



“Noah’s Ark & The Flood” (Genesis 6-9)

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6:1-2 I agree with what Scott Rodriguez said a few weeks ago about these two verses. I do not believe these were fallen angels that had sexual relations with human beings. Jesus said that angels neither marry nor are given in marriage (Matt.22:30). These are unholy relationships that resulted ultimately in the judgment of the them know world.

6:3 God sets a time when judgment will come – 120 years. He wants man to repent and be saved!

6:4 This still happens today. People make heroes out of godless giants.

6:8 This is the first time we see this word in the Scriptures. It means grace, acceptance. And God wants to uses Noah to extend grace to the wicked world of his day.

6:14 The word for “pitch” is the same word for “atonement.”

6:15 It was about the size of the Titanic. Not until 1858 was a ship built bigger than the ark. One and a half football fields in length and approx. 700 railroad cars in volume.

* In 1609, a Dutch Mennonite named Peter Jansen built a ship at Hoorn, Holland one third the size of the ark. It moved heavily in the water, but it could carry one third more cargo than an ordinary ship the same size.

6:16 According to John C. Whitcomb and Henry Morris, the three decks gave the ark approx. 95,700 square feet, and gross tonnage of 13,960 (The Genesis Flood, p.10).

6:17 Hebrew word is only used for Noah’s flood and means “deluge.” NT word for flood is *kataklysmos*.

7:16 God closed the door, and no one could open it again. I can

7:17-20 Folks, the mountains in the area where Noah lived rose as high as 17,000 feet. This was NOT a local flood!

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8:4 In 275 BC, Berosus, a Babylonian historian, wrote: "But of this ship that grounded in Armenia some part still remains in the mountains . . . and some get pitch from the ship by scraping it off."

Around 75 AD, Josephus said the locals collected relics from the ark and showed them off to his very day. He also said all the ancient historians he knew of wrote about the ark.

In 180 AD, Theophilus of Antioch wrote: "the remains [of the ark] are to this day to be seen . . . in the mountains."

In 1876, a distinguished British statesman and author, Viscount James Bryce, climbed Ararat and reported finding a four-foot long piece of hand-tooled timber at a height of more than 13,000 feet.

Six Turkish soldiers claimed to have seen the ark in 1916.

In the early part of this century, a Russian aviator named Vladimire Rokovitsky claimed to have discovered Noah's ark. He was stationed in southern Russia near the Turkish border and Mount Ararat. He was testing a plane, and he and his co-pilot flew over Ararat and discovered on the edge of a glacier what he described as a boat the size of a battleship. He said it was partially submerged in a lake, and he could see there was an opening for a door nearly 20 feet square, but the door was missing. Rokovitsky told his commanding officer, and an expedition was dispatched to find the ark and photograph it. The report was forwarded to the Czar, who was soon overthrown and the photos and the report perished.

During World War II, two pilots saw and photographed something they believed to be the ark on Mount Ararat.

In 1936, a young British archaeologist named Hardwicke Knight was hiking across Ararat when he discovered interlocking hand-tooled timbers at a height of 14,000 feet.

The only real evidence I need I already have: The Bible and the words of Jesus (Matthew 24:36-39, read at end of message).

8:13-17 In the ark 1 year and 17 days. Five months floating, and seven months resting on Mt. Ararat. Man, would I have wanted to get off that boat!!

8:20 This is the first we have an altar mentioned in the Bible. Now we know why Noah took seven of every clean animal – for sacrifice.

8:22 **Cold and heat, winter and summer:** this speaks of the profound climatic and ecological changes in the earth since the "blanket" of water vapors covering the earth has now been "emptied." Now there will be seasonal and temperature variations.

9:1-3 Man will no longer be a vegetarian. I believe the ultimate reason for this is to typify the sacrifice of Messiah.

9:4 See Lev.17:11

9:5 Under the Law of Moses, if an animal killed someone God gave instructions on what to do with the animal (Ex.21:28, 35).

9:6 God establishes human government here and gives government the right to exercise capital punishment. This is reiterated in the N.T. (see Rom.13:1-5).

9:17 Every time we look at a rainbow we should be reminded that God's promises are faithful and true.

9:18-19 From Shem would come the people of Israel

vv.20-21 Noah becomes a farmer like his father Lamech, the son of Seth (not Lamech son of Cain). And despite being a man who knew what it was to walk with God & experience an amazing salvation from God judgment, he is still a sinner with fallen nature. And here that nature causes him to fail. The Japanese have a proverb that goes like this: "First the man takes a drink, the drink takes a drink, and then the drink takes the man." That's what happened to Noah here.

9:22 The word for "saw" his father's nakedness means to gaze at.

9:24-25 Noah is prophesying here. And why does he prophesy a curse on Canaan? Because Ham's flawed character would obviously be the inheritance of his son as well. We know from Scripture that the Canaanites became a wicked and perverse people, and the Lord strongly exhorted His people not to intermarry with them or imitate their sinful practices. All one has to do is read Leviticus 18 to realize that much of the wickedness of the Canaanites was in sexual sin and perversion. And it all started with the sin of Ham.

- Note: Some suggest that the curse on Canaan was a curse on the black race that resulted in their slavery, but there is no evidence for this at all, quite the contrary.

9:26 The prophesy continues: Shem was the ancestor of Abraham, who became the founder of Hebrew people, and the father of faith as Messiah would through his lineage (Isaac being a type of Messiah).

- Note: Shem was Noah's second born son, but whenever the sons names are listed he is always first, signifying the grace of God elevating the second born to the place of the firstborn. (Abel over Cain, Isaac over Ishmael, Jacob over Esau).

9:27a Japheth was the ancestor of what we generally call the "Gentile nations." His descendants spread out as far as Asia Minor & Europe.

9:27b Though the descendants of Japheth would become much larger, they would "live in the tents of Shem," suggesting that they would find real life only through Shem. It is through Israel that all spiritual blessings would come.

- Just as God saved Shem, Ham, and Japheth from the judgment of the flood, so He desires to save their descendants as well. And we of course find record of this truth in the NT: God saves even the most blind of Shemites (Saul of Tarsus), the Ethiopian Eunuch, a descendant of Ham (Acts 8), and Cornelius and the uncircumcised Gentiles gathered at his house, all descendants of Japheth.

CONCLUSION

- John 3:16

A Second Universal Judgment Is Coming (II Peter 3:1-12).

God Desires For Everyone To Be Saved From Judgment (II Peter 3:9)

Jesus Is God's Provision For Salvation (Acts 4:12)

We Are God's Messengers of Hope (II Peter 2:5; Mark 16:15)

Salvation Is Completely By Grace Through Faith (Hebrews 11:7)

- Ephesians 2:8-9 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast.
- I Cor.1:30-31 It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God – that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.
- Romans 3:22-24 This righteousness from God comes through faith in Christ Jesus to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Jesus' Disturbing Words (Matthew 24:36-39)