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Noah's Ark

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(Hebrews 11:7).

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The Book of Genesis

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Chapter 5

"LAMECH LIVED AN HUNDRED EIGHTY AND TWO YEARS, and begat a son: 29 And he called his name Noah, saying, This same shall **comfort** us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD hath **cursed**... 32 And Noah was five hundred years old: and Noah begat Shem, Ham, and Japheth."

Noah was "called... with an holy calling, not according to [Noah's] works, but according to [God's] Own Purpose and Grace, which was given us IN Christ Jesus before the world began" (2Timothy 1:9). Noah's "purpose", preordained by God, was **to demonstrate that God's "comfort" delivers a righteous people "IN Christ Jesus" from a sinful, "cursed" people who are WITHOUT "Christ Jesus"**. "Comfort" may not have been the word we would have first chosen to describe Noah's involvement in the world-ending event known as "The Flood".

- (2Peter 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."

"Judgment" definitely comes to the forefront of choice guesses as to what Noah's name could have meant. "A preacher of Righteousness" describes what Noah "preached" for, but by its very nature, also declares what Noah "preached" against.

- (Matthew 12:30) Jesus said, "He that is not with Me is against Me."

But Scripture records for Eternity the fact of Noah's name, and the meaning of Noah's name. Noah was to be God's "comfort" from the curse or "cursed". **Noah was named "Comfort" to reveal the**

"rest" we have IN the Salvation Ark of Jesus Christ.

5146h. Noah from 5117; "rest," patriarch who survived The Flood. --from "Strong's Concordance"

The Hebrew for "Noah" is "rest". Noah rested ABOVE the judgment-- not in it. Noah and his ark are a type for Christ and His Rapture.

Just "as" Noah, "so shall" Christ.

- (Matthew 24:37) "But **as** the days of Noe were, **so shall** also the Coming of the Son of Man be."
- (Luke 17:26-27) "And **as** it was in the days of Noe, **so shall** it be also in the days of the Son of Man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and The Flood came, and destroyed them all."

Just like "the ark", so is the Rapture.

- (Genesis 8:9) "He [Noah] put forth his hand, and took her [the dove], and **pulled her in unto him** into the ark." Just like Jesus pulls "her", His Bride, "in unto" Himself.
- (Luke 21:36) "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy **to escape all these things** that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."
- (Genesis 7:15-16) "They went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life... as God had commanded him: and **the LORD shut him in.**"
- (Genesis 6:18) "But with thee will **I establish My Covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark**, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee."
- (Genesis 7:1) "And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house **into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous** before Me in this generation."

Judgment was about to fall on the sin-filled world of that day.

- (2Peter 3:6) "Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished."

And judgment is about to fall on the sin-filled world of today.

- (Jude 14-15) "And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the LORD cometh with ten thousands of His saints, **to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly** among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."
[Read more: "[The Most Negative Verse in the Bible](http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/Fellowship/Edit_Most.Negative.Verse.html)" -- http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/Fellowship/Edit_Most.Negative.Verse.html
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Chapter 6

And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the Earth, and daughters were born unto them, 2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose."

The LORD wants us to take special notice of the type of sin that was **the most common** just prior to the world's judgment. "The sons of God" thought so little of the Almighty that they would actually join themselves *in the most intimate way*, to God's enemies. God's people are NOT to choose their spouses from among the ungodly. We are talking about two separate worlds, with opposite motives, antagonistic values, and NO common ground. Men obey God-- in ALL things-- or they don't. There is no middle ground. There are no shades of gray. There is only Divine Light, or darkness forever.

- (Ephesians 5:7,11) "7 Be not ye therefore partakers with them... 11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them."
- (2Corinthians 6:14) "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath Light with darkness?"
- (Numbers 16:26) "Depart, I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, **lest ye be consumed in all their sins.**"

Marriage is to be a sacred union, where two people are joined together BY GOD into **one**.

- (Ephesians 5:31) "For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh."
- (Malachi 2:15) "And wherefore one? **That He might seek a Godly seed.** Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth."
- (Mark 10:9) "What therefore **God hath joined together**, let not man put asunder."

If a servant of the LORD disobeys God and marries an unbeliever, assuredly, they will have problems.

- (Amos 3:3) "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?"
- (James 4:4) "Know ye not that the friendship of the world is **enmity** with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the **enemy** of God."

The **rebellious** act of one who "confesses with the mouth" (Romans 10:10) the LORD Jesus, to sinfully make physical union together with one who defies God, makes spiritual union with God *impossible*.

- (James 4:17) "To him that **knoweth** to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is **sin.**"
- (1Corinthians 6:16) "What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh."
- (2Corinthians 6:16) "And **what agreement** hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the

temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

IF the LORD's servant repents, there is hope.

- (1Corinthians 7:12-16) "12 If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away. 13 And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him. 14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy. 15 But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace. 16 For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife?"

But, because there was **no repentance**, in Noah's day (nor in our own), for the fact that "the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose", there was **no hope**.

"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**."

This was the length of time, "an hundred and twenty years," that God gave Noah to build the ark before judgment fell on the disobedient.

- (1Peter 3:20-21) "When once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water."

"4 There were giants in the Earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

5 And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the Earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6 And it repented the LORD that He had made man on the Earth, and it grieved Him at His heart. 7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the Earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth Me that I have made them.

8 But Noah found Grace in the eyes of the LORD.

9 These are the generations of Noah: Noah was **a just man and perfect** in his generations, and **Noah walked with God**. 10 And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth."

Noah, being "perfect", gave his finite 100% in the same manner that God gives His infinite 100%.
[Read more on "perfection": "[An Urgent Call to Christian Perfection, Or, An Exposition of the Doctrine of Christian Perfection](http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/Fellowship/Exposition.Perfection.html)" -- <http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/Fellowship/Exposition.Perfection.html> -- by Tom Stewart.]

- (Matthew 5:48) "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in Heaven is Perfect."

- (Philippians 3:15) "Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you."

"11 The Earth also was corrupt before God, and the Earth was filled with violence. 12 And God looked upon the Earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the Earth."

- (Judges 17:6) "Every man did that which was right in his **own** eyes."
- (Proverbs 16:2) "All the ways of a man are clean in his **own** eyes; but the LORD weigheth the spirits."

"13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before Me; for the Earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the Earth."

- (Matthew 16:27) "For the Son of Man shall come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and then He shall reward every man according to his works."
- (Matthew 24:3, 30) "3 And as He sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto Him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of Thy Coming, and of the End of the world?... 30 Then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the Earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of Man Coming in the clouds of heaven with Power and great Glory."

"14 Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch. 15 And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: the length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits. 16 A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it. 17 And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the Earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the Earth shall die.

18 But **with thee will I establish My Covenant**; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee. 19 And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female. 20 Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the Earth after his kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive. 21 And take thou unto thee of **all food** that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them. 22 Thus did Noah; according to ALL that God commanded him, so did he."

The reason the LORD made a Covenant with Noah was because He knew Noah to be a faithful man, one which would keep a Covenant with Himself. "Thus did Noah; according to ALL that God commanded him, so did he." FAITH in God causes faithfulness in man. FAITH is the foundation and "substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). "Without FAITH it is impossible to please Him [the LORD]: for he that cometh to God **must believe** that He is, and that He is a Rewarder of them that **diligently** seek Him" (6). When a man, woman, or child comes to God in FAITH, and believes whatever God says by doing whatever God commands then "God is not ashamed

to be called their God" (16). God enters into Covenant with His people, and never fails to do as He promised. A covenant is a two-way agreement-- not just an unconditional promise. God has "prepared for them a City" (16), "a Better Country, that is, an heavenly" (16) in beauty and majesty, with "a far more exceeding and Eternal weight of Glory" (2Corinthians 4:17). And that's just God's part after this present life is over. His part is also to be with us, and in us ("Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us" [Matthew 1:23]), in this life until the next.

- (Isaiah 8:10) "Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand: for God is with us."
- (Deuteronomy 32:9) "For the LORD'S portion is His people."
- (2Timothy 4:18) "And the LORD shall **deliver me** from every evil work, and will **preserve me** unto His heavenly Kingdom: to Whom be Glory for ever and ever. Amen."

Our part in being faithful to God and the Covenant we make with Him, is to love Him enough to believe and obey Him-- no matter what comes.

- (Lamentations 3:24) "The LORD is my Portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in Him."

Noah loved the LORD so much that he believed what God told him, and did what God told him to do.

- (Hebrews 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."

Chapter 7

"And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; **for thee have I seen righteous before Me** in this generation. 2 Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that are not clean by two, the male and his female. 3 Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the Earth. 4 For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the Earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the Earth.

5 And Noah did according unto ALL that the LORD commanded him. 6 And Noah was six hundred years old [six = the number of man, i.e., "Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is **the number of a man**; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six [666]" (Revelation 13:18)] when The Flood of waters was upon the Earth. 7 And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of The Flood. 8 Of clean beasts, and of beasts that are not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the Earth, 9 there went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah. 10 And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of The Flood were upon the Earth.

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, and the windows of heaven were opened.
12 And the rain was upon the Earth forty days and forty nights.

13 **In the selfsame day entered Noah**, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark; 14 They, and every beast after his kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the Earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird of every sort. 15 And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life. 16 And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and **the LORD shut him in.**"

Everything that God said would happen, did happen. The animals, "two of **every** beast after his kind" walked into the ark "**unto** Noah". "Two of **all** flesh, wherein is the breath of life" from over the "**face** of the Earth", gathered at the ark and entered on "the **selfsame** day" that the rain **began** to fall! Seven days before the rain was to begin, God gave warning. "For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the Earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the Earth." Noah had to wait a whole week, the clock ticking the countdown, until the most impossible thing in the whole world was to happen! Mockers and scorners must have tried his FAITH in God. They always do, "saying, Where is the Promise of His Coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the Creation" (2Peter 3:4). "An hundred and twenty years" in the making, those last seven days must have been quite a trial. After building the most unusual vessel in the world, hoping to load it with the biggest collection of animals, reptiles, insects, etc., in the world, and then expecting a worldwide flood to wipe out all of humanity not on that vessel-- Noah's FAITH was then tested with a WAIT! And Noah passed his test with a sure FAITH in what God had told him. "And the LORD shut him in."

"17 And The Flood was forty days upon the Earth; and **the waters increased**, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up **above the Earth**. 18 And **the waters prevailed**, and were **increased greatly** upon the Earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters. 19 And the waters **prevailed exceedingly** upon the Earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, **were covered**. 20 **Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail...**"

[cu•bit: n. 1. An ancient unit of linear measure, originally equal to the length of the forearm from the tip of the middle finger to the elbow, or about 17 to 22 inches (43 to 56 centimeters). Middle English *cube* from Latin *cubitus* cubit, elbow.] --from "American Heritage Dictionary. "Fifteen cubits" equals 21.25 to 27.5 feet.

"...and the **mountains were covered**. 21 And **all flesh died** that moved upon the Earth, both of **fowl**, and of **cattle**, and of **beast**, and of **every creeping thing** that creepeth upon the Earth, **and every man**: 22 all in whose nostrils was the breath of life, **of all that was in the dry land, died**. 23 And **every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground**, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the Earth: and **Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark**. 24 And **the waters prevailed** upon the Earth an hundred and fifty days."

- (Matthew 24:37-39) "37 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the Coming of the Son of Man be. 38 For as in the days that were before The Flood they were eating and drinking, marrying

and giving in marriage, **until the day** that Noe entered into the ark, 39 and **knew not until The Flood came**, and took them all away; so shall also the Coming of the Son of Man be."

- (Job 22:15-17) "15 Hast thou marked the old way which wicked men have trodden? 16 which were cut down out of time, whose foundation was overflown with a Flood: 17 which said unto God, Depart from us: and what can the Almighty do for them?"

As the door of the ark closes by the hand of God, Noah's test continues. It's difficult to appreciate just what Noah must have felt, but the LORD gives us a record of what happened that we might try. Being "of like passions" (Acts 14:15) as Noah, how would you feel if you knew:

1. "the waters increased"
2. "the ark... was lift up above the Earth"
3. "the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly"
4. "the waters prevailed exceedingly"
5. "Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail"
6. "the mountains were covered"
7. "all flesh died... fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the Earth, and every man"
8. "every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground"
9. "Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark"
10. "And the waters prevailed upon the Earth an hundred and fifty days"

Noah was a man of FAITH. He believed God. And since "of a Truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons" (Acts 10:34), I know, that as the LORD later said of David, "a man after Mine Own Heart, which shall fulfil ALL My will" (Acts 13:22), so would He feel about Noah also, or of any child of His that obeyed in FAITH.

Chapter 8

"And **God remembered Noah**, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the Earth, and the waters **asswaged**; 2 the fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were **stopped**, and the rain from heaven was **restrained**; 3 And the waters **returned from off the Earth continually**: and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were **abated**. 4 And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month,

upon the mountains of Ararat. 5 And **the waters decreased continually** until the tenth month: in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen."

Noah's FAITH in God was not confounded.

- (Psalm 62:5) "My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from Him."
- (Proverbs 23:18) "For surely there is an end; and thine expectation shall not be cut off."
- (Philippians 1:20) "According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed."

"God remembered Noah," and left us His Record that we also would have FAITH in Him and be "remembered" by Him.

1. "the waters asswaged"
2. "the fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped"
3. "the rain from heaven was restrained"
4. "the waters returned from off the Earth continually"
5. "after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated"
6. "the waters decreased continually"

"6 And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of **the ark which he had made**: 7 And he sent forth a raven, which went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the Earth. 8 Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground; 9 But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters were on the face of the whole Earth: then **he put forth his hand, and took her, and pulled her in unto him into the ark.**"

Just like "the ark", so is the Rapture. Both require **patience**. Both are meant to **rescue** the righteous.

Side Note Number 1: David Stewart-- "The Mind of Christ reveals circumstances which we share with Brother Noah. The one circumstance that interests me at this moment, is that of waiting 'upon the LORD'. 'And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His Salvation' (Isaiah 25:9)... Noah knew he had 120 years to prepare his Ark. That's more than a lifetime to most modern men. He had to wait for the LORD to fulfill His Word for more than the length of time it takes us to be born and to die of old age! 'Wait on the LORD, and keep His way, and He shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it. For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth' (Psalm 37:34,9). That, by itself, shows what an amazing quality of perseverance this diligent man, Noah, possessed! 'Watching thereunto with all perseverance' (Ephesians 6:18). 'The hand of the diligent shall bear rule' (Proverbs 12:24). And did Noah

'bear rule'? He 'prepared an Ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world.'" --from "[They That Wait Upon The LORD: Part 1: Noah](http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/Fellowship/They.That.Wait.Noah.html)" -- <http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/Fellowship/They.That.Wait.Noah.html> -- by David Stewart.

"10 And he stayed yet other seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark; 11 And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf [a symbol of peace] plucked off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the Earth. 12 And he stayed yet other seven days; and sent forth the dove; which returned not again unto him any more. 13 And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, **the waters were dried up from off the Earth**: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry. 14 And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the Earth dried.

15 And God spake unto Noah, saying, 16 Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee. 17 Bring forth with thee every living thing that is with thee, of all flesh, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the Earth; that they may breed abundantly in the Earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the Earth.

18 And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him: 19 Every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, and whatsoever creepeth upon the Earth, after their kinds, went forth out of the ark. 20 And **Noah builded an altar unto the LORD**; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

21 And **the LORD smelled a sweet savour**; and the LORD said in His heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done. 22 While the Earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."

When Noah "took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar", it must have taken a great amount of FAITH. Just think, the Earth had just been cleansed from any viable land-based food sources, and now you are going to take some of that precious animal cargo that is to "breed abundantly in the Earth, and be fruitful, and multiply", kill it, and offer it on an altar. Noah was grateful! Noah believed that of "every clean beast, and of every clean fowl" that had entered the ark by sevens, i.e., "of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female... of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female", that part of the "sevens" were to be used for sacrificial offerings to the LORD. And when the time came to offer those animals, **Noah's obedience demonstrated his FAITH, his love, and his gratitude**. And from Noah's time until our's, there has always been "seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night". Therefore, the LORD accepted Noah's sacrifice of thanksgiving, and it was truly "a **sweet savour**"! For "without FAITH it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a Rewarder of them that diligently seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6).

Chapter 9

"And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the

Earth. 2 And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the Earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the Earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered. 3 Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things. 4 But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat. 5 And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man. 6 Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for **in the image of God made He man**. [For more concerning "the image of God made He man", please read, "[What the Bible Says About Abortion](http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/Fellowship/What.Bible.Says.Abortion.html)" -- <http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/Fellowship/What.Bible.Says.Abortion.html> -- by Katie Stewart.] 7 And you, **be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the Earth, and multiply therein.**"

Side Note Number 2: Tom Stewart-- "According to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the UN, food production must double in order to have enough food for the 7.8 billion people expected by 2025. And, in 2050, India is projected to have slightly more people than China-- if the LORD should tarry. 'For yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry' (Hebrews 10:37).

The All Wise God certainly knew man's prospects when He gave the command to 'be fruitful, and multiply' (Genesis 1:28). Because ungodly man holds the 'Truth in unrighteousness' (Romans 1:18), the fruitfulness of having children that God intended to be a blessing for him, has become his curse. 'Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is His reward' (Psalms 127:3). 'If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto My Name, saith the LORD of Hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart' (Malachi 2:2). But, could not the All Powerful God have miraculously multiplied the planet's resources to have supplied man's needs, if they had walked in obedience? Certainly. 'Thou gavest also Thy Good Spirit to instruct them, and withheldest not Thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst' (Nehemiah 9:20).

But, in the Providence of God, the Eternal God understood that rebellious mankind would reach a conclusion, beyond which He would not allow them to continue. 'Because He hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by that Man [Christ Jesus] Whom He hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised [Jesus] from the dead' (Acts 17:31). It was a belief of the Early Church, as written in the extra-biblical Epistle of Barnabas, that man's time on this planet corresponded to the Creation Week. 'But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the LORD as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day' (2Peter 3:8). 6,000 years compared to the first six days of the Creation Week, while the Millennium (Revelation 20:4) would correspond to the Seventh Day or Sabbath; thus, some have termed it the Sabbath-Millennium Theory. '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)." --from "[Be Fruitful And Multiply: World Population Reaches 6 Billion](http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/Timeline/Be.Fruitful.and.Multiply.html)" -- <http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/Timeline/Be.Fruitful.and.Multiply.html> -- by Tom Stewart.

"8 And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying, 9 And I, behold, I establish My

Covenant with you, and with your seed after you; 10 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. 11 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."

God created the Earth. All that was created, God called "very good".

- (Genesis 1:31) "And God saw every thing that He had made, and, behold, it was **very good**. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day."

And all that was created was in harmony **with God**, and functioned in the physical ways God had uniquely designed for each of them. Creation fulfilled the purposes which God had ordained, i.e.,

1. providing much pleasure and enjoyment for Himself, "Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created" (Revelation 4:11)., and,
2. providing man with an abundant environment that was complete and wonderful in every way, "28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the Earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the Earth. 29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the Earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. 30 And to every beast of the Earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the Earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so" (Genesis 1:28-30).

The Earth was the highest "good" God could do for man in providing a place for him to live. On this side of Heaven, the Earth shined as the most beautiful "home" ever. It was absolute perfection-- *until man sinned*.

- (Genesis 3:17-19) "17 And unto Adam He said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the Tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: **cursed is the ground for thy sake**; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; 18 **thorns also and thistles** shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; 19 **the sweat of thy face** shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return."

Mankind is the only puzzle piece in the whole of Creation that is moral in character. Only man was created in God's image, having a free will to understand and choose that which is right in God's sight and that which is evil. "**Abhor** that which is evil; **cleave** to that which is good" (Romans 12:9). **It is ONLY man's wicked choices that FORCE the LORD's hand to mar, and even destroy, the wondrous world He lovingly created.**

- (Genesis 6:7,13) "7 And the LORD said, **I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the Earth**; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it **repenteth** [or, grieved] Me that I have made them. 13 And God said unto Noah, The **end of all flesh** is come before Me; for **the Earth is filled with violence through them**; and, behold, **I**

will destroy them with the Earth."

- (Jeremiah 21:10) "For I have set My face against this city for evil, and not for good, saith the LORD: it shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall **burn it** with fire."

The LORD **must** judge sin. In fact, "the LORD is **known** by the Judgment which He executeth" (Psalm 9:16).

- (Deuteronomy 6:15) "(For the LORD thy God is a Jealous God among you) lest the anger of the LORD thy God be kindled against thee, and destroy thee from off the face of the Earth."
- (Psalm 76:7) "Thou, even Thou, art to be feared: and who may stand in Thy sight when once Thou art angry?"
- (Ecclesiastes 12:14) "God shall bring every work into Judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil."

Just as the LORD judged sin in Noah's time, so will He judge **again** in our time-- not "by the waters of a flood", but by a "great Tribulation, such as **was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be**" (Matthew 24:21) [For more on the soon coming Tribulation, see the section of our website entitled, "[Timeline](http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/WStS.Timeline.html)" -- <http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/WStS.Timeline.html> --].

- (Revelation 11:18) "And the nations were angry, and Thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that Thou shouldest give reward unto Thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear Thy Name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the Earth."
- (Daniel 9:13) "All this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our prayer before the LORD our God, **that we might turn** from our iniquities, and understand Thy Truth."
- (Isaiah 26:9) "When Thy Judgments are in the Earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness."

"12 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: 13 **I do set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a Covenant between Me and the Earth.**"

A covenant is a **two-way** agreement, a contract, made between two or more individuals. A covenant is not just an unconditional promise made by one individual. **ALL** parties in a covenant must uphold their word by performing what each promised. Only then can a covenant be valid. But if one party fails, the covenant is violated and made void.

Everything that science has discovered reveals only a tiny, finite particle of the structure, imagination, and beauty found in the Infinite Mind of God. In God's Covenant with the Earth, the Earth's part is to be in conformity with God's will and design. The Earth, not being moral, agrees with God because it can do nothing else but agree. The Earth fulfills its obligation to the Covenant made by God through operating in the physical laws God gave it, i.e., gravity, energy, the mechanics and physical properties

of all natural phenomena. Scripture reveals the covenant relationship that Creation has with its Creator.

In Creation, the LORD's handiwork is in concert with its Creator.

1. The stones can *cry out His praise*.

- (Luke 19:37-40) "37 And when He was come nigh... the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen; 38 saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the Name of the LORD: peace in Heaven, and glory in the highest. 39 And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto Him, Master, rebuke Thy disciples. 40 And He answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out."

2. The Earth *helps His people*.

- (1Kings 17:6) "And the ravens brought him [Elijah] bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook."
- (Revelation 12:16) "And the Earth helped the woman, and the Earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth."

3. The sea, the fields, and the woods *are in one accord with His plans*.

- (1Chronicles 16:32-33) "Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof: let the fields rejoice, and all that is therein. Then shall the trees of the wood sing out at the presence of the LORD, because He cometh to judge the Earth."
- (Isaiah 44:23; 49:13) "Sing, O ye heavens; for the LORD hath done it: shout, ye lower parts of the Earth: break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified Himself in Israel... Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O Earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the LORD hath comforted His people, and will have mercy upon His afflicted."

4. The wilderness and hills *rejoice in His bounty*.

- (Psalm 65:11-13) "11 Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness; and Thy paths drop fatness. 12 They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills rejoice on every side. 13 The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing."

And in Judgment, nature bends under the strain of man's sin *and agrees with "the Judge of All the Earth"* (Genesis 18:25).

- (Jeremiah 12:4,11) "How long shall the land mourn, and the herbs of every field wither, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein? the beasts are consumed, and the birds... they have made it desolate, and being desolate it mourneth unto Me; the whole land is made desolate,

because no man layeth it to heart."

- (Romans 8:22) "For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

"14 And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the Earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud: 15 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.

16 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.

17 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. 18 And the sons of Noah, that went forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth: and Ham is the father of Canaan. 19 These are the three sons of Noah: and of them was the whole Earth overspread."

The fact that there are three main shapes of skulls which define the races of the world prove that "the three sons of Noah" repopulated the Earth, "and of them was the whole Earth overspread".

Man, being moral, must uphold the Covenant by right moral actions to God's righteous moral Law. When man breaks God's Law, he proclaims the worthlessness with which he views God's Law. It is not his delight, nor does he respect It anymore than he delights in or respects the One Who authored It.

- (Psalm 28:5) "Because they regard not the works of the LORD, nor the operation of His hands, He shall destroy them, and not build them up."
- (Psalm 66:18) "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the LORD will not hear me."
- (1Samuel 2:30) "Now the LORD saith... them that honour Me I will honour, and they that despise Me shall be lightly esteemed."
- (Romans 1:20-25) "20 For the invisible things of Him from the Creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His Eternal Power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse. 21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, 23 and changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. 24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: 25 who changed the Truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, Who is blessed for ever. Amen."

If man doesn't regard God or His Law, then he obviously doesn't regard any Covenant offered by God. And when that happens, all contracts are off. [Read "[Salvation Always Conditional](#)" by C. G. Finney --

http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/Voice/Oberlin_1840/OE1840.Salvation.Condition.html --]

- (Hebrews 10:26-27) "For if we **sin wilfully** after that we have received the knowledge of the Truth, there remaineth **no more sacrifice for sins**, but a certain fearful looking for of Judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries."
- (Hebrews 6:4-8) "4 For it is impossible for those who were once **enlightened**, and have **tasted** of the heavenly Gift, and were made **partakers** of the Holy Ghost, 5 and have **tasted** the good Word of God, and the powers of the world to come, 6 if they shall fall away and [and remain in that state], to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put Him to an open shame. 7 For the Earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God: 8 but that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned."
- (2Peter 2:20-21) "For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the LORD and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and **overcome**, the latter end is **worse** with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known The Way of Righteousness, than, after they have known It, to turn from the Holy Commandment delivered unto them."
- (Hebrews 10:29, 31, 38) "29 Of how much **sorer** punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted The Blood of the Covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?... 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the Living God... 38 Now the just shall live by FAITH: but if any man draw back, My soul shall have **no** pleasure in him."

When the people of the Earth are so completely evil, and God sees "that the wickedness of man [is] great in the Earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart [is] only evil continually", then "it repent[s] the LORD that He had made man on the Earth, and it grieve[s] Him at His heart." Judgment **must** follow. God is Faithful, and requires His people to be full of FAITH. "The Father seeketh such to worship Him" (John 4:23).

Side Note Number 3: Tom Stewart-- "Solomon's prayer... indicates the understanding that Israel's godly king possessed of the character of God... 'There is no God like Thee, in Heaven above, or on Earth beneath, Who keepest covenant [i.e., performs His agreement or contract] and mercy with Thy servants that walk before Thee with **all** their heart' (1Kings 8:23). Whatever else that could be said of the Living God, Solomon knew that *Jehovah keeps His Word*, which binds Him to the Saints with an ironclad covenant. 'Know therefore that the LORD thy God, He is God, the Faithful God, which keepeth covenant [Hebrew, berith] and mercy **with them that love Him and KEEP His Commandments** to a thousand generations' (Deuteronomy 7:9). Of course, *all that remains, is for man to be correspondingly faithful at keeping his word to God.*" --from "Keeping Covenant" by Tom Stewart.

We have been "warned of God of things not seen as yet".

- (Daniel 12:1) "At that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of Thy people: and there shall be a Time of Trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time Thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the Book."
- (Joel 2:2) "A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains."
- (Matthew 24:21-22) "For then shall be great Tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened."
- (Luke 21:35) "For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole Earth."

Jesus is the Ark of Salvation for you and those in your house. Trust Him. Let Him draw you inside and allow the Father to shut you in, away from, and above The Judgment.

"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"
(Hebrews 11:7).

THE END

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Charles G. Finney's lectures in "[The Oberlin Evangelist](#)"

-- <http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/Fellowship/Finney.Oberlin.Evangelist.html> -- , in particular,

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God keeps His Word, and expects the same of us.

"And he said, LORD God of Israel, there is no God like Thee, in Heaven above, or on Earth beneath,
Who keepest covenant and mercy with Thy servants that walk before Thee with all their heart"

(1Kings 8:23).

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