

GENESIS



THE BOOK OF BEGINNINGS

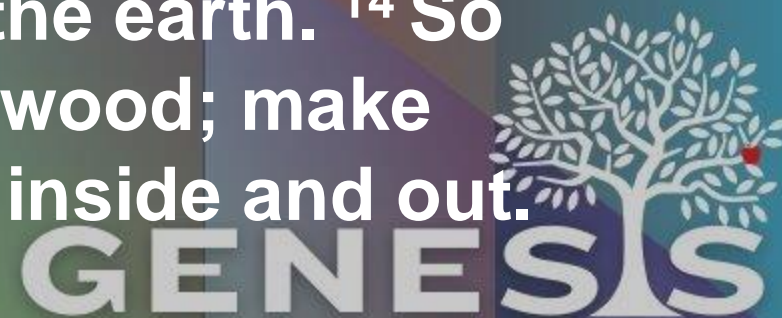
Hope that Survives Floods?
Genesis 6-8

Genesis 6:9-22 NIV

This is the account of Noah and his family.

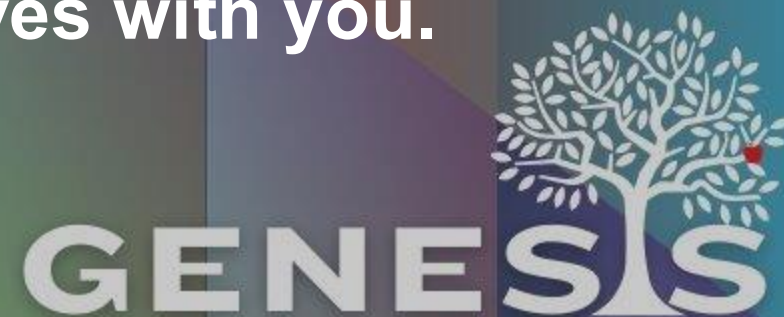
Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God. ¹⁰ Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth.

¹¹ Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. ¹² God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. ¹³ So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. ¹⁴ So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out.



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15 This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be three hundred cubits long, fifty cubits wide and thirty cubits high. ¹⁶ Make a roof for it, leaving below the roof an opening one cubit^[c] high all around. Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks. ¹⁷ I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish. ¹⁸ But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you.



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19 You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. ²⁰ Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. ²¹ You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them.”

²² Noah did everything just as God commanded him.



- **How big is this boat?**
 - **Modern day small cargo ship.**
 - **4 stories high; 1.5 football fields long.**
 - **Could hold 520 box cars of animals; 125, 000 animals the size of sheep.**
 - **Room to spare with food and water for all.**

- **Why is following Jesus such hard work?**
- **There is a way to godliness and real transformation**
it always involves sacrifice of something we love for something better.
- **We see it as a burden instead of grace.**
- **We don't want what God wants for us.**
- **We obey out of duty instead of love.**
 - **Build the boat of following Jesus no matter what.**

- **V. 18- God will make a covenant with Noah.**
- **Salvation.**
- **Life for those who trust in God.**
- **No other flood of judgment.**
- 1) **God is a relational God.**
- 2) **God keeps his promises according to his character.**
- 3) **“Floods” are part of God’s covenant process with his people.**
- **Are you in a “flood” season?**
- **Persevere in the 40 days you’re in now and prepare for what’s coming after.**



- **What's the big deal about the olive branch?**
- **370 days of rain, flood, death, animals, family, water- then, an olive branch!**
- **Keep looking for dry land after the flood.**
- **Give hope to someone who needs it in their flood.**
- **Hold on to hope for instantaneous and gradual miracles.**
- **The olive branch points to our hope that is rooted in Jesus.**



Genesis 7:24-8:1

The waters flooded the earth for a hundred and fifty days.

8 But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and the livestock that were with him in the ark, and he sent a wind over the earth, and the waters receded.



- We live in a time when God is restoring his work in creation and in us.
- God moves in the chaotic waters of our sinful hearts to bring restoration and an opportunity to live in worship and faith.
- The wind of the Spirit is moving in you to change, recreate and empower you.
- Our condition without Jesus is “incurvatus in se”= curved in on ourselves.



- **The Holy Spirit blows like a wind and deposits the seed of faith in our hearts (1 Jn 3:9)**
- **As the light of Christ shines in us, we will invariably be transformed and grow toward his light.**
- **Will you shade or poison the plant, or will you care for it so it can be as much like Jesus as possible?**

- There are memory and emphasis devices used in Genesis to help us understand what the main point is that God wants us to walk away with.
- Lots of numbers and patterns in Genesis 6-8; one such pattern is:
7, 7, 40, 150 - 150, 40, 7, 7



- **Right in the middle of that is Gen. 8:1-
“God remembered Noah”.**
- **Did God forget Noah the way I do my
phone or car keys?**
- **“God turned his attention to Noah”; God is
moving to keep his promises for the one
who has faith.**
- **God remembers and loves those of us who
are his own, and his love cannot be
mistaken or neglected.**
- **“Many waters cannot quench love; rivers
cannot sweep it away”.**

Mathew 24:37 NIV

As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.



- Jesus refers to the flood and Noah; what is he teaching us about it?
- Jesus taught like Noah actually happened; it's not a myth, this is who God is and what faith looks like.
- There was a catastrophic judgement of sin then.
- There will be another, more permanent judgment of sin when Jesus returns.
- There is time to repent and return to God now, but there will be a moment when that time is over.

- **Today- someone has done the work to provide the ark of your salvation in Jesus.**
- **But the rain and flood will come and God will close the door- trust in Jesus today for salvation.**
- **Christian-**
- **Do the hard work of becoming like Christ.**
- **Trust the Spirit to recreate you and work with him in that.**
- **Give hope to someone who is drowning in a flood.**

