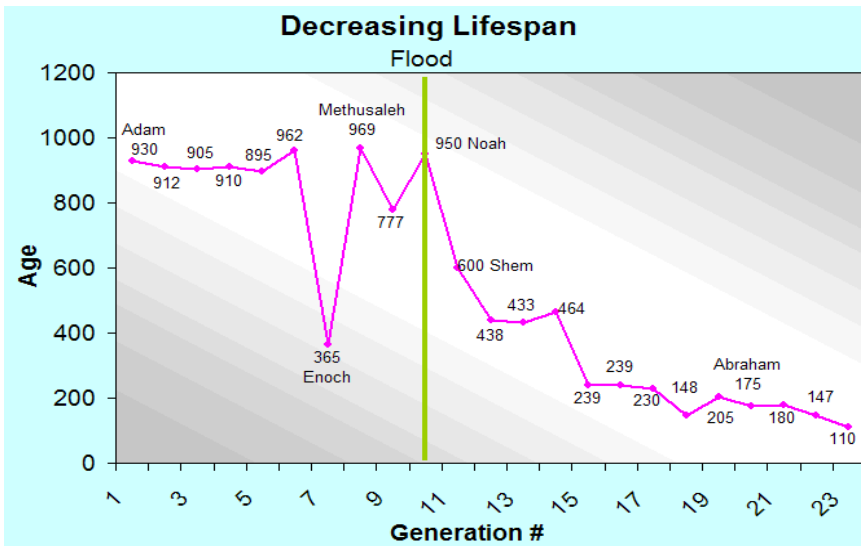


## Flood Over All – Lesson 4



Before the Flood

People lived long lives and had many children before the flood.

The sons of God took wives of the daughters of men resulting in a race of giants. The sons of God were fallen angels. Compare Ge 6:2,4; Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7; 2Pe 2:4; Jude 1:6. The seed had been corrupted except for Noah who was called perfect in the sight of the Lord. He found grace and was obedient to the command to build an ark to survive the coming flood. It's unlikely that it had rained on the earth prior to the flood so the command to build an ark was a test of his faith. See Heb 11:7. "...Things not seen as yet" – Rain and Flood

Man's wickedness continued to increase, and God was sorry that he made man. Their imaginations, a word in the Bible with bad connotations, were only evil continually. The earth was corrupt and filled with violence. The condition on earth when Jesus returns is likened to the days of Noah (Luk 17:26) and the days of Lot (Luk 17:28). Men were unconcerned with God in their daily living. They were marrying and giving in marriage, eating and drinking (Mt 24:38), and God was not in their thoughts or relevant to their lifestyle. (Rom 1.21-32)

Noah and Lot were saved from destruction because they were righteous in the midst of this wickedness. **2 Peter 2:7 And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: Philippians 2:15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world.** Noah is also mentioned with Job and Daniel as righteous. See **Ezekiel 14:14 Though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver but their own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord GOD.**

Gen. 6:8-9: **But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.**

Noah and his family built the ark and preached repentance to the ungodly for 100 years. (Gen 5:32 and 7:11)

Ge 6:3 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

Heb 11:7 By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

2Pe 2:5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

## The Ark

The ark was BIG – 300 x 50 x 30 cubits. A cubit is about 1.5 feet. That means the ark held the same contents as 646 standard 40 foot shipping containers.

Based on a “royal cubit” used in building many ancient structures (20.4 inches), the ark would have been 510 feet long, 85 feet wide, and 51 feet high and would provide the space of 940 shipping containers.

It had a window, door, 3 stories and rooms within. It was water-tight, pitched within and without.

The Hebrew word for pitch is the same Hebrew word as atonement – unified, with integrity, at/one/ment or made at one.

**God brought the animals** into the ark, two of each kind, male and female, to preserve life, and seven of each clean animal to preserve life and also for sacrifice and food after the flood.

**Then God shut the door.**

The ark was a way of escape for Noah and later for Moses. Christ is our Ark. The ark is called a “type” because it pictures Christ. In Christ we will escape the Great Tribulation that will come on the earth during the last days. As Lot escaped the destruction of Sodom, God will call us beforehand - **1 Thessalonians 5:9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ.**

## The Flood

**Genesis 7:11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up (think tsunami), and the windows of heaven were opened.** It rained for forty days and nights. The flood was worldwide, otherwise why build an ark? Noah could have just moved. All that had the breath of life was destroyed except Noah, his wife, and sons, and their wives. **1 Peter 3:20 ... God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.** The water covered everything and was fifteen cubits above the highest point on earth. The flood lasted from the 600<sup>th</sup> year of Noah's life, the second month and seventeenth day (2/17/600) until 2/27/601. A year was 360 days based on twelve months of thirty days. **He spent 377 days inside the ark.** He went in 7 days before the flood.

## After the Flood

The Ark rested on Mount Ararat. Mt Ararat is 16,854 ft high. That is 202,248 inches. With it raining for 40 days (and nights- 24 hrs) that is 960 hrs or 57,600 minutes. That means the rain fell at a pace of 210.675 inches per hour or 3.5 inches every minute. The is 3 feet every 10 minutes. At 6' tall (72") it would be over my head in 21 minutes.

Life was shortened. Refer to the [previous graph](#). This change may have been due to the cataclysmic changes that occurred on the earth and in the heavens. The command was given again (Gen 9:1) to be fruitful, multiply and replenish the earth. The same word, replenish, used in Gen 1:28 suggests that the earth was also destroyed prior to the days of Adam. Destruction of the pre-Adamic earth due to Satan's rebellion could account for fossils, dinosaurs, and apparent old age of the earth. Refer back to the section on the Gap of Gen 1:1and 2

The first thing Noah did after coming out of the ark was to build an altar and offer a sacrifice. God made a covenant with Noah never to destroy the earth again by flood. This is known as the Noahic Covenant. Gen 9:9-17 ***“And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you; And with every living creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth. And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth. And God said,***

*This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud: And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth. And God said unto Noah, This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth."*

The **token** of the covenant was the rainbow.

The diet was changed from herbs and fruit to allow eating flesh of clean animals. However, the eating of blood was forbidden. The life of the flesh is in the blood (Lev 17:11,14). This command continued under the law given to Moses and was reiterated for church in Acts 15:20,29. The only exception is the Blood of Christ of which we are commanded to partake in a spiritual and ceremonial sense (Joh 6:63) to identify ourselves with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. *Joh 6:53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. 1Co 11:27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.*

The death penalty was instituted in *Genesis 9:6 Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.*

Sin passed through the flood. Noah became drunk and was naked in his tent. His son, Ham, saw his nakedness in some disrespectful way. (See 9:24) The result was that Noah cursed the seed of Ham – Canaan and his descendants. (Ham was already blessed by God – See 9:1)

*Genesis 9:25 And he said, Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.* The land settled by Canaan was eventually given by God to the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Israel).

All nations originated from the offspring of Shem, Ham, and Japheth. The line of Christ and the nation of Israel came from Shem and more generally the peoples of the east. The black race came from Ham (which means hot or burnt) and generally the peoples of the south. Caucasians came from Japheth overspreading to the north and west. God commanded some of the descendants of Ham to be destroyed when the Children of Israel entered the Promised Land. See *De 20.17 But thou shalt utterly destroy them; namely, the Hittites, and the Amorites, the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee:* Israel didn't obey, and the Canaanites have been problematic for the Jews ever since. Disobedience has consequences.

Here is a note of interest:

*Regarding human origins, the Discovery Channel on 9/22/2001 discussed the meaning of the observed "genetic bottleneck". In other words, due to the similarity of mitochondrial DNA all over the world in humans, there must have been a catastrophe in the past like a volcanic eruption or a meteor from which the human race regenerated from few ancestors. A supernatural flood could account for rapid deposition of sediment and fossilization?*

*"Today's DNA sequences are all descended from just one of each. All the others went extinct, most probably disappearing during some ancient bottleneck event - a population crash caused by plague, a change in climate, what have you. But whatever this cataclysmic event in our early history, one thing is clear: some time afterward, groups of our ancestors started to head out of Africa, beginning the epic saga of the human colonization of the planet." James Watson, DNA, The Story of Life. p. 243 (note that James Watson was the discoverer of DNA).*

*“Different populations have acquired distinctive morphological adaptations, including skin color, body shape, and pulmonary capacity, that allowed humans to inhabit virtually every bio-geographical region of the earth. Despite these morphological differences, the human species as a whole has surprisingly little genetic diversity.” (Paraphrasing DNA Science Ch8.pdf p. 310)*

Genesis means origins. It provides the biblical explanation of the origin of many things:

- Universe
- Day, night, seasons, weather
- Life
- Food
- Man, woman
- Marriage, sex
- Sin
- Redemption, sacrifice
- Worship
- Death penalty
- Nations
- Languages, races
- Government
- Rainbows

## The Tower of Babel



The Tower of Babel was built as a “gate to heaven” - an observatory. It was the result of and the encourage of idolatry. Its influence can be seen today in the religions of the world. Nimrod, the king, whose name means rebel, began building the tower. He lead men from the true God to worship the host of heaven. He proposed the opportunity to make a name, dwell in one place, speak a common language, and rebel against the commandments of God. ***Gen 11:6 ... now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.*** God intervened and confused their language.

People became scattered over the face of the earth as he had previously commanded – be fruitful, multiply, and replenish the earth. B y t h e w a y , this was opposite of what took place at Pentecost. People from all over the world came to Jerusalem and heard the marvelous works of God in their own languages as the disciples spoke.

The tower was a picture of the coming one-world government, a new world order, and Nimrod typifies the Antichrist who will lead it. He was a world leader and empire builder having built Babel, Erech, Accad, Calneh, Nineveh, Caleh and Resen. This all took place in the Plain of Shinar, Babylon in modern day Iraq. It's interesting that the first book of the Bible deals with origins, and the last book of the Bible, Revelation, deals with last things, with both referring to the role of Babylon (Rev 17:5). The current events in Middle East are leading to the emergence of MYSTERY BABYLON as the center of world government and residence of the Antichrist in the last days

*Review Questions on the Flood and Tower of Babel:*

1. Jesus said that on earth, it would be like the days of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ when He returned.
2. Ge 6:3 "And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an \_\_\_\_\_ years" This may mean that life would be shorter after the flood, or that God would give man a period of time to hear and repent of their wicked ways.
3. A race of giants resulted from \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ unnaturally coming together.
4. And GOD saw that the \_\_\_\_\_ of man was great in the earth, and that every \_\_\_\_\_ of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.
5. Noah found \_\_\_\_\_ like all who are saved. \_\_\_\_\_ says "For by \_\_\_\_\_ are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."
6. \_\_\_ clean and \_\_\_ unclean animals of each kind were on the ark.
7. Noah was on the ark for \_\_\_\_\_ days
8. If the flood was not \_\_\_\_\_ then why bother to put all the animals on an ark?
9. When Noah came off the ark, he was told to \_\_\_\_\_ just like Adam.
10. The first thing Noah did was to \_\_\_\_\_ and offer a sacrifice.
11. The \_\_\_ is a token of the covenant that God will not destroy the earth again by a flood.
12. Man was allowed to eat meat after the flood but not \_\_\_\_\_.
13. Sin passed through the flood shown by Noah being \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in his tent.
14. All the nations of the world are descendants of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
15. Modern science recognized that all human life descended from one man and one woman at some point in the "recent past". This is called the \_\_\_\_\_ bottleneck shown by the lack of diversity in human DNA.
16. The Canaanites were descendants of \_\_\_\_\_. So was Nimrod. So were the Sodomites, Philistines, Amorites, etc.
17. Canaan was "cursed" for the sin of his father, \_\_\_\_\_.
18. The line of Christ came through Noah's son, \_\_\_\_\_.
19. God reveals the \_\_\_\_\_ of the universe, seasons, weather, life, food, sexes, sin, worship, nations and languages in the first 10 chapters of Genesis.
20. The Babylonian mystery religion began at the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and ends in the book of \_\_\_\_\_ with destruction.
21. God commanded men to scatter and replenish the earth but they chose to \_\_\_\_\_ a tower and make a \_\_\_\_\_ for themselves.
22. God said \_\_\_\_\_ go down. He also said these two words when he made man in his image. This indicates that God has multiple personalities. Christianity calls this the \_\_\_\_\_.