

# The Water That Washed The World (Genesis 6-9)

# Genesis – Flood

1. Two chapters reveal Creation, 1-2
2. One chapter records Fall, 3
3. Four chapters relate Great Flood, 6-9

# Facts About The Flood

- Noah ('comfort') Gn.5:29
- 6:1-2, *sons of God* – as Dt.14:1
- 6:3, period of grace, opportunity to repent
- 6:4, giants. Context: men, not angels
  - 4:16-24, family of Cain
  - 5:1-32, godly men
  - 6: salt is losing its flavor

# Gn.6:1-7, people, not angels

- Angels cannot marry (Lk.20:34-36)
- Evil angels are not sons of God; good angels do not disobey (6:2)
- Angels sin – men are punished? (6:3)
- “Afterward” – more angels? (6:4)
- Wickedness of men; evil hearts (6:5)
- God: grieving heart (6:6)
- Judgment (flood) (6:7)

# Gn.6:8-9, BUT Noah...

- Found grace
  - **A contrast:** God *favored* Noah.
- Character of Noah: 'different'
  1. Just (righteous)
  2. Perfect (consistent)
  3. Walked with God (as 5:22)

Wherever God leads, Noah goes

Opposition to sin; stands with God

Righteous life (7:1). Hb.11:7; 2 Pt.2:5

# Gn.6:11-22... self-destruction

13: end of grace; judgment would follow

14: ark: boat, basket, chest; floating box. Pitch

15: size

16: window; three decks

17: destroy all flesh

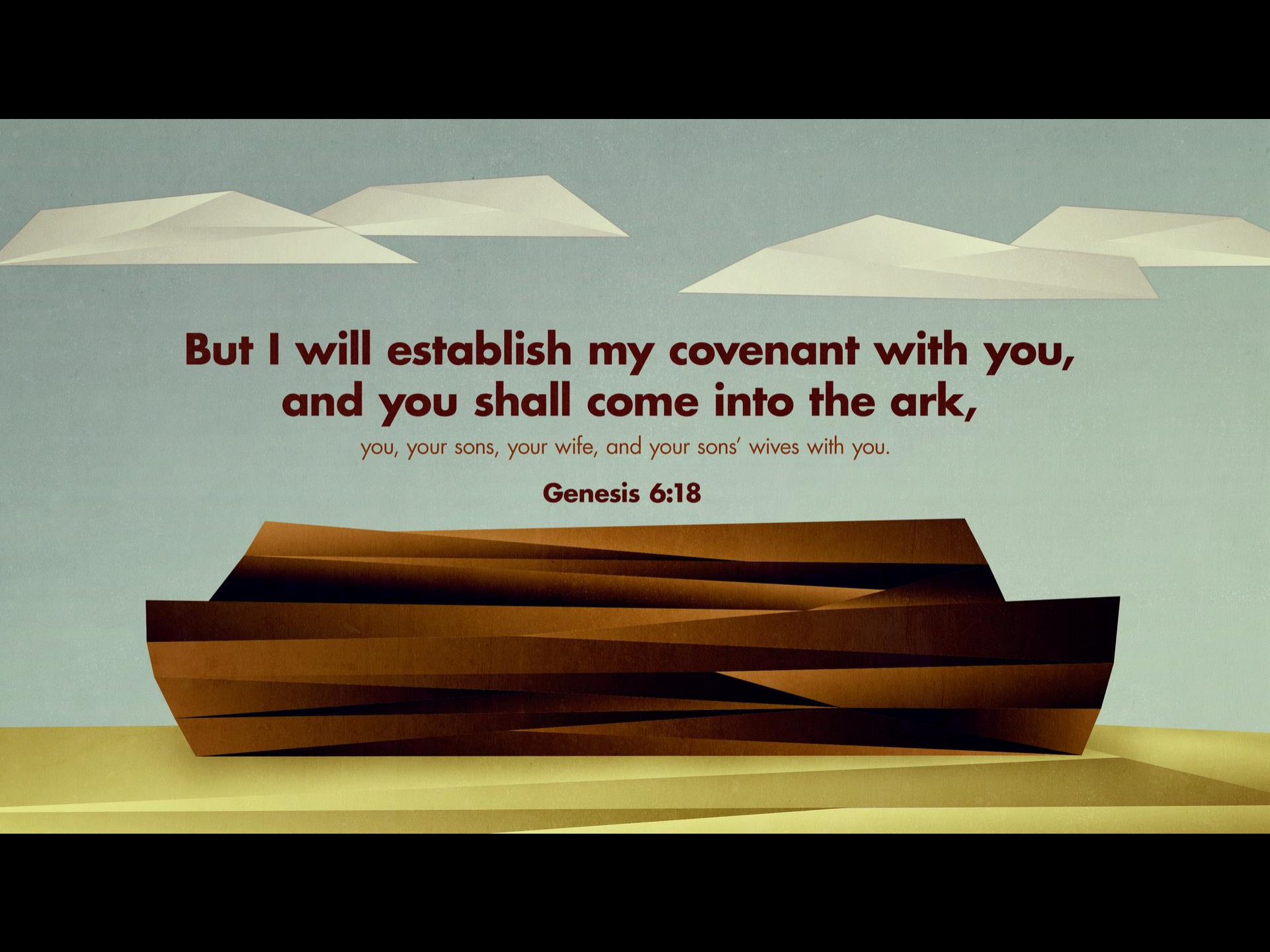
18: covenant with Noah and family

19-20: animal preserve

21: food store

22: Noah's faith (Hb.11:7)





**But I will establish my covenant with you,  
and you shall come into the ark,**

you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you.

**Genesis 6:18**

# Gn.7-8, on board ark; exit from ark

7:11, rain + fountains of great deep

8:11, dove...olive leaf

8:17 (= 1:28): fruitful, multiply

8:20-22, worship





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# I. Many Do Not Believe In Worldwide Flood

# People reject Flood because...

1. Does not 'match science'
  - a. "Gn.1-11 is poetry"
  - b. Why stop here?
2. Media
3. Manipulate terms: 'universal...'
4. Myth view
5. Mini-flood view

A dramatic scene of a wooden ark floating on a dark, stormy sea under a lightning-filled sky. The ark is a long, multi-story wooden structure with a ramp at the rear. The sea is dark blue with white-capped waves. The sky is dark grey with several bright, jagged lightning bolts striking down. The overall mood is ominous and powerful.

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II. Why Insist On  
Worldwide Flood?

# 1. Directions God gave Noah, 6:1-4

- 120 years (3): time God gave Noah to finish preparing for Flood (ark; pack; preach...)
- If local Flood, why . . .
  - not relocate Noah? [Sodom...Lot]
  - gather animals?
  - build ark?
  - build such large ark?
    - 1858
    - Two of every family . . . / species
    - Average land animal: smaller than sheep
      - 136,560 sheep in ½ its capacity . . .

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## 2. **Dimensions of flood**, 6:5

- Great wickedness in earth, 5.
- Face of earth, 7.
- Earth corrupt, filled with violence, 11.
- All flesh corrupted, 12.
- All flesh, 7:19, 21.

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- Destroy sinful 'man' with earth.



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4. **Description of flood, 7:11**

7:11 – reversal of 1:6ff.

1. **Below:** all fountains of great deep broke up (oceans) [1:2]
2. **Above:** windows of heaven (firmament, expanse, 1:7)



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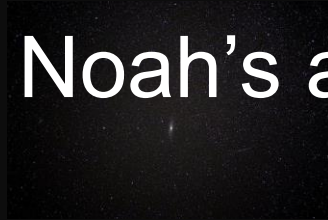
## 5. Duration of Flood, 7:11; 8:14

- One year, ten days, 7:11; 8:14
- Peaked in 150 days (8:3-4)



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- Waters covered mountains to depth of at least the draft of Noah's ark



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7. **Decree**, 9:15

- No more universal floods.
- If local: decree is proven false every year.
  - Rainbow would remind us that God lied.

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- Gn.6:14-16, flood and salvation – faith
  - Noah: saving faith, Hb.11:7. Great test.
  - Baptism: 1 Pt.3:20-21

God's idea:  
ark / baptism

Voluntary, but  
exclusive...

Based on grace:  
had to enter ark

Few were saved.  
So, today

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- Gn.10:1...32
  - Actual characters
  - Actual events
  - Universal scope

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- Mt.24:37-39, flood, judgment, neglect
  - As days of Noah – so will be... (really?)
  - Noah entered ark – ‘all’ taken away
  - Lk.17:27-29, ‘all’; ‘Sodom’
  - Lk.3:36, Noah – real?

If we can't trust Jesus on history,  
can we trust Him on salvation?

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### ■ Hb.11:7

- If not factual, how would it encourage readers?
- How many other examples in Hb.11 are 'good stories' / 'mere legends'?



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- 2 Pt.2:5
  - Flood and universal judgment (9)
  - Deny Noah = deny our final judgment?

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- 2 Pt.3:5-6, compares miracle of flood and creation and universal judgment of world
  - 6: earth
  - 10-12, if local flood, will final judgment melt only small part of earth with fervent heat?

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  - Berosus (275 BC):

‘But of this ship that grounded in Armenia some part still remains in the mountains ...and some get pitch from the ship by scraping it off.’

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  - Josephus
  - Idea of 'local Flood' not found prior to AD 1655.
  - Fossils of sea creatures found in every continent on mountainous regions...

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