

Righteous Noah

Text: Genesis 6:9-22

⁹This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, the only blameless person living on earth at the time, and he walked in close fellowship with God. ¹⁰Noah was the father of three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

¹¹Now God saw that the earth had become corrupt and was filled with violence.¹²God observed all this corruption in the world, for everyone on earth was corrupt.¹³So God said to Noah, “I have decided to destroy all living creatures, for they have filled the earth with violence. Yes, I will wipe them all out along with the earth!

¹⁴“Build a large boat from cypress wood and waterproof it with tar, inside and out. Then construct decks and stalls throughout its interior. ¹⁵Make the boat 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high. ¹⁶Leave an 18-inch opening below the roof all the way around the boat. Put the door on the side, and build three decks inside the boat—lower, middle, and upper.

¹⁷“Look! I am about to cover the earth with a flood that will destroy every living thing that breathes. Everything on earth will die. ¹⁸But I will confirm my covenant with you. So enter the boat—you and your wife and your sons and their wives.¹⁹Bring a pair of every kind of animal—a male and a female—into the boat with you to keep them alive during the flood. ²⁰Pairs of every kind of bird, and every kind of animal, and every kind of small animal that scurries along the ground, will come to you to be kept alive. ²¹And be sure to take on board enough food for your family and for all the animals.”

²²So Noah did everything exactly as God had commanded him.

Footnotes:

- a. [6:14a](#) Traditionally rendered *an ark*.
- b. [6:14b](#) Or *gopher wood*.
- c. [6:15](#) Hebrew *300 cubits* [138 meters] *long*, *50 cubits* [23 meters] *wide*, and *30 cubits* [13.8 meters] *high*.
- d. [6:16](#) Hebrew *an opening of 1 cubit* [46 centimeters].

I. A Question: Did Adam know Noah?

A. Logically not possible, though Adam very likely knew Lamech

1. Adam born year 1, Anno Mundi (AM)
2. Lamech born 837 AM
3. Adam died 930 AM.

B. Why would it matter?

1. Adam most probably told the tale of the expulsion from the Garden
2. In hearing directly from Adam, humanity would have no excuse.

II. Faithful Man (GENESIS 6:9b–12)

A. Noah Described (vv. 9b, 10)

1. Blameless among the people of his time and walked faithfully with God

- a. Noah **was** a sinner just like every other person born but he did not participate in the general moral decay of society.
- b. Noah followed in the footsteps of his "father," Enoch and walked with God

2. Word Nugget: tsaddik. rendered just or righteous. this is a legal term and we could state, legitimately, that Noah lived such a life as to fulfill the spirit of the Mitvot (the commandments) which were to come later.

3. Word Nugget: tamim. literally, without defect but often rendered as blameless. Essentially, no one could find fault with Noah.

4. Herald of Righteousness (2 Peter 2:5)

B. Humanity Decried (vv. 11, 12)

1. Corrupt in God's sight and full of violence.

- a. Genesis 6:4-7

2. The people had corrupted their ways

- a. indicates self-centered sins: violent struggles for power, no concern for stewardship of the earth and its resources.

3. Man's total depravity is on complete display

III. God's Plan (GENESIS 6:13–21)

A. For the Wicked (v. 13)

1. Judgment

B. For an Ark (vv. 14–16)

1. Monstrous size

- a. 300 cubits x 50 cubits x 30 cubits
- b. 450 x 75 x 45 feet tall

- c. capacity of approximately 450 semi trailers (could hold around 120,000 sheep)

2. Lessons from the ark

- a. God always offers a means of salvation

- b. The ark is a foreshadowing of redemption to come
 - c. God supernaturally protects the Messianic Line to ensure redemption
- C. For a Covenant (vv. 17, 18)
 - 1. Covenant (contract) appears for the 1st time in verse 18.
 - 2. The larger Noachide Covenant is yet to come (post-deluge)
 - 3. Duties and results of the Covenant
 - a. Noah will obey and build the ark
 - b. Noah and family will enter the ark
 - c. In return for obedience, God will save (spare) Noah and his family
 - 4. This foreshadows and sets the parameters for all of the conditional covenants of the Bible
 - a. God sets the terms
 - b. There are requirements for the human to carry out
 - c. There is a promise of Divine Benefit for the successful completion of the covenant.
- D. For Creatures (vv. 19, 20)
 - 1. God preserves the animals
 - a. two of every "unclean" animal
 - b. seven pairs of every clean animal (genesis 7:1-3)
- E. For Sustenance (v. 21)
 - 1. God tells Noah to take every kind of food needed for the humans and animals

IV. Obedient Man (GENESIS 6:22)

- A. In holy fear, Noah builds the ark (Hebrews 11:7)

V. The Noachide Covenant Follows the Flood (Genesis 7 & *)

- A. God establishes several ordinances for humanity
 - 1. establish courts of justice,
 - 2. refrain from blaspheming the God of Israel
 - 3. abstain from idolatry
 - 4. abstain from sexual perversion
 - 5. do not shed innocent blood
 - 6. do not commit robbery
 - 7. do not eat meat cut from a living animal
- B. The Noachide Covenant inaugurates the Dispensation of Government