

"The Flood"

Part 1

Genesis 6

Introduction: Today we have come back to our study in the book of *Genesis* and our journey through the 1st eleven chapters. Before we get to our study today there are some thoughts which I want to share with you that will lay a foundation for the section which we are in.

We live in a society today that is spending millions if not billions every year to do all they can to preserve this planet which we live on. What they do not understand is that this planet will one day be gone and God will create another planet. Let me show you a list of events to come:

1. The rapture.
2. The Great Tribulation.
3. The Return of Jesus Christ to the earth.
4. The 1000 year reign of Christ on Earth. This is the Kingdom Age.
5. The Battle of Gog and Magog.
6. The destruction of this earth.
7. The great White throne Judgment.
8. The creation of a new heaven and a new earth.

Revelation 21:1

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

All the efforts by people today to preserve this planet will not work. God will destroy this planet along with all people who do not know Him. The new heaven and the new earth will be the eternal state which every believer will live in for all eternity.

The Bible tells us how it is all going to end and there is nothing man can do to change the end result.

2 Peter 3:7, 10

⁷ But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

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¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

Now the people of the world today will completely deny this prophecy but God has given to them evidence that this will eventually happen. The problem is they are completely overlooking the evidence of the coming judgment.

Let me show to you what I am talking about.

2 Peter 3:3-5

³ Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

⁴ And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

⁵ For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

The scoffers of our world today claim that this world has existed for millions and billions of years and that nothing has really changed. The idea here is that Peter is telling us the scoffers deny there is a God and they deny that they are accountable to Him. They basically say there is no evidence of God or His judgment. But Peter tells us they are willingly ignorant of the evidence. That could be understood that they are purposely are ignoring something which God gave as a warning.

2 Peter 3:5-6

⁵ For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

⁶ Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

Verse 6 is a very important verse. The physical warning which God has given to all of mankind is the flood of Noah's day. There is evidence of the global flood everywhere and God made it known to get the attention of people.

Therefore the flood becomes very important for 2 reasons:

1. The earth has not always been this way.

The earth existed for 1656 years and then God drowned all of mankind except for 8 souls.

2. It is a warning that God will judge the world again.

The next time it will not be water but it will be fire.

So with all of that said we can conclude that the account of the flood is worthy of our utmost attention. I want us to consider a question today:

I. Why did God Bring the Flood?

Now last week we looked at Genesis 6:1-4 and we considered all that was happening within those verses back in the pre flood society. I want to review this quickly for the first point.

A. The Condition of Man

Shortly after the fall took place something else began to happen.

Notice Genesis 6:1-2

I told you last week that the sons of God were the fallen angels which followed Satan when he rebelled against God. They desired to have relations with the women of the pre flood society but that is impossible because angels are spirits and a spirit being cannot have sexual relations with a human.

Therefore the demonic spirits indwelt the men of the pre flood society to get to the women. But there was far more going on than this. It was not that the demons were indwelling men and raping the women.

Notice Genesis 6:2 again.

There were weddings taking place. But it goes even deeper than this.

Notice Genesis 6:3

God placed the blame on man.

Notice Genesis 6:5-6

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Man had fallen this far in 1656 years. Last week I told you that man was pursuing these demonic relationships. It was an attempt to escape death and they had fallen for a lie that had been told by Satan. Apparently he had told them if they were to worship and follow him they could have something better than that which God offered. It was very similar to the lie told to Eve in Genesis 3 that she would be like God.

It was a lie to lead man down the path of false religion and straight into eternal destruction. This was the first false religion and that is why it is here so that we will see that whatever Satan offers the end result is destruction. This entire picture is seen in Matthew.

Matthew 7:13

¹³ Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

¹⁴ Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Genesis 6 gives to us the very first picture of that wide gate and the broad path.

Notice Genesis 6:5, 11

This was the result of man pursuing the relationships with the demonic spirits.

B. The Warnings of God

Notice Genesis 6:6-7

God was very grieved when He looked upon the sinful condition of man. Let me show you why.

Ezekiel 18:32

³² For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.

2 Peter 3:9

⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

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These verses tell us exactly why God was grieved. He wanted to see repentance but these people continued to slip deeper and deeper into sin.

Now here is what I want you to see: God cannot allow sin to go un-judged. God is righteous and holy and must judge sin. That combined with the sinful condition of the pre-flood society was the reason for His grief.

Now let me explain that God did all He could to turn these people. Let me show you how He reached out to them. Let me remind you that God never brings judgment without a warning.

1. The Preachers

a. Enoch

Genesis 5:22-23

²² *And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:*

²³ *And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years:*

Jude 1:14-15

¹⁴ *And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,*

¹⁵ *To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.*

Jude was a man whom God raised up to call men back to Himself. He was bold and he stood in the midst of his society and he foretold of a coming judgment. Enoch was God's hand reaching out to the lost of his day.

b. Noah

Notice Genesis 6:13

God told Noah of the coming flood and no doubt he told him when it would come.

Notice Genesis 6:3

It would come in 120 years from the time the announcement was made to Noah.

⁵ *And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;*

Peter tells us that Noah was a preacher of righteousness. Noah spent about 120 years building the ark and as he worked he also preached telling the people of a coming judgment from God.

c. Adam

Let us remember that Adam lived for 931 years and he would have told many people about what life was like before sin and of the Promise God had made of a coming Redeemer.

These are just 3 and there were probably more but the point is that God did all He could.

2. The Living Testimonies

a. Cain

Genesis 4:15

¹⁵ *And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.*

b. Methuselah

Remember the meaning of his name? "When he dies it will come". His father Enoch was given a message from God when he was born that when he died judgment would come. I am sure outspoken Enoch made this known so as people watched him age they would have been reminded of the meaning of his name.

3. The Conviction of from God

Notice Genesis 6:3

As these preachers delivered their messages and as the people pursued the demonic relationships the Spirit of God convicted the people and brought guilt into their lives.

These people knew what they were involved in was wrong but they continued to pursue after the promise of Satan. Let me tell you he used the desires of the flesh to do this.

Matthew 24:38

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³⁸ For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

I believe the idea here is they were living for the appetites of the flesh.

C. The Choice of Man

God did all he could to call men back to Himself but man chose to go deeper and deeper into sin.

Romans 1:18-20

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

¹⁹ Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.

²⁰ For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

They suppressed the Truth and so they were given to judgement.

But let me show you something very frightening.

Genesis 6:3

³ And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

These people crossed the grace line and went beyond the point of repentance. God said His Spirit would not continue to strive with them.

Conclusion:

God is calling some of you to turn from your sin and come to Him. You know there is a judgment that is coming down the road but you are much like the people of the pre flood society because you are living for the appetites of the flesh. Let me remind you that you can go cross the grace line and then you are given over by God and you will not be able to be saved.

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God loves you and He wants you to be saved but He will not force you. You need to come to Him today because you don't know where the grace line has been drawn.