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Noah—Genesis 7

The Flood

I. Additional Scriptures...

1. Verse 1 + Ps 33:18-19
2. Clean and Unclean Animals... Gen 8:20; Lev 7:21; Lev 11; Lev 20:25; Deut 14:3-20; Acts 10:11-15; 1Tim 4:3-5

II. Chronology.

BIBLE PERIOD: **Before the Flood** and partly during the flood.

A summary of time notes from the Genesis Account of the Flood...

Activity	Time Element	Passage
Noah told to enter the Ark	600 th Year of His Life	Gen 7:1-10
The Rain Begins	17 th Day of the 2 nd Month	Gen 7:11-17
Rain Ceases; Water Prevails 15 Cubits Upward	Waters Prevailed Upon the Earth 150 Days	Gen 7:18-24
The Ark Grounds on one of the mountains of Ararat	17 th Day of the 7 th Month	Gen 8:1-4
Tops of the Mountains Visible	1 st Day of the 10 th Month	Gen 8:5
Raven and Dove Sent Out	40 Days Later	Gen 8:6-9
Dove Again Sent Out; In the Evening Returns with an Olive Leaf	7 Days Later	Gen 8:10-11
Dove Sent Out a Third Time and Does Not Return	7 More Days	Gen 8:12
The Ground Becomes Dry	First Day of the First Month of the New Year	Gen 8:13
Noah Leaves the Ark	27 th Day of the Second Month	Gen 8:14-19

III. Summary.

It is now time for Noah to go into the ark which he has been working so hard to prepare for many years. He is instructed to take along “clean” beasts by sevens and all others in pairs. In seven days the 40-day/night flood will begin. Noah followed all of the instructions the Lord gave to him. Noah was 600 years old at the beginning of the flood. Noah, his wife, their sons, and their wives entered the safety of the ark. The fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were opened up and a tremendous flood of water resulted. The waters increased and lifted up the ark and it began to float above the earth. All the high hills that were under the whole heaven were covered (v. 19). As a result, all flesh that moved upon the earth DIED. Noah only remained and those who were with him on the ark. The waters prevailed for 150 days.

IV. Outline.

1. Instructions on entering the ark (Gen 7:1-4).
2. A statement about Noah’s obedient spirit (Gen 7:5).
3. At the age of 600 Noah enters the ark with his family and the animals (Gen 7:6-9).

4. A 40-day and 40-night rain (Gen 7:10-12).
5. Listing of those in the ark (Gen 7:13-16).
6. The ark began to float (Gen 7:17-18).
7. All the high hills under the whole heaven are covered—sounds UNIVERSAL (Gen 7:19-20).
8. Outside the ark, all flesh in whose nostrils was the breath of life died (Gen 7:21-23).
9. The waters prevailed 150 days (Gen 7:24).

V. Questions.

True or False

01. _____ Noah took more than two of some animals.
02. _____ We are not told how long the waters of the flood prevailed upon the earth.
03. _____ The term RIGHTEOUS is applied to Noah in this chapter.
04. _____ Birds were not included in the safety of the ark.
05. _____ We are not told who shut the door to the ark.

Multiple Choice (Select the BEST Answer)

06. _____ The number of people saved in the ark: (a) 5; (b) 8; (c) 10.
07. _____ The “clean” animals were taken into the ark by: (a) twos; (b) tens; (c) eights; (d) sevens.
08. _____ One of the words used to describe the prevailing waters of the flood in this chapter is: (a) choppy; (b) exceedingly; (c) blue.
09. _____ Noah was how old when the flood began: (a) 500; (b) 600; (c) 800.
10. _____ Does this chapter, like the previous one, have a verse expressing the complete obedience of Noah: (a) YES; (b) NO.

Fill in the Blanks

11. “_____ in whose _____ was the _____ of life, of all that was in the _____ land, died.”
12. “There went in _____ and _____ unto _____ into the ark, the _____ and the female, as God had commanded Noah.”
13. Psalm __:18-19... “Behold, the _____ of the Lord is upon them that _____ him, upon them that _____ in his mercy; to _____ their souls from death, and to keep them alive in famine.”
14. _____ 8:20... “And Noah builded an _____ unto the Lord; and took of every _____ beast, and of every _____ fowl, and offered _____ offerings on the altar.”
15. Verse _____ of this chapter gives a very clear record of how many humans went into the ark.

Each Question is worth 7 Points

My Score is: _____

Answers will be found on next week’s handout

ANSWERS to Genesis 6... [01—False, Gen 6:22; 02—True, Gen 6:1; 03—True, Gen 6:14; 04—False, Gen 6:8; 05—False, Gen 6:16; 06—a, Gen 6:21; 07—a, Gen 6:6; 08—a, Gen 6:15; 09—b, Gen 6:18; 10—b, Gen 6:18; 11—corrupt, violence, Gen 6:11; 12—gopher, wood, Gen 6:14; 13—13, giants, giants, grasshoppers; 14—2, world, Noah, preacher, flood, ungodly; 15—commanded, did, Gen 6:22.]

VI. Lessons & Applications.

1. **...for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation** (Gen 7:1). Psalm 33:18-19; Ps 139:11-12; and Hebrews 4:13 all help us to understand that there is, as the song suggests, an “all-seeing eye” watching me. For Noah this was a wonderful blessing. He must have been tempted in many ways in those evil days, yet his faithfulness to the Lord was observed and rewarded. What a great man was this Noah--A preacher of righteousness (2 Peter 2:5). It is such a blessing to realize that we have been given, in the form of our Bibles, all that we need to be successful in following the example of Noah and being seen of the Lord as RIGHTEOUS!!! The reward for such righteous living is an eternal crown (James 1:12; Rev 2:10).
2. **Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens...** (Gen 7:2). This is the first mention of CLEAN animals. We do not know what God may have revealed to the patriarchs about this matter, we have been given information about how the clean animals were used in Genesis 8:20. They were used for sacrifices on the altar Noah built after the flood.
3. **And Noah did according unto all that the Lord commanded him** (Gen 7:5). It is always wonderful to read about obedience! The fact that Noah and his family were the ONLY ONES obeying (Gen 6:5), make these remarks about the complete obedience of Noah even more remarkable and more to be appreciated. It should be no surprise when we have discussions about authority that we turn back to this section of the Bible and study about the wonderfully encouraging obedience of Noah (e.g., MIM).
4. **...all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened** (Gen 7:11). This was not some ordinary happening, but was a miraculous judgment from God upon the evil people of the time. Noah and his family were saved by water (1 Pet 3:20). They were “physically” saved, but they also were “spiritually” saved in that they were separated from the corrupt way of thinking of their neighbors. There are many places in Scripture which teach about the contagious nature of evil (1 Cor 5:6).
5. **...and the Lord shut him in** (Gen 7:16). When reading this expression, my mind goes to the Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins of Matthew 25:1-13. The foolish rebellion of this generation led them to be in the same position as were the **foolish virgins** of Matthew 25:10-12. The door was shut! The time that we have now (John 9:4) is the time we need to be using in a way that glorifies God and prepares us for the time when there is going to be a great separation between the righteous and the wicked (Mt 25:32).
6. **And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the WHOLE HEAVEN, were covered** (Gen 7:19). It is amazing to read the commentaries and find how many “so-called Bible scholars” seek to compromise with certain geologists by saying that maybe this flood was LOCAL in its nature rather than UNIVERSAL. If words mean anything, this description means that the flood waters covered the earth.
7. **Lessons from Noah.** [Points from Roy C. Deaver, *Biblical Notes*, July 1978]
 - 1) God punishes the wicked; rewards the righteous; keeps His promises.
 - 2) The preservation of the Messianic Line.
 - 3) Noah refused to become like the world.
 - 4) Being spiritually mature, Noah was a man of GREAT COURAGE.
 - 5) Noah teaches us about REAL SUCCESS.
 - 6) Noah did not allow a little criticism to interfere with the job he had to do.
 - 7) Noah was a man who walked in the favor of God.

- 8) Noah was a PREACHER OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.
- 9) Noah knew the meaning of faith.
- 10) Noah knew the meaning of obedience.
- 11) Noah understood the matter of EXPEDIENCY.

VII. Seek-A-Word Puzzle.

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[The words highlighted below are also up above in the puzzle.]

Gen 7:19-24 And the waters **prevailed** exceedingly upon the **earth**; and all the **high hills**, that were under **the whole heaven**, were **covered**. (20) Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the **mountains** were covered. (21) And all flesh **died** that moved upon the earth, both of **fowl**, and of **cattle**, and of **beast**, and of every **creeping thing** that creepeth upon the earth, and every **man**: (22) All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died. (23) And every living substance was **destroyed** which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and **Noah** only remained **alive**, and they that were with him in the ark. (24) And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.