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What Can We Learn From Noah?

Genesis. 6:9: (NASB) *Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God.*



There are many accounts in the Bible that really run along the edge of reality for many of us here today. Think about it - Balaam's donkey talks, the sun stands still for Joshua in a battle, Jesus rises from the dead and goes to heaven... These are fantastic and unbelievable to many. And then there is the story of Noah - here is a man around 500 years old who builds a boat to save his family and the animals from a devastating flood! Now THAT is amazing! So, what is there about this story of Noah that rings true for us today? Is his experience a warning for us here and now?

Why did God have Noah build the boat in the first place?

Genesis 6:1-2: (NASB) *¹Now it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them...*

Remember, this is in the context of man's sin and the consequences of that sin.

It is also in the context of the things that God did NOT take away: Genesis 1:28: (NRSV) *God blessed them, and God said to them, be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth. God did not take away man being in charge. An important question here is, what was man doing with the dominion he was given? ...²that **the sons of God** saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose. Who were these sons of God? 2 Peter 2:4: Notice, the sons of God, these spiritual creatures (not called "angels" or "cherubim" as in Genesis 1:2) were dabbling in the lives of mankind on their own accord (desires) and were no longer considered "messengers" or angels of God.*

The word "angel" just means "messenger," and is used to describe human messengers in Scripture as well.

We believe these beings started out being angels or messengers of God, but lost their title and were called only *sons of God*.

Jude 1:6-7: (NASB) *⁶And **angels** (this is how they started out) who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode (still "sons of God," no longer "messengers"), He has kept in **eternal bonds under darkness** for the judgment of the great day...*

Notice these beings originally called "angels" are kept (reserved) for judgment - not disposed of, tortured or even punished.

1 Corinthians 6:3: The church in heaven under Jesus will judge angels. These are the angels who will be judged. In the future, the true church in heaven will have a say in judging over those wrongdoers from the time of the Flood.

⁷just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they in the same way as these indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh, are exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire.

Herein lies the key! Just as the *sons of God* sought after the daughters of men in an unnatural desire that was not at all under God, so those in Sodom did the same. So, just like Satan, these evil spirit beings are dismissed from God's light and sent to darkness, yet they still wield great power and influence - the difference being their power can no longer access godly righteousness, it can only draw from satanic influence.

Our First Noah Lesson: When there is extreme sin and degrading of the will of God, there rises an extreme need for cleansing and deliverance. God looks for those who will obey to the extreme! Noah walked with God!

God always has a plan to bring extreme wrong back to right. He calls upon those who will obey Him to the extreme. The story of Noah is the story of extreme darkness and evil versus righteousness.



This next verse can be a bit perplexing: Genesis 6:3: (NASB) ³*Then the LORD said, My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.*

Let's take a look at some other translations to see if we can understand it better:

Genesis 6:3: (Leeser) *And the Lord said, My Spirit shall not always strive for the sake of man, for that he is but flesh; yet his days of grace shall be a hundred and twenty years. This could imply God would wait 120 years before He would intervene.*

Genesis 6:3: (Lamsa) *Then the LORD said, My spirit shall not dwell in man forever, because he is flesh; let his days be a hundred and twenty years. This could imply God would change the lifespan of man to be much shorter and "max out" at 120 years. The life expectancy did change dramatically after the Flood. But it also seems it means that God gave an ample period of time before destroying everything. Both are true. God would pull His influence away from mankind and this would result in His limiting the human life span and/or starting a time clock to the destruction of that world of wickedness.*

Peter verifies this: 2 Peter 2:5

Genesis 6:4: (NASB) ...⁴*The **Nephilim <5303>** were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.*

Nephilim: Strong's # 5303, properly, a feller, i.e. a bully or tyrant: giant.

This was a hybrid mix of spirit being and human.

Only other use of **#5303:** Numbers 13:33: (KJV) *And there we saw the **giants <5303>**, the sons of Anak, which come of the **giants <5303>**: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight...*

Wait...weren't the Nephilim destroyed in the Flood? This happens much later so how could this be?

The context of this verse is the spies returning from Canaan with a fearful report, so let's read the verse before: Numbers 13:32-33: The spies used hyperbole (exaggeration) because they were afraid the men were too big and mighty. We know they were exaggerating because they did not literally turn into grasshoppers and the land did not literally *devour its inhabitants*. In other words, "They are like Nephilim, we are like grasshoppers." The story of the Nephilim would have been handed down through the generations. Fear distorts our ability to see reality!

Genesis 6:5: This paints a very sad and dark picture - such a divergence away from godliness.

Repented: Strong's #5162 - sigh, i.e. breathe strongly, to be sorry, to pity, console or rue or (unfavorably) avenge

Grieved: Strong's #6087 bue æatsab aw-tsab'; properly, to carve, i.e. fabricate or fashion; hence (in a bad sense) to worry, pain or anger

Genesis 6:6-8: (NASB) *The LORD was **sorry <5162>** that He had made man on the earth, and He was **grieved <6087>** in His heart. ⁷*The LORD said, I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I am **sorry <5162>** that I have made them. ⁸*But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.***

How does Noah know what he is supposed to do?

Genesis 6:9-10: (NASB) ⁹...*Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God. ¹⁰Noah became the father of three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.*

Noah actually lived his righteousness: 2 Peter 2:4-5: Do we live our righteousness in our evil world like Noah did?

Genesis 6:11-13: God's observations are repeated, telling us how utterly obvious the evil was!

Psalms 11:5 Genesis 6:14-16: That is approximately 450 feet long (1 ½ football fields), 75 feet wide and 45 feet high. These were very specific instructions for a specific deliverance.

God wants us to be focused on obedience and His will: Micah 6:6-8: This typifies Noah in his time and what he did: Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with his God.



Genesis 6:17-21: (NASB)...¹⁷Behold, I, even I am bringing the flood of water upon the earth, to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life, from under heaven; everything that is on the earth shall perish. **Repeated again!** ¹⁸But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife, and your sons’ wives with you. **This is a covenant of life - God keeps his promises!** ¹⁹And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. ²⁰Of the birds after their kind, and of the animals after their kind, of every creeping thing of the ground after its kind, two of every kind will come to you to keep them alive. ²¹As for you, take for yourself some of all food, which is edible, and gather it to yourself; and it shall be for food for you and for them.

Genesis 22:18,22: (NASB) ¹⁸In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice. ...²²Thus Noah did; according to all that God had commanded him, so he did.

Our Second Noah Lesson: To walk with God is to do all that He commands, for He is a God of life!

Genesis 7:1,2,4: The entrance to the ark is now open and animals are starting to be loaded on. There are seven days left before the rain. The last call to life has now begun...!

Zephaniah 2:3: (NASB) Seek the LORD, all you humble of the earth who have carried out His ordinances; Seek righteousness, seek humility. Perhaps you will be hidden in the day of the LORD’S anger.

Genesis 7:5: (NASB) Noah did according to all that the LORD had commanded him.

Hebrews 11:7: (NASB) By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith. **Do we have Noah’s integrity in our lives?**

Genesis 7:6,7,10-13 Psalms 91:1-4

Our Third Noah Lesson: Do the work, endure the persecution and let God Almighty seal your salvation!

Genesis 7:17-20,22-24 Psalms 91:7,11-12

Our Fourth Noah Lesson: Dwell in the hands of God’s protection through the times of turbulence, uncertainty and death.

Genesis 8:1-3

Luke 21:17-19



Half the water underground, The Global Flood, Hydroplate Theory
(Note: CQ does not endorse this theory but is presenting it as one possible option.)

- Before the Flood, about half of the earth’s water was in interconnected chambers about ten miles below the earth’s surface. This formed a thin spherical shell almost a mile thick. The pressure in the subterranean chamber had been increasing for centuries because the gravity of the sun and moon produced tides in the subterranean water that lifted and lowered the earth’s massive crust twice a day. This tidal pumping added gigantic amounts of energy to the subterranean water. This increase in pressure in the subterranean water steadily stretched the crust as a balloon stretches when the pressure inside increases. Failure in the crust began as a microscopic crack that grew in both directions at almost three miles per second.

Genesis 8:4-7: (Source: Biblical commentary from Jamieson Fausset & Brown) **And he sent forth a raven -The smell of carrion would allure it to remain if the earth were in a habitable state. But it kept hovering about the spot, and, being a solitary bird, probably perched on the covering.**



Fountains of the deep burst, The Global Flood, Hydroplate Theory

- The crack, following the path of least resistance, encircled the globe in about two hours. As the crack raced around the earth the overlying locked crust opened up like a rip in a tightly stretched cloth, so the water exploded violently out of the rupture. The Bible even gives us a precise date - the 600th year of Noah’s life on the 17th day on the second month. On that day



all the fountains of the great deep burst open and then it says, "...and the rain fell." The fountains of water jetted supersonically into and above the atmosphere. The spray from these enormous fountains produced torrential rains such as the earth has never experienced before or after.

Genesis 8:8-12: It takes great patience to wait for the will of God to unfold. Do we have that same patience for God's will and His release from our experiences?

Psalms 40:1-2 Genesis 8:14-22: (NASB) ...¹⁴In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. ¹⁵Then God spoke to Noah, saying, ¹⁶Go out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁷Bring out with you every living thing... that they may breed abundantly on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth. ¹⁸So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him. ¹⁹Every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out by their families from the ark...**Free at last! What is the first thing you would do?** ...²⁰Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. ²¹The LORD smelled the soothing aroma; and the LORD said to Himself, I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man's heart is evil from his youth; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done. ²²While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease. **Noah first thanked God! Psalms 40:3-4**

Our Fifth Noah Lesson: Tread upon the road of obedience with a heart of sacrifice!

Genesis 9:1-3: God's Spirit is no longer "striving" with men - the results? A different world.

- There is no more angelic influence as a buffer - now all is truly left in the hands of mankind.
- God blesses them and gives the blessing to be fruitful and multiply. It is starting new and fresh.
- This is a different dominion - this time mankind is dominant over the animal kingdom. Animals were apparently not food for humans before the Flood, and now they would fear us.

Genesis 9:8-15: In spite of the changes, God is true to His promise to be the God of life!

¹²God said, this is the sign of the covenant which I am making between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all successive generations; ¹³I set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth. The rainbow is a sign to all living things, mankind, all generations and the earth. ...¹⁴It shall come about, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow will be seen in the cloud, ¹⁵and I will remember My covenant, which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and never again shall the water become a flood to destroy all flesh.

Deuteronomy 7:7-9: Valor is superior to number!

So, if the rainbow was a symbol of God's everlasting promise, then how much more powerful is the redemptive power of Jesus' blood? **His blood redeemed the earth...Luke 22:44 ...and all things:** 1 John 2:2: The picture of Noah teaches the way to understand how eternal salvation works. Everybody is part of the redemptive price of Jesus.

Sixth Noah Lesson: Walk with God, hear His bidding, do His bidding with all that you possess, preach and live righteousness, bear up under trial and receive His covenant!

When we walk with God, we live righteousness no matter what the world around us does, says or thinks. In spite of the odds being entirely against him because he was the only man to stand for God in his time, God delivered him because that was His promise. Where are you in your walk for Christ? Are you willing to stand for Jesus in your time? Dare to be a Noah!

**So, what can we learn from Noah?
For Jonathan and Rick and Christian Questions...
Think about it...!**