

Noah, a Preacher of Righteousness

Introduction:

1. The most remarkable thing concerning the old world, is the destroying of it by the flood.
2. We are told of the abounding iniquity of that wicked world: God's just wrath, and his holy resolution to punish it.
3. One man found grace in the sight of God, Noah!
4. Noah distinguished himself from the rest of the world, and a peculiar mark of honor was put upon him.
5. What was there in the character and the life of this man, Noah that allowed him to be the only righteous man in his generation?

I. The People Of Noah's Day (Genesis 6:1-7, 13)

- A. Men began to multiply upon the face of the earth. This was the effect of the blessing (Genesis 1:28), and yet man's corruption so abused and perverted this blessing that it was turned into a curse.
- B. When the wicked are multiplied, transgressions increase. The more sinners the more sin; and the multitude of offenders emboldens men.
- C. The sons of God (that is, the professors of religion, who were called by the name of the Lord, and called upon that name), married the daughters of men, that is, those that were profane, and strangers to God and godliness.
- D. The result of these intermarriages was a lost of morality and character, as well as an increase in wickedness.
- E. Abundance of sin was committed in all places, by all sorts of people: and those sins in their own nature most gross and heinous, and provoking: and committed daringly, with a defiance of heaven.
- F. The heart was evil, deceitful and desperately wicked; the principles were corrupt, and the habits and dispositions evil (Genesis 6:5).
- F. The imagination of the thought of the heart was evil, that is, their designs and devices were wicked.
- G. They did not do evil only through carelessness, but deliberately and designedly, contriving how to do mischief.
- H. There was no good to be found among them, no not at any time: the stream of sin was full and strong, and constant; and God saw it.

II. Noah's Character (Genesis 6:8-9, 22)

- A. This vindicates God's justice in his displeasure against the world, and shows that he had examined the character of every person in it, before he pronounced it universally corrupt; for there being one good man he smiled upon him.
- B. Noah did not find favor in the eyes of men; they hated and persecuted him, because both by his life and preaching he condemned the world.
- C. But he found grace in the eyes of the Lord, and this was honor and comfort enough.

D. Noah's character:

1. **Just man** - Justified before God by faith in the promised seed. He was sanctified, and had right principles and dispositions implanted in him: and he was righteous in his manner of life, he rendered to all their due, to God his due, and to men theirs.
2. **Perfect in his generation** - Perfect; not in the sense of being sinless; but in the sense of being sincere, upright, and truly devoted to God.
3. **Walked with God** - He lived as one whose eye was continually upon God; whose care and constant course and business it was to please God, and to imitate him, and to maintain acquaintance and communion with him; as one devoted to God's service, and wholly governed by his will.
4. **Obedient to God (Genesis 6:22)** – Noah but being a prophet and preacher (Jude 14-15), with great zeal and courage he protested and preached against their evil practices, and boldly revealed God and his ways in the midst of them. It is easy to be religious when religion is in fashion; but it is an evidence of strong faith to swim against the stream, and to appear for God, when no one else appears for him: so Noah did.

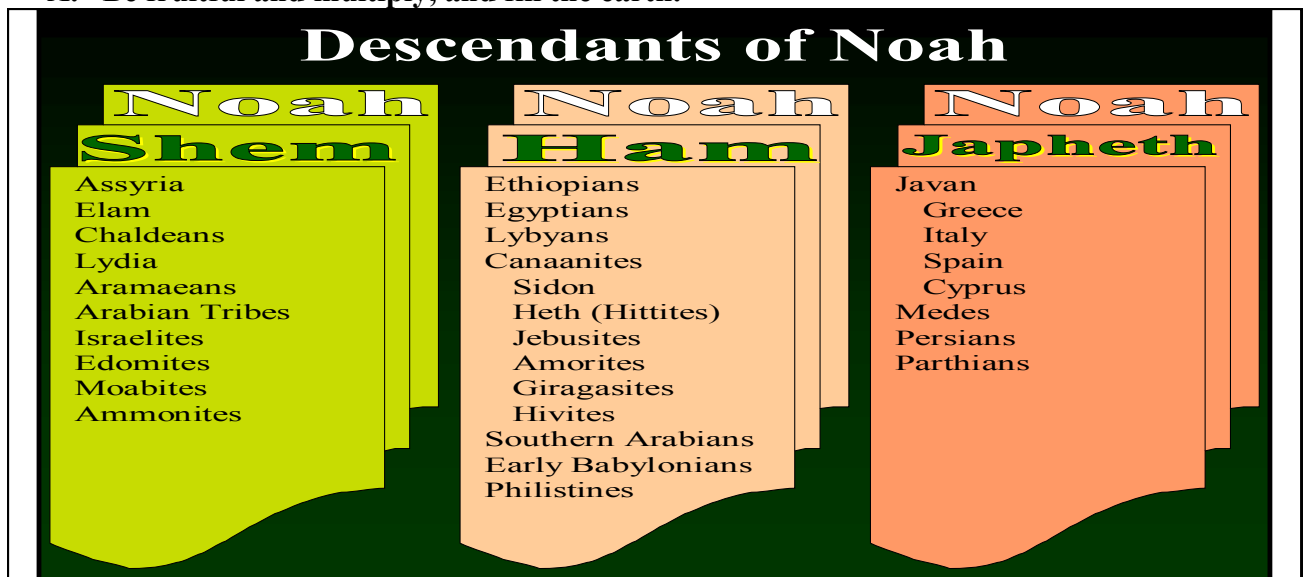
III. God's Commands For Noah (Genesis 6:14-21; 7:1-5)

GOD (Gen. 6:15)	ONE DESIGNER
NOAH (Gen. 6:9)	ONE BUILDER
ARK (Gen. 6:14)	ONE BUILT
GOPHER (Gen. 6:14)	ONE MATERIAL
DOOR (Gen. 6:16)	ONE ENTRANCE
WINDOW (Gen. 6:16)	ONE LIGHT
ARK (Gen. 7:1)	SALVATION WITHIN

IV. The Flood (Genesis 7-8)

V. God's Promise To Noah (Genesis 9:1-17)

A. "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth."



B. Animals will fear mankind (Genesis 9:2).

- C. Every living creature is food for mankind (Genesis 9:3-4), but man is not allowed to eat blood.
- D. Man or beast is forbidden to take human life (Genesis 9:5-6).
- E. God will never again destroy the entire world by water (Rainbow) (Genesis 9:9-17).

VI. The Sin of Noah (Genesis 9:20-29).

Questions

1. Describe the condition of the world in Noah's day.
2. What were the contributing factors to the increase in wickedness?
3. Describe God's attitude toward the wickedness of mankind.
4. Why did Noah find grace in the sight of God?
5. How was Noah "just" in the sight of God?
6. What made Noah "perfect in his generation?"
7. How did Noah "walk with God?"
8. Summarize the obedience of Noah to God's commands.
9. Did Noah attempt to warn the people of his day (Jude 14-15)? How long?
10. What lessons do you see in God's commands for Noah in building the ark?
11. How long do Noah and his family remain in the ark?
12. List the things that changed following the flood?
13. What was the sin of Noah? Why did God record this event?