

GENESIS –Lesson 20

Learn: Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness. Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness. II Peter 3:11-13

Read: Genesis 6:5-22

1. God told man to “multiply and fill the earth” with people (Genesis 1:28).
What were the people like and what did man fill the earth with? vv 5, 11-13

A state of anarchy and terror must have reigned. Though it is true of the natural man in general that they are all under sin (Romans 3:23), this description of pre-Flood man in verses 5, 11-13 can hardly be correctly applied to all men everywhere. Outward wickedness is certainly not “great” in the case of every self-righteous unbeliever, nor do any but the most depraved imagine “only evil continually.” Such an awful indictment as inscribed in verse 5 surely is something grotesque and abnormal, and thus reflects a grotesque and abnormal cause. Before demonic wickedness could gain control of every man, woman, and child throughout the entire world, thus destroying God’s redemptive promises, God must intervene in catastrophic judgment.

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2. What warning does Jesus give to us in Matthew 24:36-39, 42?

3. Use the following verses to identify the world conditions before the Flood, so that we can be aware of the conditions that warn us how near God’s judgment is on our world of today.
Luke 17: 26, 27

Daniel 12:4

Luke 17:28

II Peter 3:3-5

Genesis 4:21

II Peter 2:5; Jude 15

Matthew 24:38

I Corinthians 1:18

Genesis 6:1

Genesis 6:11, 13

Genesis 6:12

Genesis 4:19; 6:2; 19:4, 5; Romans 1:24-28

Genesis 6:1-4

Genesis 6:5, 12

4. The remedy for world-wide wickedness would have to be a worldwide Flood. What else would be destroyed along with wicked men? v 7

5. Noah ended his record with the phrase “these are the generations of Noah” (Genesis 6:9a). What does Noah tell us about himself in verse 8?

6. According to the record inspired by God for us to know, what was Noah like? Genesis 6:9b, 22; 7:5, 9, 16; II Peter 2:5; Hebrews 11:7

7. What does v 12 tell us about God's awareness of His creation?

8. What instructions did the Lord give to Noah? v 14

God gave Noah very specific instructions on the construction and size of the ark. It would be a gigantic box measuring approximately 438 feet long, 72.9 feet wide, and 43.8 feet high. It can be shown hydro-dynamically that a box of such dimensions would be exceedingly stable, almost impossible to capsize. Even in a sea of gigantic waves, the ark could be tilted through any angle to just short of 90 degrees and would immediately thereafter right itself again. Furthermore, it would tend to align itself parallel with the direction of major wave advance and thus be subject to minimum pitching most of the time. THE GENESIS RECORD p.181 Dr. Henry Morris

9. How do we know that this was not a local flood? v 17

10. What was the purpose of the ark? vv 17-20

The word for "flood" (mabbul), used here for the first time, applies only to the Noahic Flood; other floods are denoted by various other words in the original. This was the "mabbul," unique in all history. This word is related to the Assyrian word meaning "destruction." The phrase "a flood of waters" could be translated by "the hydraulic cataclysm."

When the Genesis Flood is referred to in the New Testament, the Greek term kataklusmos is uniquely employed (Matthew 24:39; Luke 17:27; II Peter 2:5; 3:6) instead of the usual Greek word for "flood." This Flood was not to be comparable to other later local floods; it was to be absolutely unique in all history.

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11. What was God's promise to Noah? v 18

12. How did the Lord preserve representatives of all the creatures that He had originally made? vv 19-21

13. What phrase in v 20 tells us that Noah did not have to go out and gather the animals?

Noah was not only a man of strong faith in God's word, but of thoroughgoing obedience to that word. The tasks God had given him to do were monumental—extremely difficult and discouraging—and yet Noah never questioned or complained.

14. What did Noah do? v 22

15. Since God is so clear about Noah's flood killing all life not in the ark, why would some of those who call themselves Christians deny that the flood was worldwide?
II Peter 3:3-6

What is God's warning to these deniers? II Peter 2:1