

GENESIS 7:11-24

LESSON: THE GREAT FLOOD —November 18, 2018

INTRODUCTION:

Noah did everything the Lord commanded of him and now, he is 600 years old when the flood waters came upon the earth. Only eight persons altogether entered into the ark, along with the clean and unclean beasts, the fowls and every creeping thing, two by two at a time; male and female they came as God had commanded. And after the seventh day had passed, the flood waters were upon the earth (7:5-10).

LESSON: I. COMING OF THE FLOOD GENESIS 7:11-16

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, and the windows of heaven were opened. God takes note to give us the exact day on which the fountains of the great flood waters began to break loose and the windows of heaven opened. It is the Day of Judgment for all on the earth that God had spoken of! This is the day of the fulfillment of God's Word that was appointed to destroy man and the earth. Noah was 600 years old. It was the second month and the seventeenth day of the month. Man had to face God's judgment in the way He had spoken for they rejected God even to the very day that the flood waters came.

7:12 And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights. The time had been recorded and the length had been recorded (40 days and 40 nights) for the coming flood. It is like our Day of Judgment which is already predestined; fixed in history for us. However, we don't know the hour not the day when Jesus shall return.

7:13 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;— The same day Noah, his three sons, Noah's wife and the three wives of Noah's sons entered the ark. That's a total of eight which is a symbol for new beginnings; and going into the ark symbolized salvation in the midst of judgment. There was safety inside the ark. You have to believe that Noah taught his family about the things of God. And they followed after him. You have to believe that the family's obedience was also seen by God, and therefore, God had mercy upon Noah and his family.

7:14 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

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sort. Every beast, cattle, creeping thing, fowl, and every bird of its kind came.

7:15 And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life. They came unto Noah and entered into the ark two by two of all flesh that breathed life.

7:16 And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the Lord shut him in. This was it. Those that went into the ark were pairs of male and female of all flesh as God commanded. And the Lord Himself closed the door and shut them in. there was safety inside the ark as God was their Protector!

II. DEVASTATION OF THE FLOOD GENESIS 7:17-24

7:17 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. For forty days the waters increased and bore up the ark; keeping it afloat and lifting it above the earth.

7:18 And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters. There were no signs of decrease in the waters, but they greatly increased; causing the ark to rise to the surface of the waters.

7:19 And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered. Again the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth and this time reaching far above to even cover the high hills that were under the entire heaven.

7:20 Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered. The waters prevailed 20 feet above the mountains covering them. No man could do this. God's power and might prevailed till all was covered and nothing was seen anymore.

7:21 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:— Everything died that had moved upon the earth—fowl, cattle, beast, every creeping thing and every man. Just as God created everything on the earth, it's His to destroy. God has a reason for everything He does. Man would not repent of their immoral, self-centered, lawless, adulterous, evil sinful life. God had warned man and they kept doing what they wanted, no longer needing or wanting the Creator.

7:22 All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died. Everything that breathed the breath of life breathed into its nostrils that were in the dry land all died.

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7:23 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. And every living thing was destroyed that had been upon the face of the ground—man, cattle, creeping things, fowl of the heaven. They screamed and hollered as the gushing waters swept them away; all except Noah and those with him within the ark, the family probably only heard the roar of the waters. They remained alive.

7:24 And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days. The waters still prevailed upon the earth for 150 days. This means that the waters of judgment stayed at their full height or peak level of elevation for 150 days.

SUMMARY:

The exact day on which the fountains of the great flood waters began to break loose and the windows of heaven opened began when Noah was 600 years old, the second month and seventeenth day. It rain for 40 days and nights. ¹It is also interesting to note that after Noah and the animals had gone into the Ark that God allowed an entire week to pass (7:10) before the storm came (7:11-12). Perhaps this was done to give the world more opportunity to repent and join Noah, his family and two of every creature were in the safety of the Ark (7:13-16). (7:1-16).

The Flood was the mightiest catastrophe and physical phenomenon the world has ever experienced. Since there had been no rain on the Edenic earth (1:5) this was the first and mightiest rain the earth had felt. Gradually the water level rose higher and higher until the earth's highest mountains were covered (7:19-20). Everything living (outside the ark) was destroyed. Only marine life survived (7:21-23). From the initial storm until God commanded Noah to leave the ark was one year and ten days. The heavy rain lasted 40 days but the waters continued to rise for 110 more days which was a total of 150 days (7:24). (7:17-24).

¹ <http://www.family-times.net/commentary/it-rained-40-days-and-nights/>
<http://www.pitwm.net/pitwm-sunday-school.html>