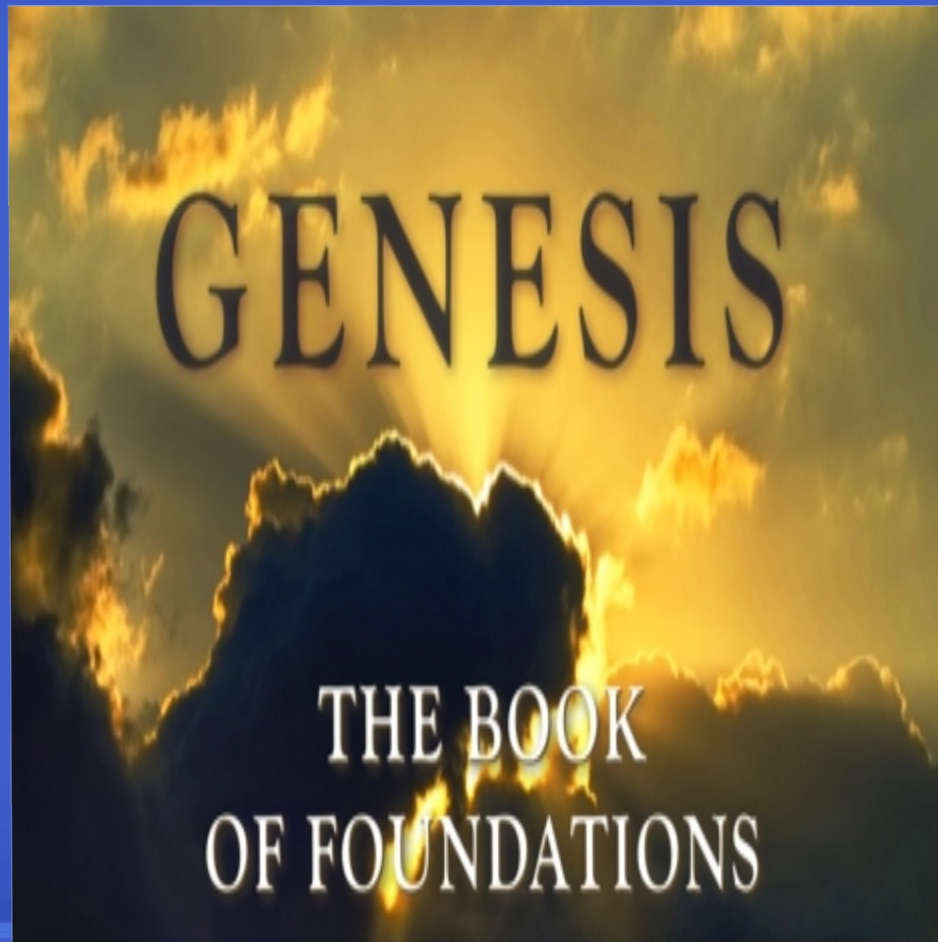
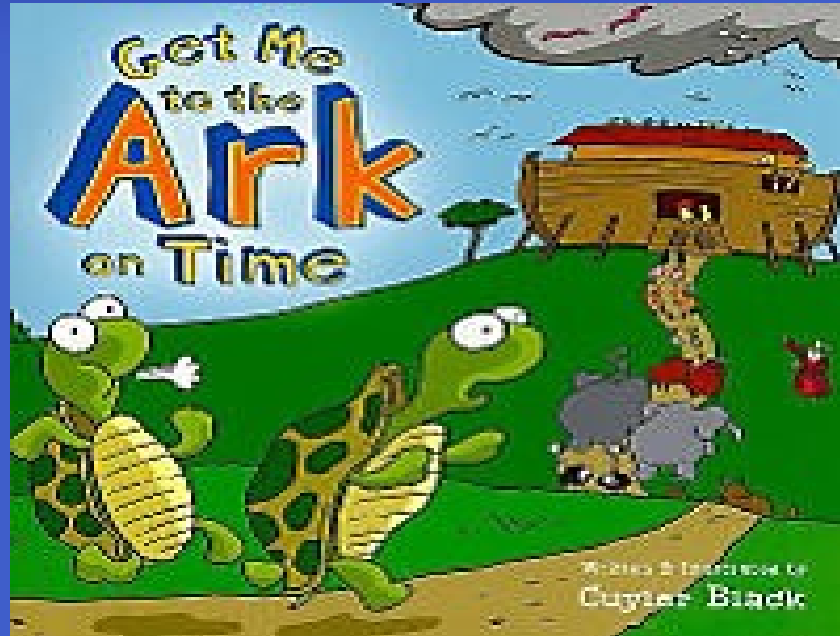


The Old Testament
Book of Genesis!



The Text:
Genesis 7:1-24!



The Sermon Title:
The History of Noah!

The Introduction!

This morning we continue our journey through the Old Testament narrative of the book of Genesis. Remember, a narrative is a story that builds on the information already developed in the previous chapters. This morning, we pick up the story in chapter seven!



Let's Review The Context!

Chapter One's Focus: The CREATOR!

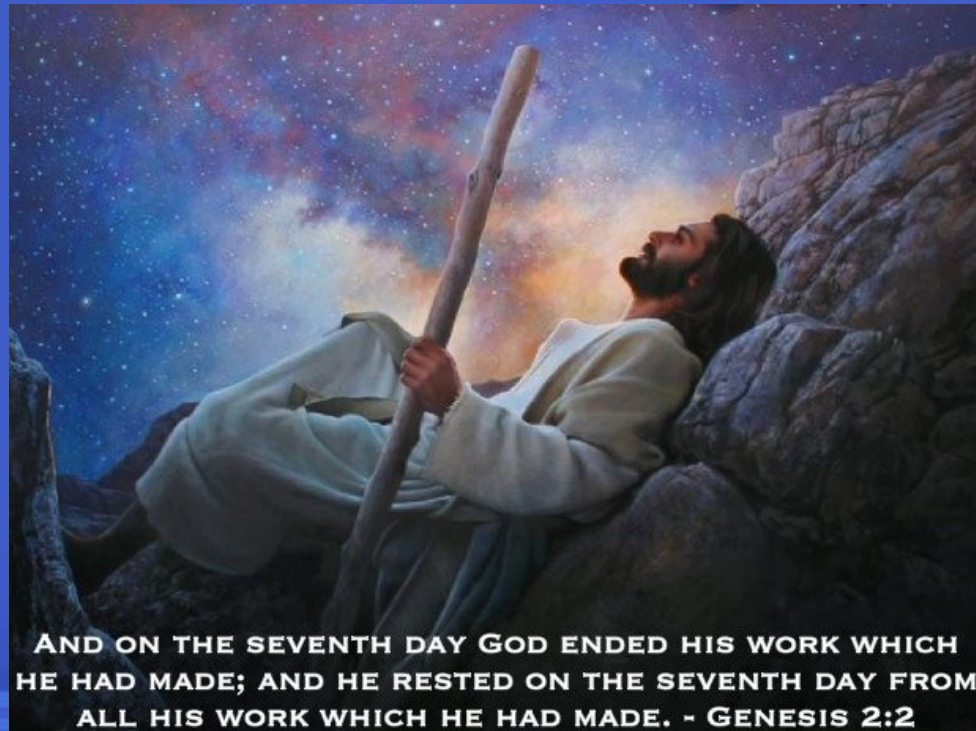
1. The Cause of Creation.
2. The Commentary of Creation.



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Chapter Two's Focus: The CONCLUSION!

1. The Consummation of Creation.
2. The Capstone of Creation.



AND ON THE SEVENTH DAY GOD ENDED HIS WORK WHICH HE HAD MADE; AND HE RESTED ON THE SEVENTH DAY FROM ALL HIS WORK WHICH HE HAD MADE. - GENESIS 2:2

Let's Review The Context

Chapter Three's Focus: The CURSE!

1. Man's Cataclysmic Fall.
2. Man's Chaotic Future.



Let's Review The Context!

Chapters 4 & 5's Focus: The CONTRAST!

- 1. (4:1-15) Cain's Genealogy.*
- 2. (5:16-32) Contrast between Cain and Seth.*



Sermon Outline for this Section!

Chapters 6 – 9 Focus: The CATASTROPHE!

1. (6:1-7) The CAUSE of the Flood!

2. (6:8-22) The COMPASSIONATE Focus!

3. (7:1-8:19) The COMMENTARY on the Flood!

4. (8:20-9:28) The COMPASSION after the Flood!



Last Week

Our focus was on the ark's STRUCTURE:

In 6:14 we were given an overview of the ark.

In 6:15-16 we were given the ark's overall dimensions.

This Week

Our focus will be on the promised STORM:

In between chapters 6 and 7, approximately 120 years had passed by. Noah's grandfather, Methuselah (who lived 969 years), a man who served the Lord longer than any man who had ever lived, would die. And God, who had spoken earlier to Noah concerning the flood, would now speak to him again.

Between the time of God's first and second contact with Noah, there had been no communication. And while there had been no further word from heaven, Noah proceeded faithfully to finish his unique mission (of building the ark) and ministry (of warning all of the soon coming judgment). After a century of silence, suddenly, God would speak to Noah again.

Question!

Where was God during the 120 years when Noah was being harassed and mocked? Why wasn't God there when Noah needed him most?

Answer!

Although silent, God was there!

God was preparing Noah for what was to come. To develop steadfastness, He allowed Noah to be openly challenged and mocked by all while finishing his calling (to build the ark). To develop his faith, God allowed Noah to be tested by allowing him to face the darkness and uncertainty of the storm. God was there, all the time, developing Noah so he would become the man God wanted him to be.

Today, God's methods remain unchanged!
Romans 5:3-6

But we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character, and proven character hope; and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

Today, God's methods remain unchanged!
II Corinthians 6:1-11

We urge you not to receive the grace of God in vain! Give no cause of offense in anything, so that the ministry will not be discredited, but in everything commending ourselves as servants of God, in much endurance, in afflictions, in hardships, in distresses, in beatings, in imprisonments ... having nothing yet possessing all things.

Today, God's methods remain unchanged!
James 1:2-4

Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

Today, God's methods remain unchanged!
II Peter 1:3, 5-10

Seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by his own glory and excellence ... applying all diligence in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, and in your knowledge self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness ... for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.

III. (7:1-8:19) The COMMENTARY on the Flood!

A. (7:1-9) The DELIVERANCE of the Godly.

In these verses we find the Ark ready to fulfill its task.

The last tree has been cut down. The last timber secured in its place. The last nail driven. And the last brush stroke of pitch slipped on the wall of the Ark.

The provision for the salvation of mankind is now made ready for anyone willing to enter in!

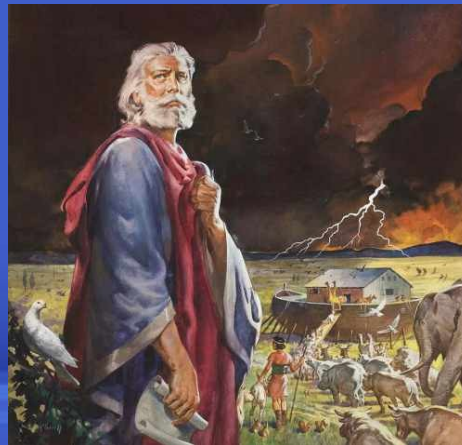
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2. (7:2-4) The final commission delivered to Noah.
3. (7:5-9) The faithful compliance demonstrated by Noah.

III. (7:1-8:19) The COMMENTARY on the Flood!

A. (7:1-9) The DELIVERANCE of the Godly.

1. (7:1) The full commitment demanded of Noah.

After 120 years of continual trials and tribulations, Noah's obedience and faithfulness is finally acknowledged by God. Thus, he is warned by God that the time of the judgment is just days away. Because of the pending judgment, Noah is commanded by God to enter the Ark so that he and his family will be safe.



III. (7:1-8:19) The COMMENTARY on the Flood!

A. (7:1-9) The DELIVERANCE of the Godly.

2. (7:2-4) The final commission delivered to Noah.

It is here that we see God's marvelous grace applied. Noah and his family are given a short period of time to make sure that everything God has commanded them to do is done.

They would have seven days to get the animals into the stalls, gather up the last of the food and supplies, and make a final plea to their families and friends to enter the Ark before the rain came. After seven days it would be too late!



III. (7:1-8:19) The COMMENTARY on the Flood!

A. (7:1-9) The DELIVERANCE of the Godly.

3. (7:5-9) The faithful compliance is demonstrated by Noah.

- a. (7:5-6) **Noah's character** ... Noah did according to ALL that the Lord had commanded him. Now Noah was 600 years old when the flood of water came upon the earth. (Noah will live to be 950 years old)
- b. (7:7) **His family's confidence** ... Because Noah walked with God, his sons, his wife, and his son's wives, will choose to walk in his foot prints. Because of this they too would be saved from God's coming wrath.
- c. (7:8-9) **God's comfort and care** ... Here we are told that the animals came to the Ark willingly. As they entered the Ark, Noah followed God's instructions.

III. (7:1-8:19) The COMMENTARY on the Flood!

A. (7:1-9) The DELIVERANCE of the Godly.

B. (7:10-24) The DESTRUCTION of the Ungodly.

1. (7:10-16) Its Timing:

a. (7:10-11) The Delay of the judgment ends.

1.) (7:10) The Conclusion of the delay.

2.) (7:11) The Calendar date.

In this verse the exact date for the flood's beginning is recorded. The flood began in the 600th year of Noah's life, on the 17th day, of the 2nd month. It was on this very day that the ground burst open to spew out water, it was on this very day that the rain began to fall from the sky. (Rev. 20:12 / God keeps records)

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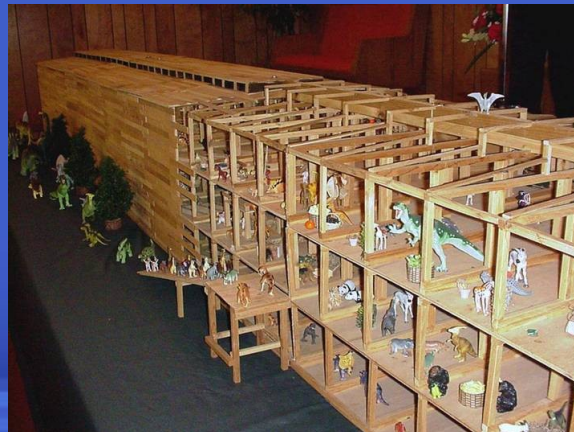
1. (7:10-16) Its Timing:

a. (7:10-11) The Delay of the judgment ends.

b. (7:12-16) The Dawning of the judgment begins.

1.) (7:12) A summary of the Catastrophe.

2.) (7:13-16) A summary of the Challenge.



III. (7:1-8:19) The COMMENTARY on the Flood!

A. (7:1-9) The DELIVERANCE of the Godly.

B. (7:10-24) The DESTRUCTION of the Ungodly.

1. (7:10-16) Its Timing.

2. (7:17-24) Its Totality:

a. (7:17-20) The Extent of the flood.

Note the repeated use of the word “prevailed” (to overwhelm or come about mightily). The description of the events are given as if taken from an eye witness’s perspective.

1.) (7:17-18) Waters lifted up the ark causing it to float.

2.) (7:19) Waters covered the hills and mountains.

3.) (7:20) Waters rose 15 cubits over the highest mountains
(22 ½ feet over the top / half the height of the ark).

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2. (7:17-24) Its Totality:

a. (7:17-20) The Extent of the flood.

b. (7:21-24) The Execution caused by the flood.

1.) (7:21-22) The Destruction outside the ark.

2.) (7:23-24) The Deliverance inside the ark.

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As we continue our journey through this section (chapters 6 through 9) we will discover the great extent that God is willing to go to bring about His righteousness and holiness upon the earth. Remember, holiness in God's people is the object for which He is willing to sacrifice everything! Even His only begotten Son.

Knowing this what sort of people should we be?



Next Week Our Journey Will Continue!

I. (6:1-13) The **CAUSE** of the Flood!

II. (6:14-22) The **COMPASSION** before the Flood!

III. (7:1-8:19) The **COMMENTARY** on the Flood!

IV. (8:20-9:28) The **COMPASSION** after the Flood!



Lessons Learned Today!

When the Lord shut the door of the ark, most likely it was a scary moment. But the door was closed to keep them safe and secure. This story is a perfect illustration of the believer's perfect security and safety in Jesus Christ. The rain will come. The wind will blow. But nothing can harm those who have placed their faith in Jesus Christ. We (the believer) are saved from God's coming wrath because we are "in" Him.

Lessons Learned Today!

Another lesson learned is that of God's abundant grace. It was the Lord who shut the door of the ark, not Noah. Noah had been faithful for 120 years. Yet he had experienced no success whatsoever. As he and his family entered the ark, the taunting continued. The mocking did not let up. But Noah knew that God was a God of grace. He knew that when the day of reckoning came, only those who by faith entered the ark would be saved from the wrath of God. So too are we saved today when we place our faith "in" Christ! Christ alone is the believer's protection from the coming wrath.

Lessons Learned Today!

Finally there is the lesson that there is an end to God's grace. Grace is great, but it is not unending. The day of reckoning is coming. The same God who beckons us all to enter into the narrow door (John 10) that leads to salvation, is the very same God who will someday close the door of grace for ever. When that day comes the time of salvation by grace alone will be no more.

***Today is the accepted time!
Now is the hour of salvation!***

