

Genesis 6

Genesis 6.1-8

V1 – **What happened in the course of time?** People began to reproduce and have children

V2 – Much abuse of this verse – Greek myths: that gods had relations with humans and produced god-like offspring

-“*Sons of God*” equals righteous human men – possibly the descendants of Seth (*Hosea 1*)

See John 1.12, Romans 8.14, Philippians 2.1, etc.

-However, over time these men chose wives, not on basis of righteousness, but on impulse and emotions

-In other words, marriage was based on outward beauty and lust

V3 – **What was God’s opinion of mankind?** Upset at the rebellious nature of mankind

-**What was the result?** God gave them 120 years to repent at the preaching of Noah

V4 – Nephilim equals giants (See *Numbers 13.33*)

-Intermarriage between righteous and wicked people (not good)

Read 2 Cor. 6.14-18

V5 – **What was God’s assessment of the situation?** Evil continually

V6 – **What was God’s reaction?** Sorry he ever made mankind

-This seems to suggest that God limits his own knowledge concerning certain future events

V7 – **What was God’s plan?** Wipe everything out

V8 – **Who was the one exception?** Noah and his family

Genesis 6.9-12

V9 – **What is unusual about Noah?** A righteous man in a corrupt society

-**What are three things said about Noah?** Righteous, blameless for his time, walked with God

-**Who else walked with God?** Enoch – *Genesis 5.22*

V10 – Three sons of Noah

V11 – **What is the situation on earth?** Corrupt and violent

V12 – God saw this corruption and violence

Genesis 6.13-22

V13 – **How bad had things become?** Point of no return

- What was God's plan?** To destroy all mankind (except Noah and his family)
- In what sense would the earth be destroyed?** No more human life

V 14 – **Was there a way of salvation offered?** Yes (as always)

- What was the material for the ark?** Gopher wood, pitch (tar)

V 15 – **What were the dimensions?** 300 cubits (450' long) x 50 cubits (75' wide) x 30 cubits (45' high)

V 16 – **Was there ventilation?** One window, door on side, three decks

- Symbolism?** One window = one source of light (truth)
- One door = Jesus Christ – the way, truth, life
- Three decks? Trinity (maybe pushing the symbolism too far)

V 17 – Everything with the breath of life was to perish

V 18 – **Who was included in the covenant?** Noah and his wife, their three sons and their wives

V 19-20 – **How many animals?** One male and one female of the unclean animals, and 7 pairs of the clean animals (a foreshadowing of the Law of Moses)

V 21 – **How was Noah going to eat?** Had to take food

V 22 – **How do you think these instructions sounded to Noah?** Crazy

- Why did he obey?** He knew God would always do the right thing.

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