

# GENESIS 7: THE FLOOD COMES

## I. OVERVIEW

- A. God commanded Noah and his family to enter the ark
  - i. Noah obeyed and brought the animals with him
- B. In Noah's 600<sup>th</sup> year of life, the flood came
  - i. The fountains of the deep burst forth
  - ii. The windows of the heavens were opened
  - iii. Rain fell for 40 days and 40 nights
- C. Every living thing remaining on the earth was destroyed
- D. The waters stayed on the earth for 150 days

## II. RIGHTEOUS – V.1

- A. Were Noah's sons righteous? Son's wives?
- B. Or were they counted righteous because Noah was righteous?
- C. Noah obeyed every word God said to him without question
  - i. No recorded words from Noah to God
    - a. He listened and obeyed
  - ii. For 120 years without another word from God<sup>1</sup>
  - iii. God commanded him to enter ark 7 days before flood

## III. CLEAN ANIMALS – V. 2

- A. How did Noah know they were clean?
  - i. The law had not yet been given
- B. Seven pairs of clean animals taken
  - i. Only one pair of unclean animals
  - ii. There is a difference between clean and unclean
    - a. Ezekiel 44:23 ***They shall teach my people the difference between the holy and the common, and show them how to distinguish between the unclean and the clean.***
- C. How did Noah get them to come on the boat?

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<sup>1</sup> Armstrong, S. (2011, June 6). *Genesis 2011 - lesson 7A*. Verse By Verse Ministry International. Retrieved April 11, 2023, from [https://versebyverseministry.org/lessons/genesis\\_2011\\_lesson\\_7a](https://versebyverseministry.org/lessons/genesis_2011_lesson_7a)

- i. God has no problem with animals – it's humans that present difficulty<sup>2</sup>
  - a. Isaiah 1:3 *The ox knows its owner, and the donkey its master's crib, but Israel does not know, my people do not understand.*"

#### **IV. 40 DAYS AND NIGHTS – V. 12**

- A. 40 symbolizes trial, testing, judgment, purification

#### **V. FLOOD – V. 17**

- A. Symbol of judgment
- B. Seen throughout Scripture
  - i. Egypt and the Red Sea
  - ii. Final judgment

#### **VI. THE WATERS PREVAILED**

- A. Repeated four times
  - i. The waters prevailed and increased greatly – v. 18
  - ii. The waters prevailed so mightily that all the mountains were covered – v. 19
  - iii. The waters prevailed above the mountains, covering them fifteen cubits deep – v. 20
  - iv. The waters prevailed on the earth 150 days – v. 24
- B. Progression, increase
- C. Reveals that this is done by God's authority
  - i. He has authority to do this over the whole earth

#### **VII. ALL FLESH – V. 21**

- A. Repeated twice
- B. Emphasizes EVERYTHING is destroyed

#### **VIII. GOD DID NOT REMOVE NOAH FROM JUDGMENT**

- A. He provided Noah a way through the judgment

#### **IX. NOAH PASSED IN AND OUT OF THE WATERS**

- A. First picture of baptism
- B. Water washes away wickedness
  - i. New creation
    - a. Earth covered in water – as at creation
  - ii. Noah is a new Adam

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<sup>2</sup> Guzik, D. (2018). *Study Guide For Genesis 7*. Blue Letter Bible. Retrieved April 11, 2023, from [https://www.blueletterbible.org/comm/guzik\\_david/study-guide/genesis/genesis-7.cfm](https://www.blueletterbible.org/comm/guzik_david/study-guide/genesis/genesis-7.cfm)

**X. POINTS TO JESUS**

- A. Baptism
- B. Noah subdues creation
- C. Noah orders creation
- D. The flood began on the seventeenth day of the second month
  - i. Jesus rose from the dead on the seventeenth day of the second month<sup>3</sup>
    - a. Jesus is the Greater Ark who rescues us from judgment

**XI. QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION**

- A. Why did God need to completely destroy the earth? Wasn't this excessive?

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- B. What does this tell us about God?

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- C. Why did no one else join Noah and his family in the ark? What does this say about the human condition?

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- D. Why did God choose Noah?

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<sup>3</sup> Armstrong

E. Why did God consider Noah to be righteous?

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F. In a wicked world, do we catch His eye like Noah caught God's eye?

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G. How did Noah's obedience prepare him for what God would do in the future? How does our obedience help prepare us for an unknown future?

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## **XII. FURTHER STUDY**

A. Why did God command Noah to bring clean animals in pairs of seven instead of in single pairs?

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B. How does Noah's family entering the ark point to God's plan for salvation? See John 9:39-10:10.

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C. Why did God command Noah to enter the ark seven days before the flood began?

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- D. What does the image of the waters prevailing over the earth bring to mind? What is the author trying to tell us? See Genesis 1:2.
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