cries of the oppressed reached unto heaven.

Neither the marriage relation nor the rights of property were respected. Whoever coveted the wives or the possessions of his neighbor, took them by force, and men exulted in their deeds of violence. They delighted in destroying the life of animals; and the use of flesh for food rendered them still more cruel and bloodthirsty, until they came to regard human life with astonishing indifference.

- 4) Was God upset with everyone?

**Genesis 6:8-9** But \_\_\_\_\_ found grace in the eyes of the LORD. These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah \_\_\_\_\_ with God.



5) What did God say?

**Genesis 6:3** And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ years.

Amid the prevailing corruption, Methuselah, Noah, and many others labored to keep alive the knowledge of the true God and to stay the tide of moral evil. A hundred and twenty years before the Flood, the Lord by a holy angel declared to Noah His purpose and directed him to build an ark. While building the ark he was to preach that God would bring a flood of water upon the earth to destroy the wicked. Those who would believe the message and would prepare for that event by repentance and reformation, should find pardon and be saved. Enoch had repeated to his children what God had shown him in regard to the Flood, and Methuselah and his sons, who lived to hear the preaching of Noah, assisted in building the ark.

6) What were God's instructions to Noah?

**Genesis 6:14-15** Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt \_\_\_\_\_ it within and without with pitch. And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark shall be \_\_\_\_\_ cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.

**Genesis 6:16** A \_\_\_\_\_ shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it.

Human wisdom could not have devised a structure of so great strength and durability. God was the designer, and Noah the master builder. It was constructed like the hull of a ship, that it might float upon the water, but in some respects, it more nearly resembled a house. It was three stories high, with but one door, which was in the side. The light was admitted at the top, and the different apartments were so arranged that all were lighted. The material employed in the construction of the ark was the cypress, or gopher wood.

7) What does Hebrews tell us about Noah?

**Hebrews 11:7** By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

While Noah was giving his warning message to the world, his works testified of his sincerity. It was thus that his faith was perfected and made evident. He gave the world an example of believing just what God says. All that he possessed, he invested in the ark. As he began to construct that immense boat on dry ground, multitudes came from every direction to see the strange sight and to hear the earnest, fervent words of the singular preacher. Every blow struck upon the ark was a witness to the people.

Many at first appeared to receive the warning; yet they did not turn to God with true repentance. They were unwilling to renounce their sins. During the time that elapsed before the coming of the Flood, their faith was tested, and they failed to endure the trial. Overcome by the prevailing unbelief, they finally joined their former associates in rejecting the solemn message. Some were deeply convicted, and would have heeded the words of warning; but there were so many to jest and ridicule, that they partook of the same spirit, resisted the invitations of mercy, and were soon among the boldest and most defiant scoffers; for none are so reckless and go to such lengths in sin **as do those who have once had light, but have resisted the convicting Spirit of God.**

8) What lie from Satan resounded then... ..and now?

**Genesis 3:4** And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:



Noah stood like a rock amid the tempest. Surrounded by popular contempt and ridicule, he distinguished himself by his holy integrity and unwavering faithfulness. A power attended his words, for it was the voice of God to man through His servant. Connection with God made him strong in the strength of infinite power, while for one hundred and twenty years his solemn voice fell upon the ears of that generation in regard to events, which, so far as human wisdom could judge, were impossible.

- 9) What rules did the waters on the earth have before the Flood?

**Job 38:11** And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but \_\_\_\_\_: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed?

The people before the Flood asserted that if there were any truth in what Noah had said, the men of renown, the wise, the prudent, the great men, would understand the matter.

Had the antediluvians believed the warning, and repented of their evil deeds, the Lord would have turned aside His wrath, as he afterward did from Nineveh. But by their obstinate resistance to the reproofs of conscience and the warnings of God's prophet, that generation filled up the measure of their iniquity, and became ripe for destruction.

- 10) What happened as Noah was making his final plea with the assembled crowd?

**Genesis 7:9** There went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah.

Suddenly a silence fell upon the mocking throng. Beasts of every description, the fiercest as well as the most gentle, were seen coming from mountain and forest and quietly making their way toward the ark. A noise as of a rushing wind was heard, and lo, birds were flocking from all directions, their numbers darkening the heavens, and in perfect order they passed to the ark. Animals obeyed the command of God, while men were disobedient. Guided by holy angels, they **“went in two and two unto Noah into the ark,”** and the clean beasts by sevens.

- 11) What did God tell Noah?

**Genesis 7:1** And the LORD said unto Noah, Come \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ thy \_\_\_\_\_ into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.

As a reward for his faithfulness and integrity, God saved all the members of his family with him.

- 12) Who shut the door on the Ark?

**Genesis 7:15-16** And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life. And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and \_\_\_\_\_ shut him in.

- 13) Did it start raining right away?

**Genesis 7:10** And it came to pass after \_\_\_\_\_, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth.

For seven days after Noah and his family entered the ark, there appeared no sign of the coming storm. During this period their faith was tested. It was a time of triumph to the world without. The apparent delay confirmed them in the belief that Noah's message was a delusion, and that the Flood would never come. Notwithstanding the solemn scenes which they had witnessed, the beasts and birds entering the ark, and the angel of God closing the door, they still continued their sport and revelry, even making a jest of these signal manifestations of God's power.

- 14) What happened on the 8<sup>th</sup> day?

**Genesis 7:11-12** In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the \_\_\_\_\_ of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were \_\_\_\_\_. And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights.



Soon large drops of rain began to fall. The world had never witnessed anything like this, and the hearts of men were struck with fear. All were secretly inquiring, "Can it be that Noah was in the right, and that the world is doomed to destruction?" Darker and darker grew the heavens, and faster came the falling rain. The beasts were roaming about in the wildest terror, and their discordant cries seemed to moan out their own destiny and the fate of man.

Water appeared to come from the clouds in mighty waterfalls. Rivers broke away from their boundaries and overflowed the valleys. Jets of water burst from the earth with indescribable force, throwing massive rocks hundreds of feet into the air, and these, in falling, buried themselves deep in the ground.

The people first beheld the destruction of the works of their own hands. Their splendid buildings, and the beautiful gardens and groves where they had placed their idols, were destroyed by lightning from heaven, and the ruins were scattered far and wide. The altars on which human sacrifices had been offered were torn down, and the worshipers were made to tremble at the power of the living God, and to know that it was their corruption and idolatry which had called down their destruction.

Above the roar of the tempest was heard the wailing of a people that had despised the authority of God. Satan himself, who was compelled to remain in the midst of the warring elements, feared for his own existence. He had delighted to control so powerful a race and desired them to live to practice their abominations and continue their rebellion against the Ruler of heaven. He now uttered imprecations against God, charging Him with injustice and cruelty. Many of the people, like Satan, blasphemed God.

15) For how long was the tempest?

**Genesis 7:17** And the flood was \_\_\_\_\_ days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth.

Some of the people bound their children and themselves upon powerful animals, knowing that these were tenacious of life, and would climb to the highest points to escape the rising waters. Some fastened themselves to lofty trees on the summit of hills or mountains; but the trees were uprooted, and with their burden of living beings were hurled into the seething billows. One spot after another that promised safety was abandoned. As the waters rose higher and higher, the people fled for refuge to the loftiest mountains. Often man and beast would struggle together for a foothold, until both were swept away.

16) What did Peter record for us about the Flood?

**2 Peter 3:5-7** For this they \_\_\_\_\_ are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, \_\_\_\_\_: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto \_\_\_\_\_ against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

The avenging waters swept over the last retreat, and the despisers of God perished in the black depths.

17) What will the conditions of earth be like before Jesus returns again?

**Matthew 24:38-39** For as in the days that were before the flood they were \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ be.

The picture which Inspiration has given of the antediluvian world represents too truly the condition to which modern society is fast hastening. Even now, in the present century, and in professedly Christian lands, there are crimes daily perpetrated as black and terrible as those for which the old-world sinners were destroyed.



18) What will the scoffers say before the coming of Jesus?

**2 Peter 3:3-4** Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own \_\_\_\_\_, And saying, Where is the \_\_\_\_\_ of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

**1 Timothy 4:1** Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall \_\_\_\_\_ from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

**2 Timothy 3:1** This know also, that in the last days \_\_\_\_\_ times shall come.

Those who possessed influence and power were bent on keeping the minds of the people engrossed with mirth and pleasure, lest any should be impressed by the last solemn warning. Do we not see the same repeated in our day? While God's servants are giving the message that the end of all things is at hand, the world is absorbed in amusements and pleasure seeking. There is a constant round of excitement that causes indifference to God and prevents the people from being impressed by the truths which alone can save them from the coming destruction.

19) What did Peter warn us of?

**2 Peter 3:10** But the day of the Lord will come as a \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall \_\_\_\_\_ with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

20) What will be the end of most people?

**1 Thessalonians 5:3** For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then \_\_\_\_\_ cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

21) What words of hope follow that somber thought?

**1 Thessalonian 5:4-5** But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should \_\_\_\_\_ you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the \_\_\_\_\_: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

**Can you see that sin will not continue on forever?**

**Would you like to be ready for that Great Day?**

**When is the time to stand at the threshold of this  
Earth and wait upon God?**