

The Flood (Part 1)
Genesis 7:6-16
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Introduction

The saddest thing we have today in the world is the world's scoffing at Christians' warning of judgment to come. Peter tells us that this would happen in the last days.

2 Peter 3:3-6 *First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. 4 They will say, "Where is this 'coming' He promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." 5 But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water. 6 By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed.*

God destroyed the world the first time with water. He is going to destroy the world again, but this time by fire.

2 Peter 3:10 *But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.*

What is important for us to learn is that the Flood is a historical event, and God had enough of man's wickedness and wiped them all out. There were probably over 7 billion people living at the time of Noah, but only eight were saved. We study the Flood because we know that God will judge the world. We also see His grace and mercy. This is a fitting subject to study as we prepare for Easter because we know God has provided a way out of His fiery wrath to come, and He provided that way out in Christ Jesus our Lord. The Flood judgment is a prelude of things to come, of the final judgment and final salvation!

Genesis 7:6-16 *Noah was six hundred years old when the floodwaters came on the earth. 7 And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives entered the ark to escape the waters of the flood. 8 Pairs of clean and unclean animals, of birds and of all creatures that move along the ground, 9 male and female, came to Noah and entered the ark, as God had commanded Noah.*

- Noah was 600 years old
 - Clarification
 - Many assume that Noah was 500 years old when God told him to build the ark
 - However

Genesis 5:32 *After Noah was 500 years old, he became the father of Shem, Ham and Japheth.*

- Remember the sequence of **Genesis 5**
 - How old when the father had the child
 - How long he lived
 - Then he died
- Moses says "after" Noah was 500 years old, he became the father of...
- In other words, Noah was 500 years old when he had his first son
- God announced His intent to destroy the world with flood when Noah was 480 years old

Genesis 6:3 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."

- 120 years until the Flood judgment

Note: One can read **Genesis 6:3** as God limiting man's age up to 120 years. I believe it is both: the age limit and when judgment occurs.

- When the floodwaters came on the earth
 - This is a historical event—Moses records Noah’s age when this happens
- Entered the ark
 - They obeyed God when He commanded them to do this

Genesis 7:1 *The Lord then said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because I have found you righteous in this generation."*

- They entered the ark, the place of complete safety
- To escape the waters of the flood
 - God’s judgment
 - Note the goodness and severity of God (**Romans 11:22**)
- All creatures...came to Noah
 - Noah did not catch these animals or went out and searched for these animals
 - God supernaturally guided the animals to Noah
 - God has done this before

Genesis 2:19 *Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.*

Note: Not all the animals are fully grown. Most were probably young and small.

- As God commanded them
 - They obeyed God (they did what God told them to do)
 - This is faith
 - Faith is believing and obeying God
 - Remember they have no idea what rain was or the severity of destruction

10 *And after the seven days the floodwaters came on the earth. 11* *In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, on the seventeenth day of the second month—on that day all the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened. 12* *And rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights.*

- After seven days

Genesis 7:4 *Seven days from now I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and I will wipe from the face of the earth every living creature I have made.*

- The time it took the animals to get into the ark
- Seven more days of God’s grace and then the end
- Floodwaters came on the earth
 - Worldwide flood
- 600th year of Noah’s life—seventeenth day of the second month
 - Moses again uses a very specific date—because it happened on that day
 - What calendar?
 - Unknown
 - Mosaic calendar?
 - Calendar that Noah used?
- All the springs of the deep and the floodgates of heaven
 - Where did all the water come from?

Genesis 1:6-8 *And God said, "Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water." 7* *So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it. And it was so. 8* *God called the expanse "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.*

- Water above and below with the sky in between the waters
- Waters of the deep?
- Waters from the ground

Genesis 2:6 but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground.

Note: Some translation have ocean, but that is not correct interpretation.

- All the springs of the deep burst forth
 - Good English word for the Hebrew word *baqa*
 - To break apart or split

Numbers 16:31-32 As soon as he finished saying all this, the ground under them split apart **32** and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them, with their households and all Korah's men and all their possessions.

- This is possibly volcanic as well, shooting superheated waters up into the atmosphere
- It is at this point that the land has changed dramatically
- Mountains rising and land falling, continents shifting
- Floodgates of heaven
 - Good English translation of the Hebrew word *arubbah*
 - Like a sluice dam opening up
 - So much water pouring down from heaven
 - Rain—different Hebrew word from

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- **Genesis 7:4**—Hebrew word is *matar* which is normal rain
- **Genesis 7:12**—Hebrew word is *geshem* which is torrential downpour

Psalm 105:32 He turned their rain into hail, with lightning throughout their land;

- This torrential downpour continued for 40 days and 40 nights
- Violent upheaval of the earth

Isaiah 24:1, 18-20 Behold, the Lord makes the earth empty and makes it waste, distorts its surface and scatters abroad its inhabitants. **18** And it shall be that he who flees from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit, and he who comes up from the midst of the pit shall be caught in the snare; for the windows from on high are open, and the foundations of the earth are shaken. **19** The earth is violently broken, the earth is split open, the earth is shaken exceedingly. **20** The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall totter like a hut; its transgression shall be heavy upon it, and it will fall, and not rise again.

- Gushes of water and superheated steam (and possibly lava) from ground
- Torrential downpour from above
- The whole world is cracked and transformed into something far different from Eden
- No wonder all living things died

Genesis 7:21 Every living thing that moved on the earth perished—birds, livestock, wild animals, all the creatures that swarm over the earth, and all mankind.

- God's judgment is terrible to behold

Jeremiah 4:23-26 *I beheld the earth, and indeed it was without form, and void; and the heavens, they had no light. 24 I beheld the mountains, and indeed they trembled, and all the hills moved back and forth. 25 I beheld, and indeed there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens had fled. 26 I beheld, and indeed the fruitful land was a wilderness, and all its cities were broken down at the presence of the Lord, by His fierce anger.*

13 *On that very day Noah and his sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth, together with his wife and the wives of his three sons, entered the ark. 14 They had with them every wild animal according to its kind, all livestock according to their kinds, every creature that moves along the ground according to its kind and every bird according to its kind, everything with wings. 15 Pairs of all creatures that have the breath of life in them came to Noah and entered the ark. 16 The animals going in were male and female of every living thing, as God had commanded Noah. Then the Lord shut him in.*

- Moses repeats himself just to make sure we understand his point
- On that very day
 - The day of judgment
 - Noah and his family and all the animals were safely in the ark
 - God has brought everyone and everything in to the ark
- Lord shuts him in
 - YHWH
 - It is by His hand that He sealed the door

Psalm 36:5-9 *Your mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. 6 Your righteousness is like the great mountains; Your judgments are a great deep; O Lord, You preserve man and beast. 7 How precious is Your loving-kindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings. 8 They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house, and You give them drink from the river of Your pleasures. 9 For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we see light.*

Application

- God's perfect security for His people
 - Noah and his family never experienced God's wrath
 - His people will also never experience His wrath
 - We are secured in Christ Jesus
 - It is because of His death and resurrection that we have new life
 - We have died with Christ and buried with Him
 - IN Christ we are raised to new life (**Romans 6:3-4; Colossians 2:11-13**)
 - We are sealed by the Holy Spirit (**Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30**)
 - Why? Because Christ satisfied God's justice and wrath on the cross
 - How? By substituting in our place what we deserve and placed everything on Himself
- God's judgment is terrible for those who reject His Son and His promises