THE GREAT SHIP

Genesis, Chapters 6 and 7. LESSON 4 -- Primary Course

MEMORY VERSE: "He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee" (Luke 4:10).

BIBLE TEXTS

Genesis 6:1-22

- 1 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,
- 2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.
- 3 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.
- 4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.
- 5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.
- 6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.
- 7 And the LORD said, 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; for it repenteth me that I have made them.
- 8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.
- 9 These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.
- 10 And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
- 11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.
- 12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

- 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.
- 14 Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 22 Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

Genesis 7:1-24

- **1** And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.
- 2 Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that are not clean by two, the male and his female.
- 3 Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth.
- 4 For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth.
- **5** And Noah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him.
- 6 And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth.
- 7 And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood.
- 8 Of clean beasts, and of beasts that are not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth,
- 9 There went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah.
- 10 And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth.
- 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.
- 12 And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights.
- 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;
- 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 sort.
- 15 And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life.
- 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.
- 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.
- 18 And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters.
- 19 And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered.
- 20 Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered.
- 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:
- 22 All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died.
- 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.
- 24 And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

The Wicked People

When Adam and Eve disobeyed God they brought sin and death into the world, and in a short time the people were so wicked that God decided to send a great flood upon the earth to destroy everything. But there was one man, Noah, who loved God and tried to do the things that pleased God, so God wanted to protect him and his family.

A Great Boat Is Built

God told Noah to build a great ship for him and his family to live in while the water was on the whole earth. He told Noah exactly how to build it and just how big it should be. We believe it was at least 450 feet long, 75 feet broad, and 43 feet high. It may have been even bigger than that.

Noah was told to take into the ark two of each kind of the animals, and to put food in the ark for his family and for the animals. Of the clean animals he was told to take seven pairs of a kind.

Noah did just what God told him to do. We understand it took him 120 years to build that great boat. People would laugh if he built a boat where there was not water, but Noah knew what God had told him and he kept right on building. Noah preached to the people about their sins and about the things that were coming upon the earth and warned them to stop being wicked.

God Told Noah to Go into the Ark

When the ark was ready God told Noah to take his wife, his three sons and their wives, and go into the ark. Then God shut the door. Forty days and nights the rain poured down from the clouds, and the water came from the springs and fountains of the earth and the seas. For 40 days and nights the water was filling the earth until everything was covered. No doubt the people rushed for the hills and the mountains, but the water came up higher and higher until even the mountains were covered. Then the ark with Noah and his family floated safely over the highest mountains. We are sure that they thanked God that they were safe, and were glad that they had done just what God had told them to do.

QUESTIONS

- 1. Why did God send the flood? Genesis 6:5-7.
- 2. Why was Noah spared from the flood? Genesis 6:8,9; II Peter 2:5.
- 3. Do you think the door of the ark could have been opened after God shut it? Revelation 3:7.
- 4. What did they do for food in the ark? Genesis 6:21.
- 5. What happened to all the people and animals outside the ark? Genesis 7:21.

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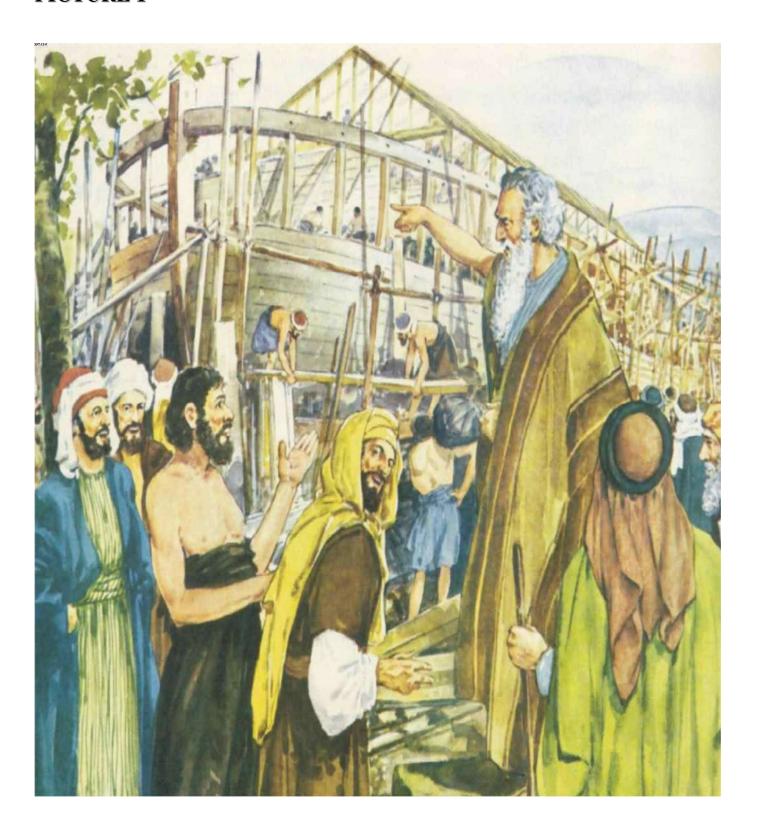
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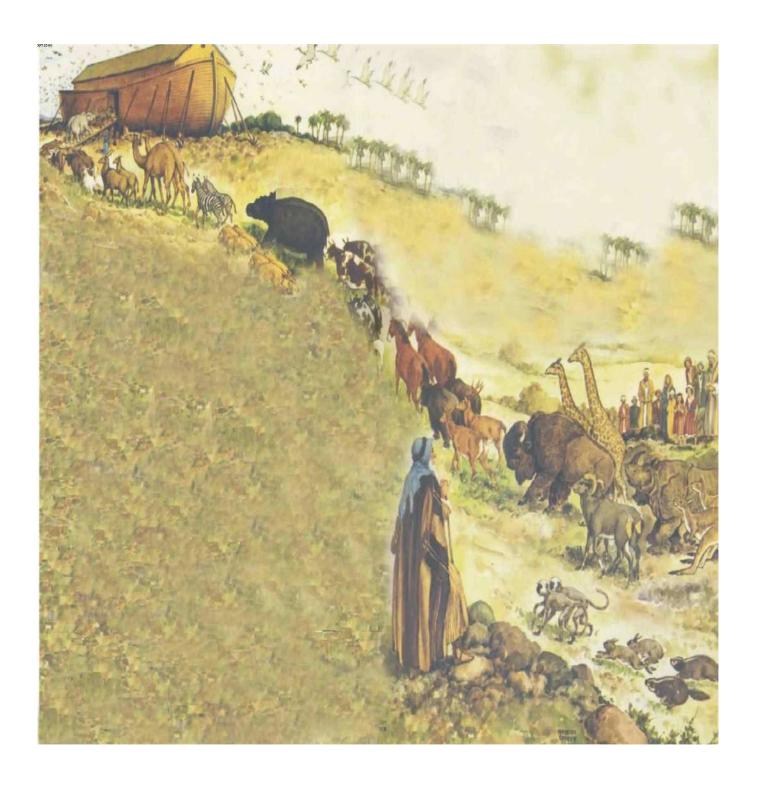
Noah And The Ark

Down from the heav'ns the waters came;
Up from the deep the waters came;
The Lord in heav'n now dealt with men
But Noah was safe in the ark
Noah was safe in the ark
For from Judgment he was saved
God's command he had obeyed,
Noah was safe in the ark

PICTURE 1



PICTURE 2



PICTURE 3

