

GENESIS 6:11-22

LESSON: PREPARATION FOR DELIVERANCE — November 4, 2018

SYNOPSIS:

6:6-10 God was sorry He had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. After man had put himself in a position to cause God to be sorry and feel sad, the Lord spoke out of His mouth: *"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"* and again God was sorry He had made them. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. These are the descendants of Noah. Noah was a just man; was perfect among his generations, and walked with God. Three children were born into the family.

LESSON: I. COMING CATASTROPE GENESIS 6:11-13

6:11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

1. **The earth was corrupt before God.** By "corrupt" it meant depraved with sin. All of what mankind did was done before God. We think that no one sees us when we do evil, but God does! If mankind doesn't do right upon the earth, the earth doesn't come out right.
2. **The earth was filled with violence.** Every since the voice of Abel's blood cried out from the ground (4:10) and Lamech, the son of Methusael who took matters into his own hands and killed a youth who had attacked him (4:23), violence continued to spew into the earth with senseless attacks and killings. They became lawless, as well as immoral.

6:12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

3. The earth was seen by God, and the picture is that the whole earth is sitting there before God, and God is looking upon the earth and sees a terrible scene: the whole earth is corrupt.
4. All flesh; all mankind had corrupted their way before God upon the earth. When God first created man, He laid before man the way of godliness and of life, both abundant and eternal life. Now, no one was living a holy and godly life. They forsook the way of God and went their own way. The conclusion:
 - Pain and suffering in birth.
 - Birth defects and imperfections.
 - Stumbling about and falling into evil.
 - Accident and injury.
 - Sickness and disease.
 - Selfishness and greed.
 - Aging and dying.
 - Earthly position and honor that is ever so temporary.

The list could go on and on.

6:13 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.** God went to the one who believed in Him, Noah, the one who had found grace in the eyes of the Lord. So, at this time, God had made a decision about man and the earth. Two things God revealed about the coming judgment:

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1. The time of man has come before God. He was going to put an end to all flesh. He was going to destroy all mankind. Noah had to be terrified listening to this, but he had to believe this was truth.
2. God was going to destroy man with the earth: because man had filled the earth with violence (*all forms of sin and corruption that violate God and man*). The destruction of man along with the earth was coming.

II. PREPARATION FOR CALAMITY GENESIS 3:14-22

6:14 Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch. Noah had to really believe that this could be done when God told him to make, meaning build an ark, something he had never done before. As God continued to speak about what materials Noah was to use, Noah had to realize the seriousness of the matter, for God had just said **I will destroy them with the earth**. God was the designer and Noah would be the builder.

1. There was a special wood to be use and it was called gopher wood. "*Gopher wood*", similar to cypress was the material to be used to build the ark, and "*pitch*" was to be used within and without like one would use black tar or asphalt material to keep everything together in the seams. The *gopher wood* is adaptable to ship building and is long lasting when water-soaked. The *pitch* would help the ark be waterproof by sealing the boards inside and out with it. The Hebrew word for pitch (*kopher*) is the same word for atonement. It means to cover. The picture is this:

The pitch sealed the ark and made it secure from the destruction and judgment that was to fall upon the earth. In the pitch is a type or picture of Christ. The blood of Christ seals the believer against the destruction and judgment that every person has to face in the future. Christ bore the judgment of sin for us. He has paid the atonement—the sacrifice for our sins.

2. The ark was to have some separate rooms, that is, cabins or areas positioned off to the side. These of course would provide separate areas for animals (6:19-20) and food (6:21), and living quarters for Noah and his family.

6:15 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. God instructs Noah with perfect measurements in the construction of the ark.

3. The ark was to be enormous in size:
 - ¹Length of 300 cubits= 150 yards or 450 feet
 - Width of 50 cubits= 25 yards or 75 feet
 - Height of 30 cubits= 15 yards or 45 feet high.

The ark would be a huge box-shaped structure only to float, and not maneuver through the water. The 150 yards is the length of 1½ football fields.

6:16 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.

4. There would be an opening for ventilation and light; a window something like a skylight set above of 1 cubit which is 1½ foot or 18 inches.

¹ https://www.google.com/search?safe=active&source=hp&ei=OXyW8O-Huu_jwTxl7YCQ&q=50+cubits+to+feet&oq=50&gs_l=psy-ab.1.0.0i6714j0i131j0i6712j0i20i264j0i131i20i264j0i131.5589.6066..12206...1.0..1.416.1074.0j2j0j1j1.....0...1.gws-
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- The opening of one window on top and the other opening is one door which is set on the side of the ark. The one door into the ark pictures this:

There is only one way to God; only one door that leads to the safety and security of God's salvation. That way and that door is Jesus Christ, God's very own son.

5. There would be a total of three decks the ark— lower, second, and third stories.

This called for great faith from Noah. This called for God supplying all that Noah needed. The point is:

- Believe the unbelievable.
- Do the incredible.
- Accept God's Word at face value.
- Obey God by standing up for God and His Word, by standing against the ridicule and mockery of the world.

6:17 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. God had already said that He will destroy the earth (6:13), but this is the first of how He would do it—a flood of water upon the earth. God is the only one who can bring such judgment. He says **I, even I, do bring**. It is Elohim, the Mighty God, the Sovereign Lord of the universe who would cause the waters to burst forth and destroy all flesh from under heaven; everything in the earth shall die that has the breath of life—people and animals upon the dry land. Maybe not the fish and water animals, but there may be a possibility that some may die. Rain is not mentioned here, but it's mentioned in chapter 7:4. The last time rain was even mentioned was in Gen.2:5b saying *"...for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth."* And for it to flood, God would have to bring on a mighty rain. And Noah probably had not seen rain or flooding before.

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. At this moment Noah really needed God's assurance that he wouldn't be one of the ones that God was going to destroy. Aha, God finally gets around to telling Noah that he and his wife and his sons and their wives will He save and establish covenant with. This is a first time the word *"covenant"* is used in Scripture.

A Covenant is a mutual agreement between two persons or parties. **The Covenant between God and people** is unique because God alone sets the conditions. In a covenant between two persons, the two negotiate the terms and promise with words or a written contract to keep the covenant. **The Covenant of God** often requires obedience and loyalty to Him alone. For those who agree to this, God gives His protective care, His assurance, His guidance, and His presence.

Now, Noah has God's assurance, His protection, His care—His Covenant for he and his family. Noah probably heard that there would be the Promised seed born of a woman that would crush Satan's head to recover mankind to God, therefore the seed would still have a way to still come, since he and his family would be saved. God is very specific in who will enter the ark—**thy sons, thy wife, and thy sons' wives...**

6:19 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. God continues with His specifications of who or what would enter the ark after the building of it is complete. It still takes faith and obedience.

- Two of every living creature upon earth.

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- Two of every sort shall Noah bring into the ark.
- Keep them alive within the ark.
- Make sure one is a male and one is a female.

6:20 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.

- Fowls, cattle, every creeping thing after his kind.
- Two of every sort **will come** to Noah.
- He is to keep them alive within the ark.

Well, well, well the animals would come to Noah to be saved instead of Noah capturing them, just as mankind would have to come on their own to Jesus Christ to be saved. Did the animals sense the oncoming danger or did God cause them to come? Either way it is phenomenal.

6:21 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.

- Noah is to take and gather enough food (and of course water) to feed them all; enough food to last one whole year (8:6-14).

6:22 Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he. As we look at Noah, we can say that he just believed, even when he had nothing to go on except God's Word; God's command. **So he did!** He acted upon that Word and it was done.

SUMMARY:

The earth was corrupt before God and filled with violence. God looked and saw that all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth, and God told Noah what He had seen. And that He was going to destroy all flesh with the earth (6:11-13).

So God instructs Noah to make an ark. God gives him the design and the measurements of the ark, for God was going to flood the earth with water, and everything on earth would die. The ark would be large and enormous enough to have Noah, whom God had made covenant with, along with his wife, his sons, and their wives; also with two of every sort of every living thing, fowl, cattle, creeping thing of the earth after his kind—male and female. These animals would **come to** Noah, and he would keep them alive, for he would gather enough food for all to eat on the ark. Noah did what God commanded of him (6:14-22).