

***IN THE BEGINNING GOD*****God Sends a Flood      Genesis 6:9—8:22**

*“Every living thing on the face of the earth was wiped out; men and animals and the creatures that move along the ground and the birds of the air were wiped from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those with him in the ark.” Genesis 7:23*

**Day 1: Read Genesis 6:9—8:22.**

1. What is the condition of the world as this passage opens? (6:11–13; cf. 6:5) What does God resolve to do in response to this wretched state of affairs? (6:13; cf. 6:6, 7)
2. How is Noah described? (6:9; 7:1) What do you think his life looks like, in contrast to the lives of those around him?
3. Do you think Noah’s upright life entitled him to a spot on the ark? Consider the following verses: Rom. 3:10; 9:15, 16; Heb. 11:6, 7.
4. Hebrews 11:7 commends Noah for his faith. List some of the ways you see his faith in action.

**Day 2: Read Genesis 6:11—8:19.**

5. We get no details about how Noah actually builds the ark, or how long it takes (possibly many years of arduous work!), or what Noah and his family do during the long months of the Flood. In addition, no words of Noah are recorded in this passage. Nevertheless, what is one significant thing we see Noah doing throughout the story? (6:22; 7:5, 9, 16a; 8:15, 16, 18)
6. This passage does include details of God’s specifications for the ark (6:14–16) and more than once relates his instructions regarding which people and animals (and how many) are to go aboard it (6:18–21; 7:1–3). What do you think the writer wants us to learn about God from his inclusion of all these details?
7. What two statements frame the description of the fiercest period of the Flood? (7:16b; 8:1a) What do these statements tell us about the fate of the ark’s passengers?
8. The statement that “God remembered Noah” (8:1) does not describe a mental light bulb popping on. Look at some of the following passages to uncover the richer meaning of God’s “remembering”: 19:29; 30:22; Ex. 2: 24, 25; Ps. 136:1, 2, 23; cf. Lk. 1:46–48, 54, 55.
9. God actively and tenderly remembers his people. How can believing this be an encouragement to you, and to others around you?

**Day 3: Read Genesis 7:13–24.**

- 10. On whose account are Noah’s wife, sons, and daughters-in-law saved? (Gen. 7:1, 23b)
  
- 11. According to 1 Peter 3:20b–21, what are the floodwaters a picture of?
  
- 12. What does baptism in turn represent? (Rom. 6:3–5)

**Day 4: Read Genesis 7:6—8:19.**

- 13. The Flood can be seen as a kind of “un-creation” (cf. 6:6, 7) and “re-creation”. Compare the following verses:

Creation”		THE FLOOD – “Un-creation” and “Re-creation”	
1:6, 7		7:11	
1:2c		8:1b ( <i>Note: Hebrew uses the same word for “wind” and “Spirit.”</i> )	
1:24, 25		7:14; 8:19	

- 14. The Flood is also a picture of what future event? (Mt. 24:37–39; 2 Pet. 3:5–7, 10)
  
- 15 We are told that the day of the LORD’s final judgment will come at an unknown time in the future. What does this mean for the way we live now? (Mt. 24:42; 25:31–36; 2 Pet. 3:11–14)

**Day 5: Read Genesis 8:18–22.**

- 16. How glad Noah and his family must have been to get off that ark! What does Noah do once he is back on dry ground?
  
- 17. What promise does the LORD then make to himself?
  
- 18. The Flood swept away untold numbers of people and animals—yet corruption and violence have persisted, because “every inclination of [man’s] heart is evil from childhood” (vs. 21). What is God going to do about the real problem of evil in our hearts? (Ezek. 36:24-26; Heb.10:22, 23)
  
- 19. Now, because of Jesus’ victory over sin, we can glimpse beyond the destruction of Judgment Day into the glorious new creation. Scan Revelation 21:1—22:5 and contemplate this vision of the future.