

# The Story of **NOAH** - Standing Alone In A Corrupt World



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- In what ways do you see corruption in today's world?
- Why is it difficult for Christians to stand up for Biblical standards? Is it difficult for you to stand strong for God in today's world?

The story of Noah involves two tragic world-wide floods. The first was a **moral flood** of wickedness that covered the earth (Gen. 6:5-7, 11-12). The second was **the flood of God's judgment** when he destroyed all life on earth except those on the Ark (Gen. 6:13, 17-22). Noah had 120 years to build the Ark. During that time he was also preaching to the people (2 Peter 2:5). He warned them of coming judgment and the need to repent. Unfortunately, everyone turned a deaf ear. They continued in wickedness. But Noah obeyed God in a world that was disobedient. Noah is an example of standing alone for God when the world bows to sin.

## The Central Lesson:

**Stand for God even when the world bows to sin**

### 1. The **CORRUPTION** of Humanity (6:1-7).

The corruption of humanity increased exponentially. Notice the four key words in Genesis 6:5 that convey this: (1) **extent**, (2) **everything**, (3) **consistently**, and (4) **totally**. *"The Lord observed the **extent** of human wickedness on the earth, and he saw that **everything** they thought or imagined was **consistently** and **totally** evil."*

#### Demonic Inter-marriage with Human Women?

Genesis 6:1-2 is **controversial**. There are **two major views**. Genesis 6:1-2 records *"The sons of God saw the beautiful women [Hebrew: "daughters of men"] and took any they wanted as their wives."* (v.2 NLT).

(1) Some believe the reference to *"the sons of God"* refers to **fallen angels** (see Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7; Jude 6; 1 Peter 3:19-20). Further, they believe their offspring with human women were the *"giant Nephilites"* (NLT). *"...for whenever the sons of God had intercourse with women, they gave birth to children who became the **heroes** and **famous warriors** of ancient times."* (Gen. 6:4).

This view states that Satan was trying to prevent the coming of the Savior by *polluting all human genetics with demonic DNA*. One Bible teacher explains: **"Satan tried to pollute the genetic 'pool' of mankind with a satanic corruption, to put a genetic 'virus' to make the human race unfit for bringing forth the Seed of the woman - the Messiah - promised in Genesis 3:15."** (David Guzik, *Enduring Word*).

Those who hold this view believe God destroyed the human race with the Flood in order to **stop the spread of the demonic gene pool** and start over with Noah and his family.

(2) The second view rejects the demonic cohabitation position and believes the *"the sons of God"* refers to **the godly line of Seth** and the daughters of men are **the sinful line of Cain**. This resulted in a marriage between the godly and ungodly, something God prohibited (see Deut. 7:1-4; 2 Cor. 6:14). Also, this view refers to Matthew 22:30 when Jesus said angels *"...neither marry nor be given in marriage..."* Therefore, angels cannot have children with human women (unless human men are demon possessed).

### 2. The **CALL** of Noah (6:8-22).

Noah and his family were the only righteous people on earth during this time (see Genesis 6:9, 22). Noah was described as: *"...a **righteous man**, the only **blameless person living on earth at the time**, and he walked in **close fellowship with God**."* Furthermore, the New Testament adds that Noah was a *"preacher of righteousness"* in 2 Peter 2:5 (NIV) and a man of *"faith"* in Hebrews 11:7. Noah stood alone for God when the world bowed to sin.

### 3. The **CONSTRUCTION** of the Ark & the Coming Flood.

People have many questions about the Ark and the Flood.

#### (1) How big was the Ark? Could it really hold all the animals?

The Ark was shaped like a giant shoe box. It is estimated to have been 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high with three levels inside. In other words, it was taller than a 3 story building and longer and wider than a football field. It would equal the capacity of 569 modern railroad stock cars. Many writers on the subject of Noah's Ark have different estimates for the amount of animals that it could carry. The numbers range from 35,000 to 40,000 animals.

#### (2) Was the flood local or world-wide?

Both scripture and science support a world-wide flood. In Genesis chapters 6-9, the Flood is repeatedly referred to as a global flood (see Genesis 7:20). Jesus also spoke of the Flood as global (Matthew 24:36-39; Luke 17:26-27). Also, fossils of sea creatures are found in mountains more than a mile above sea level. Plus there is other scientific evidence for a global flood.

#### (3) Where did all the water come from?

Genesis 7:11 tells us there were two sources of water - springs of water from below the earth, subterranean, and rain water from above. Genesis 7:12 records that it rained for 40 days and nights continuously. Also, some believe that there was a "water vapor canopy" that blanketed the earth before the Flood. The rain from above was a result of the canopy collapsing.

## The Central Lesson

**Stand for God even when the world bows to sin.**

*In what ways do you need to stand for God as the world bows to sin?*

**Suggested Prayer:** *"Heavenly Father, I recognize that the world is continuing to bow down to sin. Please forgive me for the times I have bowed to sin. You have every right to be grieved with the world. Help Your people to stand up for You. Help us to live for You, to speak for You, and to lead people to a right relationship with You. Send us revival. Bring deep conviction of sin upon our city and Nation. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen."*

► Accept Christ as your Savior. ► As a Christian, dedicate your life to Christ. ► Invite someone to next Sunday's study. ► Attend a small group. ► Read the Bible this week & journal meaningful verses. ► Pray for friends that need Jesus.