

Lesson 3 – Genesis 6-10

Text: Genesis 6-10

Main Characters: God, Noah, Shem, Ham, Japheth

Key Passages:

- Genesis 6:5 – Man is completely evil; there is nothing good left in him.
- Genesis 6:22; 7:5 – Noah did all that God commanded him to do.
- Genesis 9:1 – Noah and his family are commanded to multiply and fill the earth.

Main Storyline:

During the life of Noah, the world became filled with evil people. Those who had followed God at first began to intermarry with those who did not follow God. God saw all of the corruption and violence and decided that He would only try to convince man to change for 120 more years before destroying all of them in a flood. He also regretted making people because they had sinned so much.

The only man that was not sinful was Noah. God gave him very specific instructions on how to build an ark, which would save him, his family, and some of the animals from the flood. For 120 years, Noah built the ark just as God had told him. He also preached to everyone around him (2 Peter 2:5).

After all those years, God told Noah that the flood was coming in 7 days. Noah was told to enter the ark and bring in the animals that had come to him (7 each of the “clean” animals, and 2 each of the “unclean” animals). Noah again did all that God commanded him. When the 7 days were finished, and Noah, his family, and the animals were safely in the ark, God sealed the ark’s door and the flood began. It rained for 40 days and nights, and the floods killed all of the people, animals, and birds on the earth.

When the floods ended, the ark landed on Mount Ararat. Noah used a raven and a dove to see if the land had dried. After over a year of being in the ark, Noah went out and built an altar to the Lord. God gave Noah three new commands: he and his family were to multiply and fill up the earth, people were now allowed to eat meat, and murderers should be put to death. He also promised never to flood the whole earth again, and gave the rainbow as a sign of this promise.

Noah became a farmer and planted a vineyard. One day, he became drunk and fell asleep naked in his tent. Ham saw him lying naked and ran and told his two brothers about it. Shem and Japheth took a cloak and, walking backwards so as not to see Noah’s nakedness, covered their drunken father. For behaving honorably, Shem and Japheth were blessed, while Ham was cursed.

In Genesis 10, the genealogies of Noah’s sons are recorded. It tells about all of the nations that came out of Noah’s sons, and could be labeled the “Generations of Nations.” It also ends “The Flood.”

Lessons/Applications:

- 1.) Relationships between those that love God and those who do not are dangerous (Deut. 7:1-4).
- 2.) Noah obeyed God even when it did not make sense (120 years would pass until the flood came).
- 3.) Noah kept working even though no one could be convinced to obey God (2 Peter 2:5).
- 4.) God was pleased only because Noah obeyed “all” He had commanded (see the examples of Nadab and Abihu in Numbers 10 and Uzzah in 2 Samuel 6).
- 5.) God keeps all of His promises (judgment came just as He said it would, see Luke 17:25ff).
- 6.) God can punish the evil and save the good simultaneously and not be confused (2 Peter 2: 4-9).
- 7.) “God remembered Noah” and delivered him safely through his trials (i.e. the flood).
- 8.) Noah was grateful to God after he left the ark and immediately set up an altar to worship Him.
- 9.) God has given us meat for food, but we cannot eat blood (Deut 12:16, Acts 15:29).
- 10.) If we see one in sin, we should help them quietly rather than gossip about them (Prov. 11:13).