

Man's Wickedness

1 Now it came to pass that men began to exist in great numbers on the earth, and daughters were born to them. 2 So when the sons of God saw the daughters of men were beautiful, they took wives for themselves of all they chose. 3 Then the Lord God said, "My Spirit shall not remain with these people forever, for they are flesh. So their days shall be one hundred and twenty years." 4 Now there were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men of old, men of renown.

5 Then the Lord God saw man's wickedness, that it was great in the earth, and every intent of the thoughts within his heart was only evil continually. 6 So God was grieved that He had made man on the earth, and He thought this over. 7 Then God said, "I will blot out man whom I created from the face of the earth, from man to cattle, and from the creeping things to the birds of heaven, for I am grieved I made them." 8 But Noah found grace in the presence of the Lord God.

Righteous Noah Builds the Ark

9 This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, who was perfect in his generation and well-pleasing to God. 10 So Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

11 Now the earth was corrupt before God and filled with unrighteousness. 12 Thus the Lord God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh corrupted their way on the earth.

13 Then God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with unrighteousness through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth. 14 Make yourself an ark of square timber. You shall make the ark in compartments, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. 15 Thus you shall make the ark: three hundred cubits in length, fifty cubits in breadth, and thirty cubits in height. 16 Now when you assemble the ark, you shall gradually finish it up to a cubit at the top, and set the door in its side. You shall make the ark with lower, second, and third stories. 17 And behold, I am bringing a flood of water on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life. Whatever is on the earth shall die. 18 But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. 19 From every living thing of all flesh you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. 20 Of the birds after their kind, of animals after their kind, and of every creeping thing on the earth after its kind, two of every kind, they will enter into the ark with you, male and female, to keep them alive. 21 You shall also take for yourself all kinds of food to eat, and you shall gather it both for yourself and for them." 22 Thus Noah did according to all the Lord God commanded him, so he did.

Genesis 7

The Flood

1 Then the Lord God said to Noah, “Enter the ark, you and all your family, because I have seen you righteous before Me in this generation. 2 You shall also bring with you into the ark the clean cattle by sevens, male and female; and the unclean cattle by twos, male and female; 3 and the clean birds of heaven by twos, male and female, to keep seed alive on the face of all the earth. 4 For after seven more days I will cause it to rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and I will blot out from the face of the earth every living thing I made.” 5 So Noah did all the Lord God commanded him.

6 Now Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters came on the earth. 7 Then Noah, with his sons, his wife, and his sons’ wives, entered the ark because of the flood waters.

8 Also the clean and unclean birds, the clean and unclean cattle, and everything that creeps on the earth, 9 entered with Noah into the ark, two by two, male and female, as God commanded him.

10 Then it came to pass after seven days, the waters of the flood came upon the earth.

11 In the six-hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day, all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the floodgates of heaven were opened.

12 Then it rained on the earth forty days and forty nights. 13 On the very same day Noah and his wife, his sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and their wives entered the ark. 14 Also, all the wild animals after their kind, all cattle after their kind, every creeping thing moving upon the earth after its kind, and every bird after its kind, 15 entered the ark with Noah, two by two, of all flesh in which is the breath of life. 16 So those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God commanded him. Then the Lord God shut him in the ark.

17 Now the flood was on the earth forty days and forty nights. The waters increased and lifted up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. 18 So the waters prevailed and greatly increased on the earth, and the ark moved about on the surface of the waters. 19 The waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth, and all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered. 20 The waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward, and covered all the high mountains. 21 And all flesh died that moves on the earth: birds and cattle, wild animals, and every creeping thing that moves on the earth, and every man. 22 Thus all things in whose nostrils was the breath of life, and everything on dry land, died. 23 So He blotted out all living things on the face of the earth: both man and cattle, creeping things and the birds of heaven. They were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah and those with him in the ark remained alive. 24 Now the waters prevailed on the earth one hundred and fifty days.

NEXT WEEK’S READING : COVENANT WITH NOAH Genesis 8: 1 - 9: 17