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The Flood: Lessons from the Text

- I. Notes from Genesis 7 - 8
- A. 7:1 – Noah was saved because God saw that he was righteous or just.
 - 1. Noah’s salvation was determined by his own actions.
 - 2. The condemnation of the world was determined by their actions.
 - B. 7:2 – Note that there was a distinction between clean and unclean animals.
 - 1. This implies that God had given instructions concerning sacrifice (as was seen in the story of Cain and Abel).
 - 2. At this time, man was not eating animals; thus, their cleanness or uncleanness had to do with their being offered as sacrifices.
 - 3. As a result, more clean animals were taken into the ark than unclean ones.
 - 4. The text actually states the number ‘seven’ twice – “seven and seven” (ASV).
 - a. 7 pairs of animals – 14 total
 - b. Or, 3 pairs of animals and 1 extra – 7 total
 - C. 7:3 – Birds were taken into the ark (unnecessary in a local flood).
 - D. 7:16 – The Lord shut Noah and his family in the ark. {*Noah obeyed God and God protected Noah.*}
 - E. 7:22 – This verse specifies those who were killed during the Flood.
 - 1. All that lived on dry land
 - 2. All who breathed air
 - 3. Noah did not have to take fish on the ark.
 - F. 7:23 – Everything on earth meeting those two requirements died, except for those that were in the ark.
 - G. 8:1 – God remembered Noah.
 - 1. This does not mean that He had forgotten him, but that He thought of him.
 - 2. This wind was probably unlike any that they world had seen before the Flood.
 - H. 8:4 – Note that the ark rested in the “mountains of Ararat” – not on Mount Ararat.
 - I. 8:7 – The raven is a scavenger bird, not afraid to light upon and eat carrion; thus, it did not return to the ark.
 - J. 8:11 – The olive leaf demonstrated that the ground was exposed and dry enough for plants to begin producing leaves.
 - K. 8:13 – Noah opened a place in the roof of the ark so he could see out, but he did not leave the ark until God instructed him to.
 - L. 8:20 – Noah’s first action after exiting the ark was to worship God!
 - M. 8:21 – God was pleased with Noah’s worship and promised not to destroy the world with a flood again.
 - N. 8:22 – A new world now existed, with seedtime and harvest brought about by the changing of the seasons – which would continue until the end of the world.
- II. How Was Noah Saved?
- A. Noah was saved by grace (Genesis 6:8; cf. Titus 2:11-12; Eph. 2:5-8).
 - B. Noah was saved by faith (Hebrews 11:7; cf. Rom. 10:9-10; Heb. 11:6).
 - C. Noah was saved by mercy (Genesis 6:13-18; cf. 8:1; Eph. 2:4-7; 1 Pet. 1:3).
 - D. Noah was saved by obedience (Genesis 6:9; cf. Heb. 11:7; Rom. 6:15-18; Acts 6:7).

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- E. Noah was saved by righteousness (Genesis 7:1; Eze. 14:14; 2 Pet. 2:5; Rom. 1:16-17).
- F. Noah was saved by water (1 Peter 3:20; cf. 3:21; Acts 8:35-38).
- G. Noah was saved by the ark (Genesis 6:13-20; 7:23; 8:1; cf. Acts 2:47; Eph. 5:23).

III. The Ark – A Type of the Church

- A. The ark was built by Noah; the church was built by Jesus.
 - 1. Noah was a righteous man who walked with God (Gen. 6:9).
 - 2. Jesus was a sinless man who perfectly obeyed God's will (Heb. 4:15; Jn. 6:38).
 - 3. Noah's name means, "Comfort" (Gen. 5:29).
 - 4. Jesus' name means, "Savior" – one who brings comfort (Matt. 11:28-30).
 - 5. Noah built one ark according to God's pattern (Gen. 6:14-22).
 - 6. Jesus built one church according to God's pattern (Matt. 16:18; Eph. 4:4; Heb. 8:4-5).
 - 7. All who rejected Noah were lost (Gen. 7:22-23; 2 Pet. 2:5).
 - 8. All who reject Jesus are lost (Matt. 7:21-27; Mark 16:16; Acts 3:22-23; 4:12).
- B. Both were built of one material.
 - 1. The ark was built of gopher wood (Gen. 6:14).
 - 2. The church is built of living stones – Christians (1 Pet. 2:5).
- C. Both had only one means of entrance.
 - 1. The ark had one door (Gen. 6:16).
 - 2. The church has Jesus, the Door (John 10:9).
- D. Both were comprised of one family.
 - 1. Everyone in the ark was a member of Noah's family (Gen. 7:1, 7).
 - 2. Everyone in the church is a member of Jesus' family (Jn. 17:20-21; Eph. 3:15).
- E. Both were unique and exclusive.
 - 1. There was only one ark – no lifeboats (Gen. 6:14; 1 Pet. 3:20).
 - 2. There is only one church – no denominations (Eph. 1:22-23; 3:10-11; 4:4).
- F. Both were essential to salvation.
 - 1. The ark (1 Peter 3:20)
 - 2. The church (Eph. 1:3, 7; 5:23; 2 Tim. 2:10)
- G. Both were saved by water.
 - 1. The water of the flood carried the ark to safety (1 Peter 3:20).
 - 2. The water of baptism carries the lost to salvation in the church (1 Peter 3:21; Acts 2:38; 22:16; etc.).
- H. Both were the exclusive location of salvation.
 - 1. Those outside the ark perished (Gen. 7:20-22).
 - 2. Those outside the church will perish (2 Thes. 1:7-9; Eph. 5:23).
- I. Both required works of service.
 - 1. On the ark, Noah had to tend the animals (Gen. 6:21).
 - 2. In the church, there is service to be rendered (1 Cor. 15:58).
- J. Both granted hope and delivered man to a new world.
 - 1. The ark carried Noah's family to a new earth (Gen. 8:4-19).
 - 2. The church carries God's family to Heaven (1 Cor. 15:24; Eph. 4:4).