

Old Testament Lessons

The Flood

(Gn 6-9)

INTRODUCTION

1. Good Evening
 - a. It is good to see each of you here to worship once again.
 - b. **Ps 112:1** "Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, Who delights greatly in His commandments."
2. Series of lessons on "Old Testament Lessons"
 - a. Last week we examined "Ezra 7:10"
 - b. This week we are going to look at the darkest time in the history of man outside perhaps the fall of man and the crucifying of the Messiah, "the flood."
2. The flood is an amazing biblical account.
 - a. There are many great lessons found here.
 - b. It isn't without it critics however.
4. This evening we are going to examine the biblical account of the flood.
 - a. With that in mind open up your bibles to **Gn 6**

I. The Flood Account

- A. Wickedness of the people
 1. **Gn 6:1**
- B. Righteousness of Noah's family
 1. **Gn 6:9**
- C. Building an ark
 1. Dimensions – **Gn 6:15**
 - i. Length – 300 cubits
 - a. 450 ft @ 18in per cubit
 - ii. Width – 50 cubits
 - a. 68 ¾ ft
 - iii. Height – 30 cubits
 - a. 41 ¼ ft
 - iv. Had one window & door – **Gn 6:16a**
 - a. Door only God could close not Noah – **Gn 7:16**
 - v. Had 3 levels – **Gn 6:16b**
 - vi. Look like box not boat
 - a. Made to float not steer
 2. Made from gofer wood – **Gn 6:14a**
 - i. Some have said Cyprus
 - ii. Meaning of wood is unknown
 3. Had pitch inside and out – **Gn 6:14b**
 - i. Seal leaks help float
 - a. Moses' basket made same way

D. The animals

1. Clean

- i. 7 pairs male and female
- ii. Has divided hoofs & chews its cud
 - a. **Lv 11:3**
- iii. Has fins & scales
 - a. **Lv 11:9**

2. Unclean

- i. 1 pair male and female
- ii. No divided hoof or does not chew the cud
 - a. **Lv 11:4-8**
- iii. Is in water but has no fins or scales
 - a. **Lv 11:10**

3. Fowl

- i. 7 pairs male and female

4. Creeping things

- i. 1 pair (fits into the unclean animals)
 - a. **Lv 11:20**

5. They all entered two by two

- i. **Gn 7:9**

E. The flood

1. Water came from earth and sky

- i. **Gn 7:11**

2. Flooded for 40 days and nights

- i. **Gn 7:12**

3. Everything was covered past top of the mountains

- i. **Gn 7:19-20**

4. Waters subsided after 150 days or 3 Jewish months

- i. **Gn 7:24-8:1**

5. Earth was dry again after 1 year

- i. **Gn 7:11; 8:13-14**

D. The Promise

1. Never to destroy the world by flood again

- i. **Gn 9:11-13**

II. The Flood Critics

A. Those that don't believe in the flood

1. It must be "just a story"

- i. Found in many ancient documents, Babylonian, Greek, Roman.
 - a. "Epic of Atrahasis" - Babylonian
 - 1. Babylonian king "Ammi-saduqa"
 - 2. Date 1647-1626 BCE

- b. In the Epic of Atrahasis you have...
 - 1. The world created by gods and see the lesser gods working hard digging rivers and building mountains.
 - 2. You have the lesser gods getting tired and they declare war on the greater gods.
 - 3. Because of this an ark is made a global flood happens and order is restored.
 - 2. It couldn't hold all animals not enough food.
 - i. Baby animals & miraculous.
 - 3. It is ridiculous to believe it just saved a few people.
 - i. Science has proven a narrowing in our DNA
 - a. Discovery documentary talked about his. (<http://tinyurl.com/66kfrq8>)
- B. Those that believe in only a local flood
 - 1. It could not scientifically cover earth therefore local flood.
 - i. It would be impossible to breath
 - ii. There have been many local floods since then
 - a. Tsunami in Indonesia...
 - b. Tsunami in Japan
 - iii. So if it was a local flood that the Bible is discussing then God lied with the rainbow.
 - iv. Also there are marine fossils on virtually every mountain peak. How is this without a global flood?
 - a. "Geologic evidence suggests that most, if not all, of the world's mountains have been under water at some point in the past—a conclusion demanded by the existence of sedimentary deposits and marine fossils at or near their summits." (<http://tinyurl.com/4rmue29>)
- C. The Bible and the flood
 - 1. The flood is taught as truth years later.
 - i. **Mt 24:38-39** "For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39 and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be."
 - ii. **I Pt 3:20-21** "who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. 21 There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ"

2. Teaches it as covering the whole earth
 - i. **Gn 6:17** "And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die."
 - ii. **Gn 7:19** "And the waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth, and all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered."

III. Lessons From The Flood

- A. God hates sin
 1. **Gn 6:6**
 2. **Ps 119:104** "Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way."
 - a. **Is 59:1-2**
- B. We will be judged
 1. **Gn 6:7**
 2. **I Pt 4:4-5** "In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you. 5 They will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead."
 3. **Ro 14:12** "So then each of us shall give account of himself to God."
- C. God expects one to do what He asks the way He asks it
 1. **Gn 6:14-16**
 2. **Dt 12:32** "Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it; you shall not add to it nor take away from it."
 3. **Ga 1:8** "But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed."
- D. God keeps promises – **Gn 6:7; 8:20-22**
 1. Never has earth been destroyed by flood.
 2. He has promised heaven to the righteous.
 - i. **Rv 2:10c**

CONCLUSION

1. The flood is one of the most amazing and heart wrenching accounts in the Bible.
 - a. As you look at you can't help but feel a sense of awe at the evil that was on the earth.
 - b. Yet even today that evil is ever present, because Satan as a hold on so many.
2. I want to encourage each of you to make sure that it cannot be said of you, "that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."
 - a. Take time this evening to put your life right with God if it is not in order.
3. This is done only by being obedient to God and thus following His will.
 - a. Take the steps necessary to come in contact with the blood of Christ.
 - i. Whether for the first time in obeying God's gospel plan of Salvation.
 - ii. Or for the 100th time in prayer.
 - iii. Make sure you are striving to be holy.
4. Invitation