

6 - THE FLOOD (GENESIS 6:9-9:29)

I. The Coming Judgment (6:9-21)

A. The character of Noah (6:9-10)

- Noah was a just man who stood out among his ancestors and _____.

Biblical Note: Walked with God

The phrase “walked with God” harkens back to the time before the Fall when Adam and Eve walked with God in the garden. It reflects a relationship where man and God experience a familiarity where they talked with each other. The scripture records that Enoch and Noah walked with God.

See: Genesis 5:22,24; 6:9

- Noah and his wife had three sons: _____.

B. The corruption of the world (6:11-12)

- God sees the humanity is corrupt and the world was _____.

C. God’s judgment and grace (6:13-21)

- Because of the corruption of the world, God states that he will _____.

- God tells Noah to build an ark for _____.

Biblical Note: Ark

The Ark is the vessel that God commanded Noah, Noah was told what to bring into the Ark. The Ark floated during the Flood and them came to rest on mountains of Ararat. What happened to the ark after it was abandoned is not known.

See: Genesis 6:14-19; 7:1-23; 8:19; 9:10,18; Matthew 24:38; Luke 17:27; Hebrews 11:17; 1 Peter 3:20.

- God establishes a covenant with Noah concerning _____.

II. The Flood (6:22-7:24)

A. Noah’s obedience (6:22)

- Noah did everything that God had command him concerning _____.

B. Noah enters the Ark (7:1-6)

- God told Noah and his family to _____.

- Noah was to take _____.

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- Noah was to take _____ to keep them alive.
- God gave Noah _____ to enter the Ark before the waters came.

C. The waters come (7:7-16)

- The waters of the deep burst forth and it rained on the earth for _____.

D. The devastation of the flood (7:17-24)

- The Flood covered _____.
- _____ died, as only those in the Ark survived.
- The Flood lasted _____.

III. The Waters Recede (8:1-22)

- God remembered Noah and caused _____.
- Noah sent out a raven then a dove to see _____.
- The raven did not return but the dove returned with _____.
- After being in the Ark for a year, God command Noah and all who were in the Ark to _____.
- Noah made a burnt sacrifice of _____ before the Lord.
- God said to himself that he would not _____.

IV. The Noahic Covenant (9:1-17)

- God commanded Noah and his family to _____.
- Animals would now be fearful of man and all animals can _____.
- However, man cannot _____.
- God commanded that anyone who murders will _____.
- God established his covenant not to flood the earth again and set _____.

V. The Sin of Ham (9:18-29)

A. Ham's sin (9:18-23)

- Noah became a farmer and became _____.

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- Ham saw his father _____ and told his brothers.
- The brothers discreetly covered their father without _____.

Biblical Note: The Sin of Ham

While there have been many fanciful theories concerning Ham's sin against his father Noah, it is really an issue of honor and shame. To the ancients, seeing one's father naked was a breach of family ethic. The sanctity of the family was destroyed and the strength of the father was made a mockery. Ham apparently stumbled on this accidentally, but went out and exultingly told his two brothers, as if he had triumphed over his father. So what seems to be a trivial incident turned out to be a major event as his father was shamed.

B. The Curse of Canaan (9:24-29)

- When Noah woke up and found out what had happened, he pronounced _____.
- Noah cursed Canaan by stating that he would become _____.

Biblical Note: The Curse of Canaan

The curse that Noah pronounced on Canaan was a prophetic statement. Noah prophesied about his sons' descendants. He was not punishing Ham's son for something Ham did. Instead, Noah's words referred to the nation of Canaanites that would come from Ham through Canaan. Ham's sinful act could not be left without repercussions; thus a curse would be put on his son's family. One of the saddest moments in the history of Bible interpretation was when advocates of slavery decided to use this text as a justification for their inhuman treatment of African slaves. It was asserted that this divine prophecy given by Noah after the flood legitimized slavery for a group of people who had been cursed perpetually. Supporters of slavery argued that the Arabic version of Genesis 9:25 reads "Cursed be the father of Canaan" instead of "Cursed be Canaan." A misapplication of this text has continued among some groups to the present day. But the oppression of blacks by whites cannot be justified from this story.

- Noah blessed Shem by _____ and Japheth as he would dwell with Shem.
- Noah lived 350 years after the flood and died at _____.