

The Old Testament
Book of Genesis!



The Text:
Genesis 6:1-13!



The Sermon Title:
The History of Noah!

The Introduction!

This morning we continue our journey through the Old Testament narrative of the book of Genesis. Remember, a narrative is a story that builds on the information already developed in the previous chapters. This morning, we pick up the story in chapter six!



Let's Review The Context!

Chapter One's Focus: The CREATOR!

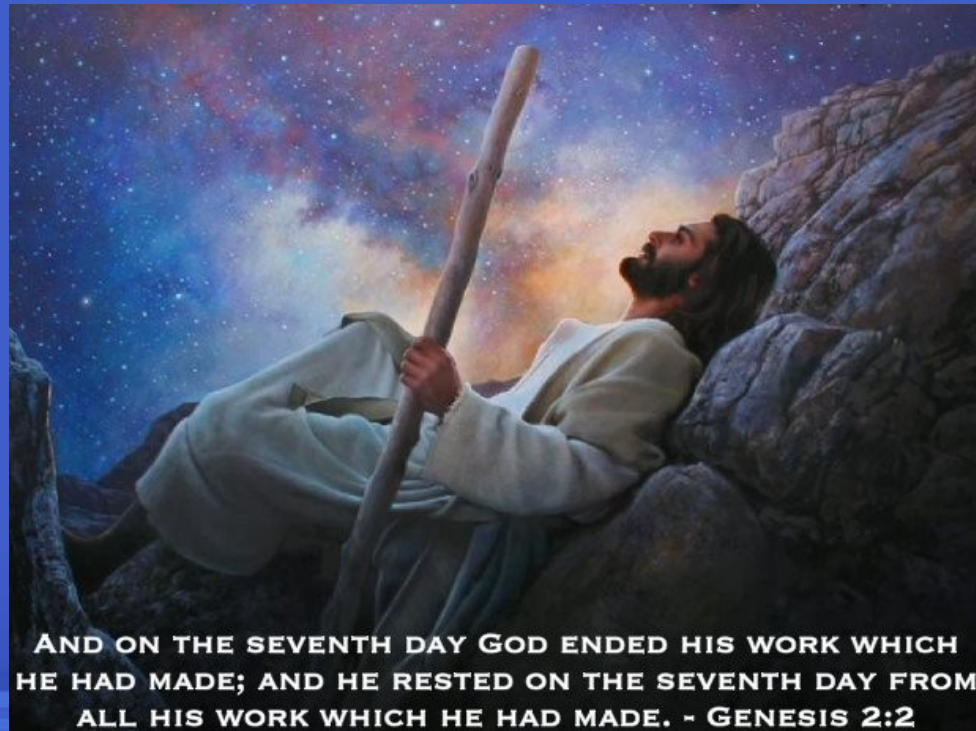
- 1. The Cause of Creation.*
- 2. The Commentary of Creation.*



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Chapter Two's Focus: The CONCLUSION!

1. The Consummation of Creation.
2. The Capstone of Creation.



AND ON THE SEVENTH DAY GOD ENDED HIS WORK WHICH HE HAD MADE; AND HE RESTED ON THE SEVENTH DAY FROM ALL HIS WORK WHICH HE HAD MADE. - GENESIS 2:2

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Chapter Three's Focus: The CURSE!

1. Man's Cataclysmic Fall.
2. Man's Chaotic Future.



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Chapters 4 & 5 Focus: The **CONTRAST!**

1. (4:1-15) Cain's Genealogy.
2. (5:16-32) Contrast between Cain and Seth.



Sermon Outline for this Section!

I. (6:1-7) The **CAUSE** of the Flood!

II. (6:8-22) The **COMPASSIONATE** Focus!

III. (7:1-8:19) The **COMMENTARY** on the Flood!

IV. (8:20-9:28) The **COMPASSION** after the Flood!



Today's Sermon Outline!

I. (6:1-13) The CAUSE of the Flood!

With the introductory verse in chapter six our attention turns from the godly line of Seth (in chapter 5) and returns to the wickedness of men upon the earth (or the rebellious line of Cain).

The point of the introduction in chapter six, is to remind us that sin, if left alone, will destroy everything that is pure and good, everything that is loved by God. The teaching here is that sin must be destroyed – The sin of Eve's doubting God's word, which then revealed its true ugliness in the character her son Cain, which came to maturity in the godless civilization of his descendants, had grown to the point that it could only be cleansed by means of a universal bath. Thus, the story of the flood!

Today's Sermon Outline!

I. (6:1-7) The CAUSE of the Flood!

A. (6:1-4) Man's Great Apostasy.

1. (6:1-3) The Apostasy is Revealed.

- a. (vv.1-2) As a result of man's longevity on the earth the earth's population quickly grew. And because the women were beautiful, the sons of God took wives for themselves, whomever they chose.
- b. (v.3) As a result of the rebellion against God's command (2:24), the very Spirit who aided in the act of creation (1:2) will now move to end the longevity of life as a result of the sin of lust (Adam lived 800 / Now man will live 120 yrs.).

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2. (6:4) The Apostasy is Realized.

Having just described the great apostasy, the narrative turns its attention to the result of the apostasy – the godless activity of the Nephilim (or giants) who now freely roamed the earth.

- 1. Nephilim = "To fall" upon others / to crush the opponent.*
- 2. Perhaps here we are given a glimpse of the destruction of the godly line of Seth (they were crushed).*
- 3. Idea is when the sons of God married the daughters of men they produced giants – mighty men of renown (v.5 / evil).*

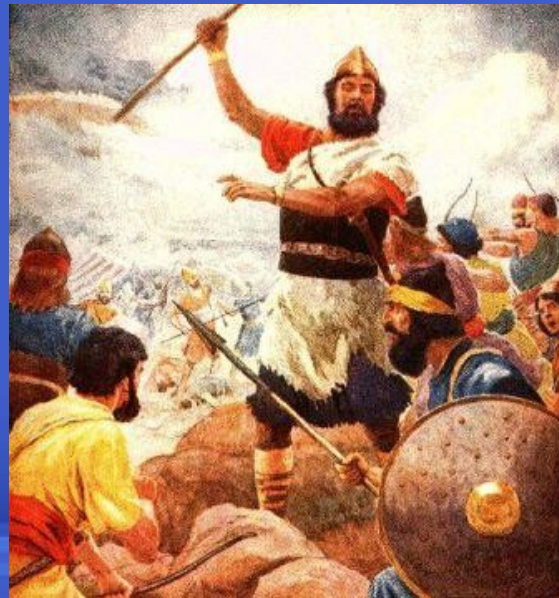
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***The First View:
The Godly Line of Seth!***

This view interprets the passage contextually by pointing out that the separation between the ungodly line of Cain and the godly line of Seth was disappearing. That the godly line of Seth was slowly being eliminated from the earth. That the sin of lust was now infiltrating and infecting all those who once associated with God and His promise of a coming Redeemer.

The Problem With The Godly Line of Seth View!

How could marriage between ungodly and godly men and women produce a race of Nephilim or giants (v.4)? Is backsliding a cause for the complete destruction of all life on earth by means of a world-wide flood (v.7)?



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***The Second View:
The ungodly Kings of the earth!***

Again, the problem with this view is that if this verse is to be taken literally, then there is no explanation for their offspring becoming Nephilim or giants.



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The Third View:

***Fallen angels who because of this unique sin,
are confined until the final time of judgment!***

1. **Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7** – this title is used to refer to angels!
2. **II Peter 2:4** – God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment.
3. **Jude 6** – The angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day.

The Problem: Mark 12:25 – Angels do not procreate.

***Today we see a growing interest in the underworld.
We live at a time when Satan worship is growing.***

Colossians 2:8 – See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception.

I Timothy 4:1 – The Spirit explicitly says that in the later times (Matthew 24:37) some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons.

II Thessalonians 4:1f – Let no one deceive you, for it (Tribulation) will not come unless the apostasy (Church) comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed (Antichrist), the son of destruction (War), who opposes and exalts himself above every so called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God (Isaiah 14).

Today's Sermon Outline!

I. (6:1-7) The CAUSE of the Flood!

A. (6:1-4) Man's Great Apostasy.

B. (6:5-7) The Growing Anarchy.

Note: The ungodliness of the days of Noah is also very evident in our day as well. Today we too have men and women of renown, who fill positions of power to promote evil and immoral activities (abortion, homosexuality, pornography, using the middle class for personal gain, etc.) with the hope of reshaping society so that abnormality and vice becomes the acceptable norm.

1. (v.5) The Summary (Purity is overcome by sin).

2. (v.6) The Sorrow (The heart of God grieves).

3. (v.7) The Sentence (Justice must come).

Today's Sermon Outline!

I. (6:1-7) The CAUSE of the Flood!

II. (6:8-22) The COMPASSIONATE Focus!

Our section concludes this morning by pointing out a most important truth – God always has and always will use a remnant (not the majority) to bring about His glory.

Throughout the pages of the Bible we see God raising up men/women like Moses, Joseph, Elijah, Daniel, and His mother Mary to bring about His glory.

And God is still looking for faithful men and women today who He can use to bring light into a dark and decaying world. In the text before us He called upon

Noah!

Today's Sermon Outline!

II. (6:8-22) The COMPASSIONATE Focus!

A. (6:8-13) God's MAN!

1. (6:8-10) He is ENERGIZED by God.

God's divine energy is imparted to Noah in three ways:

a. (v.8) He is Forgiven.

- 1.) God's favor is expressed in His grace.
- 2.) Grace is favor that is undeserved.
- 3.) Genesis 5:29, Noah means rest.

Because Noah is one of the last faithful descendants of the godly line of Seth (and most likely taught the truth by Adam's grandson Enos who will die when Noah is 80 years old), Noah will be blessed with three sons (favor).

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b. (v.9) He is Faithful.

In this verse there are four indications of his faithfulness:

1. His story is recorded for all to read.
2. He is declared by God to be a righteous man.
3. He was said to be blameless in his time.
4. He walked with God.

Today's Sermon Outline!

II. (6:14-22) The COMPASSIONATE Focus!

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a. (v.8) He is Forgiven.

b. (v.9) He is Faithful.

c. (v.10) He is Fruitful.

I am bless to live in a home where my six of my seven grandchildren are running around all over the place. And when I think that Noah only had three sons, I think that doesn't seem like much fruit. Then I remember that the world's population are the descendants of those three sons. And I think "WOW" what a blessing!

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1. (6:8-10) He is ENERGIZED by God.

2. (6:11-13) He is ENLIGHTENED by God.

a. (vv.11-12) God's Reviewing of the earth.

b. (v.13) God Revealing the end to Noah.

Next Week ☐☐6:14-22.

We turn from God's MAN to God's PLAN.

Lessons Learned Today!

- 1. God always uses a remnant to promote His truth! Today, we the church (ekklesia), are the remnant that God is using to penetrate the darkness with His truth and light (God's judgment is again about to be poured out upon the earth).**
- 2. God wants us to be faithful and fruitful as a result of His forgiveness. We like Noah have found grace (through faith) in the eyes of God.**
- 3. God's will and desire is for His people (today the church) to be conformed into the image of His Son. We are the only picture of Jesus many will see.**