

THE COMING JUDGMENT OF THE FLOOD

A special Hebrew phrase was used to introduce a new section of study in the book of Genesis (Gen.6:9-9:29). This special Hebrew phrase is found in Gen.6:9 -“these are the records of generations of Noah.”

We have divided Gen.6:9-9:29 into the following six homiletical studies.

Gen.6:9-13	Character of Noah
Gen.6:14-22	Construction of Ark
Gen.7:1-8:19	Coming of Flood Judgment
Gen.8:20-9:17	Covenant of Rainbow
Gen.9:18-29	Curse of Canaan

We will examine our lesson text on the Coming Flood Judgment by the following FIVE homiletical points with dates (lunar month of 30 days).

- Ark boarded and door shut (Gen.7:1-16) 2/17/600
- Ark Weather the Flood (Gen.7:17-24) 3/27/600 40 days to 7/17/600 (150 days)
- Ark Rested on Mt. Ararat (Gen.8:1-5) 7/17/600 On 10/1/600 (tops of mtn. seen
- Ark Birds Search for Dry Land (Gen.8:6-13) 11/11/600 40 days [ravens];
 - 11/18/600 and 11/25/600 and
 - 12/2/600 (7 day periods / dove);
 - 1/1/601 (dry land seen)
- Ark disembarked (Gen.8:14-19) 2/27/601 One lunar yr + 10 days in the Ark

Notice that the dating of the important historical events of the flood of the Antediluvian world was determined by Noah’s age.

This lesson will study SIX aspects of the Coming of the Flood Judgment as experienced by Noah.

1. Our lesson text teaches that the floodwater prevailed until the water lifted the Ark above the earth (Gen.7:17-18) and finally 22.5 feet above the mountains (Gen.7:19-20).

The Hebrew word for prevail (gabar) was used four times.

- First prevailing of the floodwater was to float the ark (7:17-18).
- The second prevailing was to cover the mountains (7:19).
- The third prevailing was to float the ark 22.5 feet above the mountains (7:20).
- The fourth prevailing of the water was 150 days (7:24)

2. All the passengers and cargo on the ark were delivered by the floodwater.

The Lord had given Noah a flood assurance policy for everything on the ark (Gen.6:17-21). “But 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.” (Gen.6:18)

Lord spoke personally to Noah prior to the ark trip (Gen.7:1-4). “Then the Lord said to Noah, ‘enter the ark, you and all your household; for you alone I have seen to be righteous before Me in this time’” (Gen.7:1)

Notice that the Lord didn’t speak to him during the year and 10 days of flood trip. But He did speak to him at the end of the trip. “Then God spoke to Noah, saying, ‘go out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and your sons’ wives with you.’” (Gen.8:15-17)

How important was Noah’s walk with the Lord prior to flood (Gen.6:9; Heb.11:7)?

3. The floodwaters destroyed all of creation of Days 5 and 6 (Gen.1:24-31).

While the floodwaters prevailed on the earth, it delivered everything inside the ark and destroyed everything outside the ark.

“Eight persons were brought safely through the water. And corresponding to that, baptism now saves you – not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience – through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him.” (1 Pet.3:20-22)

Note that this baptism is associated with the resurrection of Jesus Christ (Matt.3:11; Acts 1:5; 2:32-33; Gal.3:14, 26-29).

Remember that in the Noahic flood everyone **in the water** was destroyed and everyone **in the ark** was delivered. “Through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water.” (2Pet.3:6)

Our lesson text used three different words for the destruction by the floodwaters.

- Perish (gawa / kal impf) Gen.7:21
- Died (muth / kal pf) Gen.7:22
- Blotted out (machah / niphah impf) Gen.7:23

“And God did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly.” (2Pet.2:5)

4. Just as God caused the flood to come, He caused it to go away. “And the water receded steadily from the earth, and at the end of 150 days the water decreased.” (Gen.8:3)

- God sent a great wind over the earth to cause the floodwater to subside (Gen.8:1).
- God closed the two water mains (Gen.8:2a).
- God restrained the rain from the sky (Gen.8:2b).

5. Noah was required to stay in the ark seven months after it rested on Mt. Ararat (7/17/600 to 2/27/601) (Gen.8:4, 14-18).

This was a time of divine cleanup of death and destruction in preparation for a new beginning and the Postdiluvian world in which you and I presently live. The Lord is in charge of this world and is very much concerned with its environment and health (Col.1:13-18).

6. There was only ONE ark and if you missed it, then you missed the only way.

“I (Jesus) am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.” (John 14:6)

Unfortunately, the Antediluvian world went on with their normal life of apathy and indifference to spiritual matters until the ark sailed away from their reach (Luke 17:26-27).

On 2/10/600 Noah and family entered the ark, but it wasn't until 2/17/600 that God SHUT THE DOOR. (Gen.7:10-16/ 7 more days). “The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient towards you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.” (2 Pet.3:9)

WARNING: This Postdiluvian world will be destroyed by fire just like the Antediluvian world was destroyed by floodwater (2 Pet.3:10-13). The only way out is faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ (Rom.1:16; 1 Cor.15:3-4; Eph.2:8-9).