

Genesis

Chapter 6



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Avoiding Truth

There is a principle
 which is a bar against all information,
 which is proof against all argument,
 and which cannot fail to keep man
 in everlasting ignorance.
That principle is condemnation before investigation.
 Edmund spencer

(Prov. 18:13) *He that answereth a matter before he
heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him.*

Theme: Cause of the Flood; God's deliverance from the judgment of the Flood;
instructions to Noah for building the ark; passengers in the ark

When Jesus talked about the second coming in the Olivet Discourse, he mentions Noah
and reference to Chapter 6:

(Matt. 24:37-39) ³⁷*But as the days of Noe were, so shall
also the coming of the Son of man be.* ³⁸*For as in the days
that were before the flood they were eating and drinking,
marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe
entered into the ark,* ³⁹*And knew not until the flood came,
and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son
of man be.*

The first few verses of this chapter contain some information that is among the most
mysterious and troubling in all the OT. It concerns the statement that the "sons of God"
saw that the "daughters of men" were attractive, they took them as wives, and the
children born of those unions were different, as were their fathers different.....these "sons
of God". In fact, the Bible gives us a special name for these people, and at least some of
their offspring: and that name is N'filim (nee-fee-leem).

Genesis 6:1

And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,

First it is important to see that verse one and verse two are a single sentence. This realization will help to understand them better in their context.

[when men began to multiply on the face of the earth] This history begins again with the time of Adam and ends with Noah as did Genesis 5. Each of chapters Genesis 4,5 and Genesis 6 begins with Adam, but only the last two cover the whole Antediluvian Age.

[when men began to multiply] This is in reference to men in general.

[daughters were born unto them] This is in reference to daughters in general, not a specific group or bloodline. It may that daughters were born before sons see Gen 4:1.

Genesis 6:2

That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they *were* fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

[sons of God] *Bene HaElohim* = angels. OT (Job 1:6, 2:1, 38:7); NT (Lk 20:36); They are also angels in the Book of Enoch; and, Septuagint (LXX).

In the bible the phrase “sons of God” implicates a direct creation of God.

1. Adam was a Son of God, created by God, we are sons of Adam.
2. The angels are Sons of God, were created by God.

(Job 1:6) *Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.*

(Job 2:1) *Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.*

(Job 38:7) *When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?*

Equivalent emphasis **(Luke 20:36)** *Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.*

3. When we are born again we are a new creation and become sons of God.

(John 3:3-6) ³*Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.* ⁴*Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?* ⁵*Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.* ⁶*That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*

[daughters of men] *Benoth Adam* = “Daughters of Adam.” Daughters of Adam, not just Cain. (Adam had daughters (Gen 5:4): that’s where Cain got his wife! The Hebrew is singular—daughters of the man, Adam; therefore, not the daughters of Cain, Seth, or men in general.

Many have suggested that **the sons of God** were the godly line of Seth and **the daughters of men** were the Cainites. But this does not do justice to the terminology or the context. It is not what the text says.

Seth didn't have a son until 235 years after creation, and his son didn't have a son until 325 years after creation (Genesis 5:3,6,9). Where did these sons come from? They couldn't have been sons of Seth, because these marriages took place when men began to multiply—in the very beginning of the race before Seth had sons of marriageable age. The term "sons of God" proves they were the product of God, not Seth. They were the fallen angels of 1 Peter 3:19; 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 1:6-7. See the Septuagint; Josephus, Antiquities Book 1, 3:1; Ante-Nicene Fathers, Vol. VIII, p. 273; and Giants and the Sons of God.

[took them wives of all which they chose] doesn't sound like the girls had much choice in the matter.

Clement of Alexandria: The mind is led astray by pleasure, and the virgin center of the mind, if not disciplined by the Word, degenerates into licentiousness and reaps disintegration as reward for its transgressions. An example of this for you is the angels who forsook the beauty of God for perishable beauty and fell as far as heaven is from the earth. (Christ the Educator 3,2,14)¹

Genesis 6:3

¹ Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture, Old Testament Vol 1, Inter Varsity Press

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.

The 5th prophecy in Genesis (Genesis 6:3). Next, *Genesis 6:7.

[My Spirit] This is the second reference to the Holy Spirit in Genesis. The first is in anticipation of order and wonder (1:2); this second is in anticipation of destruction.

[strive] Scholars are not sure what the Hebrew term **strive** means; it is found only here.

We believe that Noah preached for 120 years, and during that time the Spirit of God was striving with men. Peter makes it very clear that it was back in the days of Noah that the Spirit of God was striving with men in order that He might bring them to God—but they would not turn. “For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison” (1 Pet. 3:18–19). These spirits were in prison when Peter wrote, but they were preached to in the days of Noah. How do we know that? Verse 20 reads: “Which sometime were disobedient, when once the long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a-preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.” When were they disobedient? During the long-suffering of God in the days of Noah—during those 120 years.²

One other thing and we’ll move on. Verse 3 speaks about God’s Spirit, the Holy Spirit, not striving with man forever. All sorts of interesting theologies have come from this verse, but to the Sages, it was very simple: God is spirit, and He is simply speaking of Himself. It is that component, or person, or attribute of Him that we call Spirit...in Hebrew “ruach”.....that deals with man. What this alludes to is that God decided to give man 120 more years to straighten up and fly right, before he destroyed them with the Great Flood. This was a warning.³

Ephrem the Syrian: This generation will not live nine hundred years like the previous generations, for it is flesh and its days are filled with the deeds of flesh. Therefore their days will be one hundred and twenty years. If they repent during this time they will be saved from the wrath that is about to come upon them. But if they do not repent, by their deeds they will call down wrath upon themselves. Grace granted one hundred and twenty years for repentance to a generation that, according to justice, was not worthy of repentance. (*Commentary on Genesis 6.4.1.*)⁴

Jerome: Furthermore, lest [God] may seem to be cruel in that he had not given to sinners a place for repentance, he added, “But their days will be 120 years,” that is, they will have 120 years to do repentance. It is not therefore that human life was contracted to

² McGee, J. Vernon, *Thru the Bible with J. Vernon McGee*, (Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers) 2000, c1981.

³ Torah Class.com

⁴ Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture, Old Testament Vol 1, Inter Varsity Press

120 years, as many wrongly assert, but that 120 years were given to that generation for repentance, since indeed we find that after the flood Abraham lived 175 years and others more than 200 and 300 years. Since indeed they despised to do repentance, God was unwilling for his decree to await its time, but cutting off the space of twenty years he brought on the flood in the one hundredth year that had been destined for doing repentance. (*Question on Genesis 6.3*)⁵

Genesis 6:4

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.

[giants] *Nephilim* H5303 “the fallen ones.”

Nephal: “to fall, be cast down to fall away, desert.” *im*: plural form

The KJV, and many other Bibles, have translated N’filim to mean “giants”.....you know, fee-fie-foe-fum giants. It was the Greek Septuagint, developed in 250BC, that took the Hebrew word N’filim and translated it to the Greek word “gigante”. In Hebrew, N’filim is a play on the word “nephal”, which means “fallen” or “to fall upon”. It certainly, in the Hebrew, has no sense of “giant”. Rather, the sense of the word is cease, or die....to cast down....it was even used to describe an abortion, and something that was rotting. Martin Luther described the nature of the N’filim as men of violence, tyrants. For lack of a better way to put it, the N’filim were a race of something different, and it was an evil difference. It is as though the N’filim were some type of mutants or aberration that became endowed with much power.

Now, who are these verses referring to when it talks of these “sons of God”? Well, many bible scholars have taken this to mean “fallen angels”. It’s easy to see how that conclusion could be arrived at, when “fallen” or “cast down” is one sense of the word N’filim. Add to that the heavenly or spiritual sense of “sons of God”, and the idea is formed that some fallen angels took on human male form (complete with reproductive organs), mated with human women, with the result being a race of giants called N’filim.

The ancient Hebrews certainly never even dreamed of this meaning. Rather, they saw it that the sons of God was simply a designation for the line of Seth.....the line of faithful, godly men. Conversely, the women (called daughters of men) were representatives of the line of Cain, the line of those who fell away from God.

According to the ancient Hebrew sages, up to this time, the faithful line of Seth had stayed separate from the wicked line of Cain. But, eventually, some men from the line of Seth lusted after these beautiful women of Cain, and.....there went the neighborhood! Now, the whole human race was fouled and polluted with evil.

⁵ Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture, Old Testament Vol 1, Inter Varsity Press

In any case, the result of all this was that a race of people called N'filim bedeviled everybody, and were able at times to dominate. Apparently they were bigger, stronger, smarter, and probably were the subjects of the ancient pagan myths and legends of great and fierce warriors and leaders, with superhuman qualities. They were they actually giants.

[mighty men] *HaGibborim*: “the mighty ones.” Septuagint (Greek) LXX:

The Greek Septuagint translated the word nephilim *gigantes* (~ “giants?”) giants is not a good translation, they happened to be giants but that is not the meaning of the word.

Greek word used is *gigas* = which means “earth-born.”

Genees is the same word used in Greek mythology for “Titans,” creatures emerging from interbreeding of the Greek gods with human beings. *Genea*, means “breed,” or “kind.” The English words “genes” and “genetics” come from the same root.

[in those days] The days of Noah before the flood. There were giants "in those days" and "also after that," i.e., after the flood.

[and also after that] it did not end after the flood.

[they bare children to them] Women had children by both fallen angels and men. It wasn't necessary to emphasize children by men, but having children by angels was significant (Genesis 6:4; Jude 1:6-7). Because of this sin "it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth" (Genesis 6:1-6).

Ambrose: From Fallen Angels Uniting to Mortal Women;

“The giants (Nephilim) were on the earth in those days.” The author of the divine Scripture does not mean that those giants must be considered, according to the tradition of poets, as sons of the earth but asserts that those whom he defines with such a name because of the extraordinary size of their body were generated by angels and women.⁶

The Book of Enoch – Rebels Among the Watchers:

⁶ Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture, Old Testament Vol 1, Inter Varsity Press

- 6.1 And it came to pass, when the sons of men had increased, that in those days there were born to them fair and beautiful daughters.
- 6.2 And the Angels, the sons of Heaven, saw them and desired them. And they said to one another: "Come, let us choose for ourselves wives, from the children of men, and let us beget, for ourselves, children."
- 6.3 And Semyaza, who was their leader, said to them:
"I fear that you may not wish this deed to be done and that I alone will pay for this great sin."
- 6.4 And they all answered him, and said:
"Let us all swear an oath, and bind one-another with curses, so not to alter this plan, but to carry out this plan effectively."
- 6.5 Then they all swore together and all bound one another with curses to it.
- 6.6 And they were, in all, two hundred and they came down on Ardis, which is the summit of Mount Hermon. And they called the mountain Hermon because on it they swore and bound one another with curses.
- 6.7 And these are the names of their leaders:
Semyaza, who was their leader, Urakiba, Ramiel, Kokabiel, Tamiel, Ramiel, Daniel, Ezeqiel, Baraqiel, Asael, Armaros, Batriel, Ananel, Zaqiel, Samsiel, Satael, Turiel, Yomiel, Araziel.
- 6.8 These are the leaders of the two hundred Angels and of all the others with them.
- 7.1 And they took wives for themselves and everyone chose for himself one each. And they began to go into them and were promiscuous with them. And they taught them charms and spells, and they showed them the cutting of roots and trees.
- 7.2 And they became pregnant and bore large giants. And their height was three thousand cubits.
- 7.3 These devoured all the toil of men; until men were unable to sustain them.
- 7.4 And the giants turned against them in order to devour men.
- 7.5 And they began to sin against birds, and against animals, and against reptiles, and against fish, and they devoured one another's flesh, and drank the blood from it.
- 7.6 Then the Earth complained about the lawless ones.
- 8.1 And Azazel taught men to make swords, and daggers, and shields, and breastplates. And he showed them the things after these, and the art of making them; bracelets, and ornaments, and the art of making up the eyes, and of beautifying the eyelids, and the most precious stones, and all kinds of coloured dyes. And the world was changed.
- 8.2 And there was great impiety, and much fornication, and they went astray, and all their ways became corrupt.
- 8.3 Amezarak taught all those who cast spells and cut roots, Armaros the release of spells, and Baraqiel astrologers, and Kokabiel portents, and Tamiel taught astrology, and Asradel taught the path of the Moon.

Genesis 6:5

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.

The Book of Enoch – Rebels Among the Watchers:

- 8.4 And at the destruction of men they cried out; and their voices reached Heaven.
- 9.1 And then Michael, Gabriel, Suriel and Uriel, looked down from Heaven and saw the mass of blood that was being shed on the earth and all the iniquity that was being done on the earth.
- 9.2 And they said to one another: “Let the devastated Earth cry out with the sound of their cries, up to the Gate of Heaven.
- 9.3 And now to you, Oh Holy Ones of Heaven, the souls of men complain, saying: “Bring our complaint before the Most High.”
- 9.4 And they said to their Lord, the King: “Lord of Lords, God of Gods, King of Kings! Your glorious throne endures for all the generations of the world, and blessed and praised!
- 9.5 You have made everything, and power over everything is yours. And everything is uncovered, and open, in front of you, and you see everything, and there is nothing that can be hidden from you.
- 9.6 See then what Azazel has done; how he has taught all iniquity on the earth and revealed the eternal secrets that are made in Heaven.
- 9.7 And Semyaza has made known spells, he to whom you gave authority to rule over those who are with him.
- 9.8 And they went into the daughters of men together, lay with those women, became unclean, and revealed to them these sins.
- 9.9 And the women bore giants, and thereby the whole Earth has been filled with blood and iniquity.
- 9.10 And now behold the souls which have died cry out and complain unto the Gate of Heaven, and their lament has ascended, and they cannot go out in the face of the iniquity which is being committed on the earth.
- 9.11 And you know everything, before it happens, and you know this, and what concerns each of them. But you say nothing to us. What ought we to do with them, about this?”

Genesis 6:6

And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

This language is what theologians call anthropopathic (see 1:31); that is, the Lord is described as having human emotions (see Num. 23:19). In these words we sense the passion of the Lord. He had desired so much from humanity—and was overwhelmingly disappointed.

Genesis 6:7

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.

The 6th prophecy in Genesis (Genesis 6:7, fulfilled). Next, "Genesis 6:13. This is the first prophecy of the flood.

It does not mention fish because they are in the water, and He is simply going to send more water.

Augustine: Why does God Announce the Death of the Animals?

When God announces the death of all animals on the earth and in the air, the intention is to declare the magnitude of the coming disaster. There is no question here of punishing with death irrational animals as though they were guilty of sin. (City of God 35.25)⁷

Ambrose: Animals Destroyed Because They Had Been Created for the Sake of Human; "I will blot our man and beasts and creeping things and birds of the air." What transgression could that irrational creatures have ever committed? But since they had been created for the sake of man, after that for whom they had been created was wiped out, it was logical that they were destroyed too, because there was no one who could profit from them. This is also clear in a deeper sense. Man is a mind endowed with reason. Man is defined as a living, mortal and rational being. When he, who is the principal element, disappears, every aspect of sensible life also disappears.⁸

The Book of Enoch – The Most High of the Watchers Speaks Out:

10.1 And then the Most High, the Great and Holy One, spoke and sent Arsyalalyur to the son of Lamech, and said to him:

10.2 "Say to him in my name; hide yourself! And reveal to him the end, which is coming, because the whole earth will be destroyed. A deluge is about to come on all the earth; and all that is in it will be destroyed.

10.3 And now teach him so that he may escape and his offspring may survive for the whole Earth."

10.4 And further the Lord said to Raphael: "Bind Azazel by his hands and his feet and throw him into the darkness. And split open the desert, which is in Dudael, and throw him there.

10.5 And throw on him jagged and sharp stones and cover him with darkness. And let him stay there forever. And cover his face so that he may not see the light.

10.6 And so that, on the Great Day of Judgment, he may be hurled into the fire.

10.7 And restore the Earth which the Angels have ruined. And announce the restoration of the Earth. For I shall restore the Earth so that not all the sons of men shall be

⁷ Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture, Old Testament Vol 1, Inter Varsity Press

⁸ Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture, Old Testament Vol 1, Inter Varsity Press

- destroyed because of the knowledge which the Watchers made known and taught to their sons.
- 10.8 And the whole Earth has been ruined by the teaching of the works of Azazel; and against him write: ALL SIN.”
- 10.9 And the Lord said to Gabriel: “Proceed against the bastards, and the reprobates, and against the sons of the fornicators. And destroy the sons of the fornicators, and the sons of the Watchers, from amongst men. And send them out, and send them against one another, and let them destroy themselves in battle; for they will not have length of days.
- 10.10 And they will petition you, but the petitioners will gain nothing in respect of them, for they hope for eternal life, and that each of them will live life for five hundred years.”
- 10.11 And the Lord said to Michael: “Go, inform Semyaza, and the others with him, who have associated with the women to corrupt themselves with them in all their uncleanness.
- 10.12 When all their sons kill each other, and when they see the destruction of their loved ones, bind them for seventy generations, under the hills of the earth, until the day of their judgment and of their consummation, until the judgment, which is for all eternity, is accomplished.
- 10.13 And in those days, they will lead them to the Abyss of Fire; in torment, and in prison they will be shut up for all eternity.
- 10.14 And then Semyaza will be burnt, and from then on destroyed with them; together they will be bound until the end of all generations.
- 10.15 And destroy all the souls of lust, and the sons of the Watchers, for they have wronged men.
- 10.16 Destroy all wrong from the face of the Earth and every evil work will cease.
- 10.17 And now all the righteous will be humble, and will live until they beget thousands. And all the days of their youth, and their sabbaths, they will fulfill in peace.
- 10.18 And in those days the whole earth will be tilled in righteousness and all of it will be planted with trees; and it will be filled with blessing.
- 10.19 And all the pleasant trees they will plant on it and they will plant on it vines. And the vine that is planted on it will produce fruit in abundance; and every seed that is sown on it, each measure will produce a thousand, and each measure of olives will produce ten baths of oil.
- 10.20 And you cleanse the Earth from all wrong, and from all iniquity, and from all sin, and from all impiety, and from all the uncleanness which is brought about on the earth.
- 10.21 And all the sons of men shall be righteous, and all the nations shall serve and bless me and all shall worship me.
- 10.22 And the Earth will be cleansed from all corruption, and from all sin, and from all wrath, and from all torment; and I will not again send a flood upon it, for all generations, forever.
- 11.1 And in those days, I will open the Storehouses of Blessing, which are in Heaven, so that I may send them down upon the Earth, upon the work, and upon the toil, of the sons of men.

11.2 Peace and truth will be united, for all the days of eternity, and for all the generations of eternity.

Chumash – Gunick Edition: (*The Last Word*) From God’s reaction to the corruption of mankind, we can learn two powerful lessons in everyday life:

- a.) God thought about destroying mankind but He only issued His decree verbally after He had softened His anger. This teaches us how important it is to speak positively about other people. If God himself refrained from committing negative thoughts to speech, then all the more so should we be careful not to speak badly about others.

Our Sages taught that Lashon Hara (gossip) harms 1.) the gossiper, 2.) The listener and 3.) The one about whom the gossip is spoken. Now it is easy to understand why the gossiper and the listener suffer, since they participated in the sin. But why should the subject of the gossip suffer? After all, he was not even present at the time!

The answer lies in the fact that speech is a revelation of something that was previously hidden (in thought). Therefore, by speaking badly about another person it actually causes that person’s bad traits to be more pronounced in the world, which could lead him to be the subject of a heavenly decree of punishment. Thus, it is bad speech that can harm another (and not thoughts, that remain hidden), which teaches us how careful a person should be with the words he utters about another.

- b.) God “reckoned” what to do with man, but He did not come to any firm resolution, even in thought. This teaches us that even when we see a person do something bad, we should not come to any firm conclusion about the merit of his actions, even in thought (and certainly not in speech). For if God, who is all-knowing and never makes mistakes, still took time to “ponder” and “reckon” His harsh thoughts about man, then we, who are capable of easily misjudging another, should certainly not condemn another even in thought. Rather, we should always endeavor to “judge every person favorably”.⁹

Genesis 6:8

But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

Noah is mentioned as one of three righteous (with Job and Daniel; Ezek 14:14, 20).

(Ezek. 14:14) *Though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver but their own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord GOD.*

⁹ Chumash, Gutnick Edition, The Book of Genesis, Rabbi JMiller 2003

(Ezek. 14:20) *Though Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness.*

He is included in the genealogies of Abraham and Jesus (1 Chr 1:4; Lk 3:36).

(1 Chr. 1:1-4) ¹*Adam, Sheth, Enosh, ²Kenan, Mahalaleel, Jered, ³Henoch, Methuselah, Lamech, ⁴Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.*

(Luke 3:36) *Which was the son of Cainan, which was the son of Arphaxad, which was the son of Sem, which was the son of Noe, which was the son of Lamech,*

New Testament References: by Christ (Mt 24:37-39; Lk 17:26); Peter (1 Pet 3:20; 2 Pet 2:5); and Paul (Heb 11:7).

(Matt. 24:37-39) ³⁷*But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. ³⁸For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, ³⁹And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.*

(Luke 17:26-27) ²⁶*And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. ²⁷They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.*

(1 Pet. 3:20) *Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.*

(2 Pet. 2:5) *And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;*

(Heb. 11:7) *By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.*

[Grace] The first mention of grace in the Bible.

The Book of Enoch: Birth of Noah

- 106.1 And after those days my son Methuselah chose a wife for his son Lamech and she became pregnant by him and bore a son.
- 106.2 And his body was white like snow, and red like the flower of a rose, and the hair of his head was white like wool. And his eyes were beautiful and when he opened his eyes he made the whole house bright, like the Sun, so that the whole house was exceptionally bright.
- 106.3 And when he was taken from the hand of the midwife he opened his mouth and spoke to the Lord of Righteousness.
- 106.4 And his father Lamech was afraid of him, and fled, and went to his father Methuselah.
- 106.5 And he said to him: "I have begotten a strange son; he is not like a man but is like the children of the Angels of Heaven, of a different type and not like us. And his eyes are like the rays of the Sun and his face glorious.
- 106.6 And it seems to me that he is not sprung from me but from the Angels and I am afraid that something extraordinary may be done on the earth in his days.
- 106.7 And now, my father, I am entreating you and petitioning you, to go to our father Enoch, and learn from him the truth, for his dwelling is with the Angels."
- 106.8 And when Methuselah heard the words of his son he came to me, at the ends of the Earth, for he had heard that I was there. And he cried out, and I heard his voice and went to him. And I said to him: "Behold I am here my son, for you have come to me."
- 106.9 And he answered me, and said: "Because of a great matter I have come to you, and because of a disturbing vision, have I come near.
- 106.10 And now hear me, my father, for a child has been born to my son Lamech, whose form and type are not like the type of a man. His colour is whiter than snow, and redder than the flower of the rose, and the hair of his head is whiter than white wool. And his eyes are like the rays of the Sun; and he opened his eyes and made the whole house bright.
- 106.11 And he was taken from the hand of the midwife, and he opened his mouth, and blessed the Lord of Heaven.
- 106.12 And his father Lamech was afraid and fled to me. And he does not believe he is sprung from him but thinks him to be from the Angels of Heaven. And behold, I have come to you, so that you may make known to me the truth."
- 106.13 And I, Enoch, answered and said to him: "The Lord will do new things on Earth, and this I have already seen in a vision, and made known to you. For in the generation of my father, Jared, some from the height of Heaven transgressed the word of the Lord.
- 106.14 And behold, they commit sin and transgress the law, and have been promiscuous with women, and commit sin with them, and have married some of them, and have begotten children by them.

- 106.15 And there will be great destruction over the whole Earth, and there will be a deluge, and there will be great destruction for one year.
- 106.16 But this child, who has been born to you, will be left on the Earth, and his three sons will be saved with him. When all the men who are on the Earth die he and his sons will be saved.
- 106.17 They will beget on the Earth giants, not of spirit, but of flesh, and there will be great wrath on Earth, and the Earth will be cleansed of all corruption.
- 106.18 And now make known to your son Lamech that the one who has been born is truly his son. And call his name Noah, for he will be a remnant for you and he and his sons will be saved from the destruction which is coming on the earth because of all the sin and all the iniquity, which will be committed on the Earth in his days.
- 106.19 But after this, there will be yet greater iniquity than that which was committed on the earth before. For I know the mysteries of the Holy Ones, for the Lord showed them to me and made them known to me, and I read them in the Tablets of Heaven.
- 107.1 And I saw written on them, that generation upon generation will do wrong, until a generation of righteousness shall arise, and wrongdoing shall be destroyed, and sin shall depart from the earth, and everything good shall come upon it.
- 107.2 And now, my son, go, make known to your son Lamech, that this child that has been born, is truly his son, and this is no lie.
- 107.3 And when Methuselah had heard the words of his father Enoch - for he showed him everything which is secret - he returned, having seen him, and called the name of that child Noah; for he will comfort the Earth after all the destruction.

The Name Noah = Comfort

Genesis 6:9

These *are* the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man *and* perfect in his generations, *and* Noah walked with God.

[perfect] *tamiym* (H8535) “without blemish, sound, healthful, without spot, unimpaired.” In reference to his genes, they were not contaminated by the fallen angels. He had a perfect gene pool. Bodily perfection, not moral; without blemish; pure stock. It is used 46 times of sacrificial animals, which had to be pure and perfect stock. It means that Noah and his family were the only pure Adamites left. All other men were a mixture of angels and men, or giant stock (Genesis 6:11-12).

(Jude 1:6-7) ⁶*And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.* ⁷*Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.*

(2 Pet. 2:4-5) ⁴*For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;* ⁵*And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;*

Mythological: Greek Titans

- Partly terrestrial; partly celestial;
- Rebelled against their father Uranus;
- After prolonged contest were defeated by Zeus and condemned into Tartarus;
- Titan (Greek) = Sheitan (Chaldean) = Satan (Hebrew).

Other Ancient Legends

- Sumer
- Assyria
- Egypt
- Incas
- Mayan
- Gilgamesh
- Persia
- Greece
- India
- Bolivia
- South Sea Islands
- American Indians

Pawnee Account

“While we were in the sandhills, scouting the Niobrara country, the Pawnee Indians brought into camp some very large bones, one of which the surgeon of the expedition pronounced to be the thigh bone of a human being. The Indians said the bones were those of a race of people who long ago had lived in that country. They said these people were three times the size of a man of the present day, that they were so swift and strong that they could run by the side of a buffalo, and, taking the animal in one arm, could tear off a leg and eat it as they ran.

“These giants, said the Indians, denied the existence of a Great Spirit. When they heard the thunder or saw the lightning, they laughed and declared that they were greater than either. This so displeased the Great Spirit that he caused a deluge. The water rose higher and higher till it drove these proud giants from the low grounds to the hills and thence to the mountains. At last even the mountaintops were submerged and the mammoth men were drowned.

“After the flood subsided, the Great Spirit came to the conclusion that he had made men too large and powerful. He therefore corrected his mistake by creating a race of the size and strength of the men of the present day. This is the reason, the Indians told us, that the man of modern times is small and not like the giants of old. The story has been handed down among the Pawnees for generations, but what is its origin no man can say.”

(Colonel William F. Cody, *Buffalo Bill's Life Story – An Autobiography*, Farrar & Rinehart, Inc., New York, 1920, p.114.)

[just man] There are many just people in Scripture, but eight are specifically mentioned as being "just":

1. Noah (Genesis 6:9)
2. Joseph (Matthew 1:19)
3. Jesus (Matthew 27:19; Acts 22:14)
4. John the Baptist (Mark 6:20)
5. Simeon (Luke 2:25)
6. Joseph of Arimathaea (Luke 23:50-51)
7. Cornelius (Acts 10:22)
8. Lot (2 Peter 2:7)

Now, in verse 9, were told that we are going to get Noah's story. And, the first thing we're told about him is that he was tzaddik.....Hebrew for righteous. But, even more, he was tammim.....which is usually translated as blameless or whole-hearted. Nothing wrong with that translation; but it obscures something that is learned in a progressive way throughout the Torah. Particularly when we get to Leviticus, we're going to find out that much of what the Torah is teaching Israel about is "holiness". And, one of the chief attributes of holiness is "whole-ness". Completeness. Nothing lacking. So, I would prefer to read this verse as Noah being tzaddik, righteous, and tammim, whole. Now, of Noah's 3 sons.....Ham, Yefet, and Shem....it would be Shem that will soon be identified to us a special line. It is interesting that Shem means "name". One of God's titles that is commonly used by Jews is "HaShem".....the Name. It is also interesting that Hebrew Tradition is that that mysterious biblical King and Priest of Shalem, called Melchizedek, who Abraham would bow down to and give tithes, was actually Shem. And, the timing is such that it most certainly could have been.....because Shem was still alive then. We'll talk about that a little more when we get to that point in Genesis.

The Book of Enoch: Talking about the flood:

- 1.5 And all will be afraid, and the Watchers will shake, and fear and great trembling will seize them, up to the ends of the earth.
- 1.6 And the high mountains will be shaken; and the high hills will be laid low and will melt like wax in a flame.
- 1.7 And the earth will sink, and everything that is on the earth will be destroyed, and there will be judgment upon all, and upon all the righteous.
- 1.8 But for the righteous: He will make peace, and He will keep safe the Chosen, and mercy will be upon them. They will all belong to God, and will prosper and be blessed, and the light of God will shine on them.

Genesis 6:10

And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

[Shem, Ham, and Japheth] Shem, the middle son, is always mentioned first because it was through him that the Messiah should come. Japheth was the oldest (Genesis 10:21; 1 Chron. 1:5) and Ham the youngest (Genesis 9:22-24).

These three sons, first mentioned in 5:32, will form the family tree of the nations following the Flood.

Genesis 6:11

The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

[violence] *chamac*, (H2555) *khaw-mawce'*; from Hebrew 2554 (*chamac*); *violence*; by implication *wrong*; by meton. unjust *gain* :- cruel (-ty), damage, false, injustice, × oppressor, unrighteous, violence (against, done), violent (dealing), wrong.

Genesis 6:12

And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

[all flesh] The language is similar that of Ps. 14:2, 3.

Verse 12 is among the saddest in the entire Bible: it says that God looked upon all He had made, and it had gone to ruin. The Hebrew word used here is *shachath*; and while corrupt is a good translation, the word corrupt in our modern vocabulary means dishonest; as though the point of God's concern was that men were not dealing fairly with each other, and they lied, and they stole. That is NOT the sense of this word: rather, polluted to the point of ruin better catches the sense of *shachath*. Contrast this with what God said but a few chapters earlier, in the last verse of Chapter one: "Now God saw all that He had made, and here: it was exceedingly good!" From perfection to utter ruin in but a few generations.¹⁰

Genesis 6:13

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.

The 7th prophecy in Genesis (Genesis 6:13, fulfilled). Next, *Genesis 6:17-18.

¹⁰ TorahClass.com

[I will]

The Twelve "I Will's" of God to Noah

1. I will destroy them with the earth (Genesis 6:13).
2. I will establish My covenant with you (Genesis 6:18).
3. I will cause it to rain upon earth (Genesis 7:4).
4. I will destroy living substance (Genesis 7:4).
5. I will not curse the ground again (Genesis 8:21).
6. I will not smite every living thing again (Genesis 8:21).
7. I will require life for life (Genesis 9:5).
8. I will require blood of beasts that kill (Genesis 9:5).
9. I will require blood of man who kills (Genesis 9:5).
10. I will establish My covenant with you (Genesis 9:11).
11. I will remember My covenant with you (Genesis 9:15).
12. I will look upon the rainbow (Genesis 9:16).

Now, something rather interesting is said.....and something even MORE interesting is omitted.....in verse 13. God says that the causes of the problem are the living beings He created. Now, often the word Hebrew word used here, "*basar*," is translated as "flesh", which is a perfectly good translation. But, here's the thing: *basar*, and flesh, doesn't just mean man.....although at times it DOES mean man. Rather, it can, and just as often does, refer to animals. Adam means man or mankind, and that is not used here. So, the idea at play is more speaking about all living flesh; everything to which God gave life, is at fault. Man and animals. Even more interesting is what God DOESN'T blame: He doesn't blame Satan.

Now, we need to take notice of that. Because it once again brings us back to the concept of the source of Evil. And, while I don't agree fully with all aspects of the Hebrew view on evil, I have to say that more and more I cannot refute the bulk of it. And, the Hebrews say a couple of important things about evil that I think matches what Scripture says far more than some Christian denominational doctrines on sin.

First: it is that man was created with both a good and an evil inclination. That is, he had the capability of choosing one or the other.

Second: Is that God created evil and good.

The Book of Jasher: Noah Jasher 5:1-36

1 And it was in the eighty-fourth year of the life of Noah, that Enoch the son of Seth died, he was nine hundred and five years old at his death.

2 And in the one hundred and seventy ninth year of the life of Noah, Cainan the son of Enosh died, and all the days of Cainan were nine hundred and ten years, and he died.

3 And in the two hundred and thirty fourth year of the life of Noah, Mahlallel the son of Cainan died, and the days of Mahlallel were eight hundred and ninety-five years, and he died.

4 And Jared the son of Mahlallel died in those days, in the three hundred and thirty-sixth year of the life of Noah; and all the days of Jared were nine hundred and sixty-two years, and he died.

5 And all who followed the Lord died in those days, before they saw the evil which God declared to do upon earth.

6 And after the lapse of many years, in the four hundred and eightieth year of the life of Noah, when all those men, who followed the Lord had died away from amongst the sons of men, and only Methuselah was then left, God said unto Noah and Methuselah, saying,

7 Speak ye, and proclaim to the sons of men, saying, Thus saith the Lord, return from your evil ways and forsake your works, and the Lord will repent of the evil that he declared to do to you, so that it shall not come to pass.

8 For thus saith the Lord, Behold I give you a period of one hundred and twenty years; if you will turn to me and forsake your evil ways, then will I also turn away from the evil which I told you, and it shall not exist, saith the Lord.

9 And Noah and Methuselah spoke all the words of the Lord to the sons of men, day after day, constantly speaking to them.

10 But the sons of men would not hearken to them, nor incline their ears to their words, and they were stiffnecked.

11 And the Lord granted them a period of one hundred and twenty years, saying, If they will return, then will God repent of the evil, so as not to destroy the earth.

12 Noah the son of Lamech refrained from taking a wife in those days, to beget children, for he said, Surely now God will destroy the earth, wherefore then shall I beget children?

13 And Noah was a just man, he was perfect in his generation, and the Lord chose him to raise up seed from his seed upon the face of the earth.

14 And the Lord said unto Noah, Take unto thee a wife, and beget children, for I have seen thee righteous before me in this generation.

15 And thou shalt raise up seed, and thy children with thee, in the midst of the earth; and Noah went and took a wife, and he chose Naamah the daughter of Enoch, and she was five hundred and eighty years old.

16 And Noah was four hundred and ninety-eight years old, when he took Naamah for a wife.

17 And Naamah conceived and bare a son, and he called his name Japheth, saying, God has enlarged me in the earth; and she conceived again and bare a son, and he called his name Shem, saying, God has made me a remnant, to raise up seed in the midst of the earth.

18 And Noah was five hundred and two years old when Naamah bare Shem, and the boys grew up and went in the ways of the Lord, in all that Methuselah and Noah their father taught them.

19 And Lamech the father of Noah, died in those days; yet verily he did not go with all his heart in the ways of his father, and he died in the hundred and ninety-fifth year of the life of Noah.

20 And all the days of Lamech were seven hundred and seventy years, and he died.

21 And all the sons of men who knew the Lord, died in that year before the Lord brought evil upon them; for the Lord willed them to die, so as not to behold the evil that God would bring upon their brothers and relatives, as he had so declared to do.

22 In that time, the Lord said to Noah and Methuselah, Stand forth and proclaim to the sons of men all the words that I spoke to you in those days, peradventure they may turn from their evil ways, and I will then repent of the evil and will not bring it.

23 And Noah and Methuselah stood forth, and said in the ears of the sons of men, all that God had spoken concerning them.

24 But the sons of men would not hearken, neither would they incline their ears to all their declarations.

25 And it was after this that the Lord said to Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me, on account of their evil deeds, and behold I will destroy the earth.

26 And do thou take unto thee gopher wood, and go to a certain place and make a large ark, and place it in that spot.

27 And thus shalt thou make it; three hundred cubits its length, fifty cubits broad and thirty cubits high.

28 And thou shalt make unto thee a door, open at its side, and to a cubit thou shalt finish above, and cover it within and without with pitch.

29 And behold I will bring the flood of waters upon the earth, and all flesh be destroyed, from under the heavens all that is upon earth shall perish.

30 And thou and thy household shall go and gather two couple of all living things, male and female, and shall bring them to the ark, to raise up seed from them upon earth.

31 And gather unto thee all food that is eaten by all the animals, that there may be food for thee and for them.

32 And thou shalt choose for thy sons three maidens, from the daughters of men, and they shall be wives to thy sons.

33 And Noah rose up, and he made the ark, in the place where God had commanded him, and Noah did as God had ordered him.

34 In his five hundred and ninety-fifth year Noah commenced to make the ark, and he made the ark in five years, as the Lord had commanded.

35 Then Noah took the three daughters of Eliakim, son of Methuselah, for wives for his sons, as the Lord had commanded Noah.

36 And it was at that time Methuselah the son of Enoch died, nine hundred and sixty years old was he, at his death.

Genesis 6:14

Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.

[ark] Hebrew: *tebah* (H8392), vessel. Used only of this boat (Genesis 6:14-9:18) and of Moses' ark (Exodus 2:3-5).

The word **ark** means “a box.” An Egyptian word from which this term may be drawn means “chest” or “coffin”; the same term is used of the box in which the baby Moses was placed in the Nile (Ex. 2:3). We usually picture a boat or a ship with bow and stern. But a ship is designed to move through the water as a conveyance; the ark was built merely to float on the water.

[rooms] Hebrew: *qen* (H7064), nest, as translated elsewhere (Numbers 24:21; Deut. 22:6; Deut. 32:11; Job 29:18; Job 39:27; Psalm 84:3; Proverbs 27:8; Isaiah 10:14; Isaiah 16:2; Jeremiah 49:16).

[pitch it within and without with pitch] *kopher*, (H3724), *ko'-fer*; from H3722 (*kaphar*); properly a cover, i.e. (literal) a village (as covered in); (specific) bitumen (as used for coating), and the henna plant (as used for dyeing); figurative a redemption-price :- bribe, camphire, pitch, ransom, satisfaction, sum of money, village. Here: "pitch"; elsewhere: "atonement." "Pitch it within and without": Why? This has to do with more than floatation: it may be preservation of the ruins for a prophetic role?

Rashi: Why was the ark chosen as a method of salvation? God has many ways at His disposal with which to bring relief and salvation. Why then, did He burden Noah with constructing an ark? In order that the people of the generation of the Flood should see him busy with the construction for 120 years and ask him, "Why do you need this?" He would say to them, "God is going to bring a flood upon the world," and perhaps they would repent. The ark was not merely a method of salvation from the flood – for God could have saved Noah in a variety of ways – but an attempt to inspire the generation to repentance.¹¹

Genesis 6:15

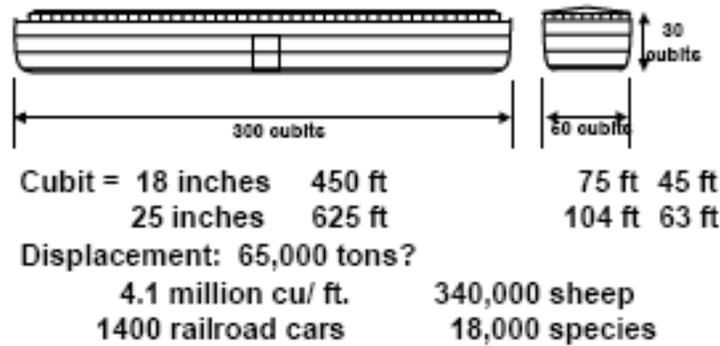
And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.

The cubit was the distance from elbow to fingertip, about 18 inches. This would make the ark about 450 ft. long, 75 ft. wide, and 45 ft. high. It was easily big enough for all it had to hold. Fish and other sea creatures stayed in the sea; insects were small, as were many animals. Birds could easily have lodged in the ceilings or been hung up in cages. An ox is allowed 20 square feet on a modern vessel. If this much room was allowed in the ark for each of the larger mammals there would have been ample room for all including food for one year and 17 days.

A vessel of such dimensions would have a displacement of about 20,000 tons and gross tonnage of about 14,000 tons. Its carrying capacity equaled that of 522 standard railroad stock cars (each of which can hold 240 sheep). Only 188 cars would be required to hold 45,000 sheep-sized animals, leaving three trains of 104 cars each for food, Noah's family, and "range" for the animals. Today it is estimated that there are 17,600 species of animals, making 45,000 a likely approximation of the number Noah might have taken into the ark.

Another consideration is Noah may not have taken the largest adults of the species. He could have taken the younger, smaller in size animals.

¹¹ Chumash, The Gunick Edition, The book of Genesis, Rabbi Miller 2003



Titanic: 882 ft, 46,000 tons.

[25 in cubit: 4.1 million cu ft (2.73 times larger).]

Genesis 6:16

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.

Toras Menachem ; In verses 14-16, where god instructs Noach how to make the ark, not every detail is included. For example later we find that, “Noach removed the covering of the ark”, and yet God never told Noach explicitly to make a covering. Obviously; god left it to Noach to figure out for himself those details which were a self-understood necessity. Similarly, in the case of light; God did not have to tell Noach to bring a source of light into the ark, for light is a basic necessity whose need is self understood.¹²

Genesis 6:17

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.

The 8th prophecy in Genesis (Genesis 6:17-18, fulfilled). Next, *Genesis 7:4. The third prophecy of the flood with the additional prediction of the Noahic covenant.

I Myself: The Hebrew text places significant emphasis on the personal role of God in the ensuing storm.

Though many do not believe in a worldwide flood, this verse indicates that it was (see also 7:19 and 2 Peter 3:6).

¹² Chumash, The Gunick Edition, The book of Genesis, Rabbi Miller 2003

The Book of Enoch: Enoch meets the Watchers – Delivers Message

- 12.1 And then Enoch disappeared and none of the sons of men knew where he was hidden, where he was, or what had happened.
- 12.2 And all his doings were with the Holy Ones, and with the Watchers, in his days.
- 12.3 And I Enoch, was blessing the Great Lord and the King of Eternity. And behold, the Watchers called to me - Enoch the scribe - and said to me:
- 12.4 “Enoch, scribe of righteousness. Go and inform the Watchers of Heaven, who have left the High Heaven and the Holy Eternal Place, and have corrupted themselves with women, and have done as the sons of men do and have taken wives for themselves, and have become completely corrupt on the earth.
- 12.5 They will have on Earth, neither peace, nor forgiveness of sin, for they will not rejoice in their sons.
- 12.6 The slaughter of their beloved ones they will see; and over the destruction of their sons they will lament and petition forever. But they will have neither mercy nor peace.”
- 13.1 And Enoch went and said to Azazel: “You will not have peace. A severe sentence has come out against you that you should be bound.
- 13.2 And you will have neither rest nor mercy, nor the granting of any petitions, because of the wrong which you have taught, and because of all the works of blasphemy and wrong and sin which you have shown to the sons of men.”
- 13.3 And then I went and spoke to them all together, and they were all afraid; fear and trembling seized them.
- 13.4 And they asked me to write out for them the record of a petition, so that they might receive forgiveness, and to take a record of their petition up to the Lord in Heaven.
- 13.5 For they were not able, from then on, to speak, and they did not raise their eyes to Heaven, out of shame for the sins, for which they had been condemned.
- 13.6 And then I wrote out the record of their petition, and their supplication in regard to their spirits, and the deeds of each one of them, and in regard to what they asked; that they should obtain absolution and forbearance.
- 13.7 And I went and sat down by the waters of Dan, in Dan, which is southwest of Hermon; and I read out the record of their petition, until I fell asleep.
- 13.8 And behold a dream came to me, and visions fell upon me, and I saw a vision of wrath; that I should speak to the sons of Heaven and reprove them.
- 13.9 And I woke up and went to them, and they were all sitting gathered together as they mourned, in Ubelseyael, which is between Lebanon and Senir, with their faces covered.
- 13.10 And I spoke in front of them all; the visions that I had seen in my sleep, and I began to speak these words to reprove the Watchers of Heaven.

Genesis 6:18

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.

[**thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee**] This may show that Noah's sons were grown and married when God told him to make the ark. Shem was only 100 years old 2 years after the flood, so Noah couldn't have spent 120 years building the ark.

1. Noah took 120 years to build the ark? This could not be so because:

- (1) The Bible never mentions 120 years in connection with Noah,
- (2) It is clear from Genesis 6:18 that when God told Noah to build the ark, his sons (Shem, Ham, Japheth) were already grown and married (Genesis 7:7,13; Genesis 8:16,18)
- (3) Shem had a son when he was 100 years old—2 years after the flood (Genesis 11:10). This means he was 97 when he entered the ark, for the flood lasted 1 year and 17 days (*Genesis 8:14, note). It was impossible then for Noah to spend 120 years building the ark.

[**covenant**] This statement of the “covenant” confirmed that Noah was to be a recipient of the promises of YAHWEH. “Covenant” (*berit*, Heb.) occurs here for the first time (cf. 17:2). God has obligated Himself through this pronouncement to maintain His commitment to Noah.

In strongest contrast to God's punishment in the preceding verse, God in His mercy established His **covenant** with Noah. This is the first time the word *covenant* is used in the Bible; some believe the concept of covenant is found in 3:15, but the word doesn't occur until here. The details of this covenant were given after the Flood (9:9). Here, in the midst of judgment, the Lord stooped down to meet the needs of His servant (Ps. 40:1; 113:6) and to enter into a binding oath with him. In order to perpetuate the human family, God promised to preserve Noah's family and **two of every sort** of animal.

Genesis 6:19

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.

Genesis 6:20

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.

Genesis 6:21

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.

Noah is now to do something very practical. It took a lot of hay in the ark to feed these animals. Some people are going to say, “But some of those animals ate meat. They would eat each other!” I do not think so. Up to the time of the Flood, apparently both men and animals were not flesh-eating. They just did not eat flesh; there were no carnivorous animals. We are told of a day in the millennium when the lion and the lamb will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like an ox (see Isa. 11:6–7). That could certainly come to pass, for that probably was the original state of the animal.¹³

Genesis 6:22

Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

Noah got busy and obeyed God.

So that the righteous would survive the supernatural wrath God was about to wreak on the whole planet, God had Noah build an Ark: a God-designed safe haven for Noah and his family. This Ark would allow the righteous to live, while the wicked would perish. Now, I can only imagine how ridiculed Noah must have been for building this 450 footlong monstrosity. To start with, there is no indication at all that Noah lived anywhere near a substantial body of water....it was not unlike building an ocean liner behind your barn in the middle of the Nebraska wheat fields. But, here’s the deal, and it’s summed up so elegantly simple in verse 22: “This is what Noah did; he did all that God ordered him to do”. And, it saved his life...that, and all his family.

The Book of Enoch: Book of Noah

- 65.1 And in those days, Noah saw the Earth had tilted and that its destruction was near.
65.2 And he set off from there and went to the ends of the Earth and cried out to his great-grandfather Enoch; and Noah said three times in a bitter voice: “Hear me, hear me, hear me!”
65.3 And he said to him: “Tell me, what is it that is being done on the Earth, that the Earth is so afflicted and shaken, lest I be destroyed with it!”
65.4 And immediately there was a great disturbance on the Earth and a voice was heard from Heaven and I fell upon my face.
65.5 And my great-grandfather Enoch came, stood by me, and said to me: “Why did you cry out to me, with such bitter crying and weeping?”
65.6 And a command has gone out from the Lord against those who dwell upon the dry ground that this must be their end. For they have learnt all the secrets of the

¹³ McGee, J. Vernon, *Thru the Bible with J. Vernon McGee*, (Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers) 2000, c1981.

- Angels, and all the wrongdoings of the satans, and all their secret power, and all the power of those who practice magic arts, and the power of enchantments, and the power of those who cast molten images for all the Earth.
- 65.7 And further, how silver is produced from the dust of the earth and how soft metal occurs on the earth.
- 65.8 For lead and tin are not produced from the earth, like the former; there is a spring which produces them, and an Angel who stands in it, and that Angel distributes them.”
- 65.9 And after this, my great-grandfather Enoch took hold of me with his hand, and raised me, and said to me: “Go, for I have asked the Lord of Spirits about this disturbance on the earth.”
- 65.10 And he said to me: “Because of their iniquity, their judgment has been completed, and they will no longer be counted before me; because of the sorceries they have searched out and learnt, the Earth and those who dwell upon it will be destroyed.
- 65.11 And for these, there will be no place of refuge, for ever, for they showed to them what is secret, and they have been condemned; but not so for you, my son; the Lord of Spirits knows that you are pure and innocent of this reproach concerning the secrets.
- 65.12 And he has established your name among the Holy, and will keep you from amongst those who dwell upon the dry ground; and he has destined your offspring in righteousness, to be kings, and for great honours. And from your offspring will flow out a spring of the Righteous and Holy, without number forever.”
- 66.1 And after this, he showed me the Angels of Punishment, who were ready to come and release all the forces of the water, which is under the earth, in order to bring judgment and destruction on all those who reside and dwell upon the dry ground.
- 66.2 And the Lord of Spirits commanded the Angels who were coming out, not to raise their hands, but to keep watch; for those Angels were in charge of the forces of the waters.
- 66.3 And I came out from before Enoch.
- 67.1 And in those days, the word of the Lord came to me, and he said to me: “Noah, behold; your lot has come up before me, a lot without reproach, a lot of love and uprightness.
- 67.2 And now the Angels are making a wooden structure, and when the Angels come out from that task, I will put my hand on it, and keep it safe. And a change shall take place so that the dry ground may not remain empty.
- 67.3 And I will establish your offspring before me, forever and ever, and I will scatter those who dwell with you, over the face of the dry ground. I will not again put them to the test, on the face of the Earth, but they will be blessed and increase on the dry ground in the name of the Lord.”
- 67.4 And they will shut up those Angels, who showed iniquity, in that burning valley, which my great-grandfather Enoch had shown to me previously, in the west, near the mountains of gold and silver and iron and soft metal and tin.
- 67.5 And I saw that valley, in which there was a great disturbance, and a heaving of the waters.

- 67.6 And when all this happened, from the fiery molten metal, and the disturbance, which disturbed the waters in that place, a smell of sulphur was produced, and it was associated with those waters. And that valley of the Angels, who led men astray, burns under the ground.
- 67.7 And through the valleys of that same area, flow out rivers of fire where those Angels will be punished, who led astray those on the dry ground.
- 67.8 And in those days, those waters will serve the kings, and the mighty, and the exalted, and those who dwell upon dry ground, for the healing of soul and body, but also for the punishment of the spirit. And their spirits are so full of lust that they will be punished in their bodies, for they denied the Lord of Spirits. And they see their punishment every day yet they do not believe in His Name.
- 67.9 And the more their bodies are burnt, the more a change will come over their spirits, for ever and ever; for no one can speak an idle word in front of the Lord of Spirits.
- 67.10 For judgment will come upon them, for they believe in the lust of their bodies, but deny the spirit of the Lord.
- 67.11 And those same waters will undergo a change in those days; for when those Angels are punished in those days, the temperature of those springs of water will change, and when the Angels come up, that water of the springs will change, and become cold.
- 67.12 And I heard the Holy Michael answering and saying: "This judgment, with which the Angels are judged, is a testimony for the kings and the mighty who possess the dry ground.
- 67.13 For these waters of judgment serve for the healing of the bodies of the kings, and for the lust of their bodies; but they do not see, and do not believe, that these waters will change, and will become a fire which burns forever."
- 68.1 And after this, my great-grandfather Enoch gave me the explanation of all the secrets, in a book, and the parables that had been given to him; and he put them together for me, in the words of the Book of Parables.

The Book of Enoch: The Reproof to the Runaway's Message

- 14.1 This book is the word of righteousness, and of reproof, for the Watchers who are from Eternity; as the Holy and Great One commanded in that vision.
- 14.2 I saw in my sleep what I will now tell, with the tongue of flesh, and with my breath, which the Great One has given men in the mouth, so that they might speak with it, and understand with the heart.
- 14.3 As He has created, and appointed, men to understand the word of knowledge, so He created and appointed me to reprove the Watchers, the sons of Heaven.
- 14.4 And I wrote out your petition, but in my vision, thus it appeared, that your petition would not be granted to you, for all the days of eternity; and complete judgment has been decreed against you, and you will not have peace.
- 14.5 And from now on, you will not ascend into Heaven, for all eternity, and it has been decreed that you will be bound on Earth for all the days of eternity.
- 14.6 And before this, you will have seen the destruction of your beloved sons, and you will not be able to enjoy them, but they will fall before you by the sword.

- 14.7 And your petition will not be granted in respect of them or in respect of yourselves. And while you weep and supplicate you do not speak a single word from the writings which I have written.
- 14.8 And the vision appeared to me, as follows: - Behold; clouds called me in the vision, and mist called me. And the path of the stars, and flashes of lightning, hastened me and drove me. And in the vision winds caused me to fly, and hastened me, and lifted me up into the sky.
- 14.9 And I proceeded until I came near a wall which was made of hailstones, and a tongue of fire surrounded it, and it began to make me afraid.
- 14.10 And I went into the tongue of fire and came near to a large house, which was built of hailstones, and the wall of that house was like a mosaic of hailstones and its floor was snow.
- 14.11 Its roof was like the path of the stars and flashes of lightning, and among them was fiery cherubim, and their sky was like water.
- 14.12 And there was a fire burning around its wall and its door was ablaze with fire.
- 14.13 And I went into that house, and it was as hot as fire and as cold as snow, and there was neither pleasure nor life in it. Fear covered me and trembling took hold of me.
- 14.14 And as I was shaking and trembling, I fell on my face.
- 14.15 And I saw in the vision, and behold, another house which was larger than the former and all its doors were open before me, and it was built of a tongue of fire.
- 14.16 And in everything, it so excelled in glory and splendor and size, so that I am unable to describe to you its glory and its size.
- 14.17 And its floor was fire, and above lightning and the path of the stars, and its roof also was a burning fire.
- 14.18 And I looked, and I saw in it, a high throne, and its appearance was like ice, and its surrounds like the shining Sun and the sound of cherubim.
- 14.19 And from underneath the high throne there flowed out rivers of fire so that it was impossible to look at it.
- 14.20 And He who is Great in Glory sat upon it, and his raiment was brighter than the Sun, and whiter than any snow.
- 14.21 And no Angel could enter, and at the appearance of the face of Him who is Honoured and Praised, no creature of flesh could look.
- 14.22 A sea of fire burnt around Him, and a great fire stood in front of Him, and none of those around Him came near to Him. Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him but He needed no Holy Council.
- 14.23 And the Holy Ones who were near to Him did not leave by night or day and did not depart from Him.
- 14.24 And until then I had a covering on my face, as I trembled. And the Lord called me with his own mouth, and said to me: "Come here, Enoch, to my Holy Word."
- 14.25 And He lifted me up and brought me near to the door. And I looked, with my face down.
- 15.1 And He answered me, and said to me with His voice: "Hear! Do not be afraid, Enoch, you righteous man, and scribe of righteousness. Come here and hear my voice.
- 15.2 And go say to the Watchers of Heaven, who sent you to petition on their behalf: You ought to petition on behalf of men, not men on behalf of you.

- 15.3 Why have you left the High, Holy and Eternal Heaven, and lain with women, and become unclean with the daughters of men, and taken wives for yourselves, and done as the sons of the earth, and begotten giant sons?
- 15.4 And you were spiritual, Holy, living an eternal life, but you became unclean upon the women, and begot children through the blood of flesh, and lusted after the blood of men, and produced flesh and blood, as they do, who die and are destroyed.
- 15.5 And for this reason I give men wives; so that they might sow seed in them, and so that children might be born by them, so that deeds might be done on the Earth.
- 15.6 But you, formerly, were spiritual, living an eternal, immortal life, for all the generations of the world.
- 15.7 For this reason I did not arrange wives for you; because the dwelling of the spiritual ones is in Heaven.
- 15.8 And now, the giants who were born from body and flesh will be called Evil Spirits on the Earth, and on the Earth will be their dwelling.
- 15.9 And evil spirits came out from their flesh, because from above they were created, from the Holy Watchers was their origin and first foundation. Evil spirits they will be on Earth and 'Spirits of the Evil Ones' they will be called.
- 15.10 And the dwelling of the Spirits of Heaven is Heaven, but the dwelling of the spirits of the Earth, who were born on the Earth, is Earth.
- 15.11 And the spirits of the giants do wrong, are corrupt, attack, fight, break on the Earth, and cause sorrow. And they eat no food, do not thirst, and are not observed.
- 15.12 And these spirits will rise against the sons of men, and against the women, because they came out of them during the days of slaughter and destruction.
- 16.1 And the death of the giants, wherever the spirits have gone out from their bodies, their flesh will be destroyed, before the Judgment. Thus they will be destroyed until the Day of the Great Consummation is accomplished, upon the Great Age, upon the Watchers and the impious ones."
- 16.2 And now to the Watchers, who sent you to petition on their behalf, who were formerly in Heaven:
- 16.3 "You were in Heaven but its secrets had not yet been revealed to you; and a worthless mystery you knew. This you made known to women, in the hardness of your hearts. And through this mystery the women and the men cause evil to increase on the Earth."
- 16.4 Say to them therefore: "You will not have peace."

The Book of Enoch: Enoch stays for a while with the Watchers

- 17.1 And they took me to a place where they were like burning fire, and, when they wished, they made themselves look like men.
- 17.2 And they led me to a place of storm, and to a mountain, the tip of whose summit reached to Heaven.
- 17.3 And I saw lighted places, and thunder in the outermost ends, in its depths a bow of fire, and arrows and their quivers, and a sword of fire, and all the flashes of lightning.

- 17.4 And they took me to the Water of Life, as it is called, and to the Fire of the West, which receives every setting of the Sun.
- 17.5 And I came to a river of fire, whose fire flows like water, and pours out into the Great Sea, which is towards the west.
- 17.6 And I saw all the great rivers, and I reached the Great Darkness, and went where all flesh walks.
- 17.7 And I saw the Mountains of the Darkness of Winter and the place where the water of all the deeps pours out.
- 17.8 And I saw the mouths of all the rivers of the Earth, and the mouth of the deep.
- 18.1 And I saw the storehouses of all the winds, and I saw how with them He has adorned all creation, and I saw the foundations of the Earth.
- 18.2 And I saw the cornerstone of the Earth. And I saw the four winds which support the Earth and the sky.
- 18.3 And I saw how the winds stretch out the height of Heaven, and how they position themselves between Heaven and Earth; they are the Pillars of Heaven.
- 18.4 And I saw the winds which turn the sky and cause the disc of the Sun and all the stars to set.
- 18.5 And I saw the winds on the Earth which support the clouds and I saw the paths of the Angels. I saw at the end of the Earth; the firmament of Heaven above.
- 18.6 And I went towards the south, and it was burning day and night, where there were seven mountains of precious stones, three towards the east and three towards the south.
- 18.7 And those towards the east were of coloured stone, and one was of pearl, and one of healing stone; and those towards the south, of red stone.
- 18.8 And the middle one reached to Heaven, like the throne of the Lord, of stibium, and the top of the throne was of sapphire.
- 18.9 And I saw a burning fire, and what was in all the mountains.
- 18.10 And I saw a place there, beyond the great earth; there the waters gathered together.
- 18.11 And I saw a deep chasm of the earth, with pillars of heavenly fire, and I saw among them fiery pillars of Heaven, which were falling, and as regards both height and depth, they were immeasurable.
- 18.12 And beyond this chasm, I saw a place, and it had neither the sky above it, nor the foundation of earth below it; there was no water on it, and no birds, but it was a desert place.
- 18.13 And a terrible thing I saw there, seven stars, like great burning mountains.
- 18.14 And like a spirit questioning me, the Angel said: "This is the place of the end of Heaven and Earth; this is the prison for the Stars of Heaven and the Host of Heaven.
- 18.15 And the stars which roll over the fire, these are the ones which transgressed the command of the Lord, from the beginning of their rising, because they did not come out at their proper times.
- 18.16 And He was angry with them, and bound them until the time of the consummation of their sin, in the Year of Mystery."
- 19.1 And Uriel said to me: "The spirits of the Angels who were promiscuous with women will stand here; and they, assuming many forms, made men unclean and will lead men astray so that they sacrifice to demons as gods. And they will stand

there until the great judgment day, on which they will be judged, so that an end will be made of them.

19.2 And their wives, having led astray the Angels of Heaven, will become peaceful.”

19.3 And I, Enoch, alone saw the sight, the ends of everything; and no man has seen what I have seen.

Items to think about

The Rephaim

“...and also after that...” (Genesis 6:4). There were Post-flood Nephilim... this is essential to understand OT & prophecy!

Who Built the Ancient Monuments?

- The Great Pyramid at Giza?
- Stonehenge in Britain?
- The “Circle of the Rephaim”?

Gilgal Rephaim “The Circle of Rephaim”

Five circles including 20-ton stones (Diameter = 155 meters). Dated: 3000 B.C. Built on flat plateau; only visible from above; 10 miles from Asteroth-Karnaim (Gen 14:5; Josh 12:4; 1 Chr 6:71).

Post-Flood Nephilim

“...also after that...” (Genesis 6:4). Rephaim, Emim, Horim, Zamsummim (Gen 14, 15); Arba, Anak & his seven sons (Anakim), encountered in Canaan (Num 13:33). Og, King of Bashan (Deut 3:11; Joshua 12). Goliath and his four brothers (2 Sam 21:16-22; 1 Chr 20:4-8).

An Enigma

What do the Golan Heights, Hebron, and the Gaza Strip have in common?

They were the areas that Joshua failed to exterminate the Rephaim (Joshua 15:14, et al.)! They are the areas that are still such a problem today.

The Nature of Angels

Fallen Angels vs. Demons? Are they equivalent or distinctive? Angels always appear in human form (Sodom and Gomorrah; Resurrection; Ascension). [Demons always seek embodiment.] Angels spoke, took men by hand, ate meals, and were capable of direct physical combat (Passover in Egypt and the slaughter of 185,000 Syrians).

Can Angels Have Sex?

For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven. Mt 22:30; Mk 12:25

They don't marry (in heaven).

One-World Ecumenical Religion

Biblical Christianity becoming increasingly politically incorrect. The Vatican positioning for global leadership.

New World Order

- “A World Without Borders”: End of the independent Nation-State; Multiculturalism
- Centralized Socialistic Government
- Potential Forcing Functions: Nuclear Proliferation; Terrorism; Cosmic Threat?

What is the “Miry Clay?”

Miry clay is clay made from mire, dust.

*And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, **they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men:** but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.*

Chronology of the Flood

	Event	Date	Reference
Waiting in the ark 7 days (7:7, 10)	1. Noah entered the ark.	Month 2, day 10	7:7-9
	2. <i>7 days later:</i> Rain began falling	Month 2, day 17*	7:10-11
Water continued for 150 days (7:24)	3. <i>40 days later:</i> Heavy rains stopped	Month 3, day 27	7:12
	4. <i>110 days later:</i> Prevailing waters receded and the ark rested on an Ararat mountain	Month 7, day 17*	7:24; 8:4
Water receded in 150 days (8:3)	5. <i>74 days later:</i> Tops of mountains visible	Month 10, day 1*	8:5
	6. <i>40 days later:</i> Raven sent out, and a dove sent out and returned	Month 11, day 11*	8:6-9
	7. <i>7 days later:</i> Dove sent out again and returned with a leaf	Month 11, day 18*	8:10
	8. <i>7 days later:</i> Dove sent out a third time and did not return	Month 11, day 25	8:12
	9. <i>22 days later:</i> Water receded	Month 12, day 17	8:3
Earth dried in 70 days	10. Noah saw dry land	Month 1, day 1	8:13
	11. Land completely dry	Month 2, day 27	8:14-19
377 days		1 year and 17 days in the ark	
*Dates specified in the Scriptures; other dates are implied			

The Book of Enoch: Prophecy of the Animals

- 86.1 And again, I looked with my eyes as I was sleeping, and I saw Heaven above, and behold, a star fell from Heaven, and it arose and ate and pastured amongst those bulls.
- 86.2 And, after this, I saw the large and the black bulls, and behold, all of them changed their pens, and their pastures, and their heifers. And they began to moan, one after another.
- 86.3 And, again, I saw in the vision and looked up at Heaven, and behold, I saw many stars, how they came down, and were thrown down from Heaven to that first star, and fell amongst those heifers and bulls. They were with them pasturing amongst them.
- 86.4 And I looked at them and saw, and behold, all of them let out their private parts, like horses, and began to mount the cows of the bulls. And they all became pregnant and bore elephants, camels, and asses.
- 86.5 And all the bulls were afraid of them, and were terrified in front of them. And they began to bite with their teeth, and to devour, and to gore with their horns.
- 86.6 And so they began to devour those bulls, and behold, all the sons of the Earth began to tremble and shake before them and to flee.
- 87.1 And again I saw them, how they began to gore one another, and to devour one another, and the Earth began to cry out.
- 87.2 And I raised my eyes again to Heaven, and saw in the vision, and behold, there came from Heaven beings that were like white men. And four came from that place, and three others with them.
- 87.3 And those three, who came out last, took hold of me by my hand and raised me from the generations of the Earth, and lifted me up onto a high place, and showed me a tower high above the earth, and all the hills were lower.
- 87.4 And one said to me: "Remain here until you have seen everything which is coming upon these elephants, and camels, and asses, and upon the stars, and upon all the bulls."
- 88.1 And I saw one of those four who had come out first, how he took hold of that first star, which had fallen from Heaven, and bound it by its hands and feet, and threw it into an abyss. And that abyss was narrow, and deep, and horrible, and dark.
- 88.2 And one of them drew his sword, and gave it to those elephants, camels, and asses; and they began to strike one another, and the whole Earth shook because of them.
- 88.3 And as I looked in the vision, behold, one of those four who had come out cast a line from Heaven and gathered and took all the large stars; those whose private parts were like the private parts of horses, and bound them all by their hands and their feet, and threw them into a chasm of the Earth.
- 89.1 And one of those four, went to a white bull, and taught him a mystery, trembling as he was. He was born a bull, but became a man, and built for himself a large vessel, and dwelt on it, and three bulls went with him in that vessel, and they were covered over.
- 89.2 And, again, I raised my eyes to Heaven and saw a high roof with seven water channels on it, and those channels discharged much water into an enclosure.

- 89.3 And I looked again, and behold, springs opened on the floor of that large enclosure, and water began to bubble up, and to rise above the floor. And I looked at that enclosure until its whole floor was covered by water.
- 89.4 And water, darkness, and mist increased on it, and I looked at the height of that water, and that water had risen above that enclosure and was pouring out over the enclosure, and it remained on the earth.
- 89.5 And all the bulls of that enclosure were gathered together, until I saw how they sank, and were swallowed up, and destroyed, in that water.
- 89.6 And that vessel floated on the water, but all the bulls, elephants, camels, and asses sank to the bottom, together with all the animals, so that I could not see them. And they were unable to get out, but were destroyed, and sank into the depths.
- 89.7 And, again, I looked at that vision until those water channels were removed from that high roof, and the chasms of the Earth were made level, and other abysses were opened.
- 89.8 And the water began to run down into them, until the earth became visible, and that vessel settled on the earth and the darkness departed, and light appeared.
- 89.9 And that white bull, who became a man, went out from that vessel, and the three bulls with him. And one of the three bulls was white, like that bull, and one of them was red as blood, and one was black. And that white bull passed away from them.

GENESIS Chapter 6 Appendix:

Something was said, in Genesis 6:13 that is going to cause us to go off on a search. We approached as we saw what it was that caused God to destroy the earth with a flood. And, surprisingly he said that it was all “living creatures”, basar, that was the cause. Men AND animals. He did NOT blame Satan.

The Hebrews says a couple of important things about evil that we don't generally find in Christian doctrine. And, it is that men have both a good and evil inclination within us. And, that we have choices to choose. The more difficult issue to deal with though, is that I told you that God created both good and evil. Not necessarily in the sense that might immediately come to your minds, however.

Central to all this is understanding what is MEANT by the concept of God creating evil along with good. I've often said that we simply don't have words that can describe things of the spirit world. We don't have words that can fully communicate the mind of God. And, the origin of evil.....how did it get here.....WHAT is it.....how does it operate.....is one of those situations.

In order to discuss this dicey, yet crucial, subject, we need fold in several principles that, on the surface, don't appear to have much to do with it. Yet, without briefly exploring these principles, we can't get there from here.

And, I want to begin by talking about how our Universe works, because we are subject to it's laws, boundaries, and limitations. God did NOT create the Universe, put us within it, and then expect us to somehow operate, and have understanding, as though we weren't simply a piece of that Universe.....at least for a time.

Let me tell you of a scientific finding that is so recent that you many not have yet even been exposed to; it is that world's body of physicists have now come to a general agreement that they have tried to avoid for decades. It is that the Universe was created by Intelligent Design.....it wasn't caused by a random series of chemical reactions. It was not chaos that accidentally achieved order. Now, that's not news for us, as Believers, nor to the billions on this planet who adhere to some religion or another whereby a superior being and creator is acknowledged. But, when the scientific community.....so diametrically opposed to even considering that there is some overriding intelligent cosmic force or being, vastly superior to man, who orders the way the universe unfolds....when they come to this conclusion, the first thing one must ask is: why? What changed? Because in no way are they acknowledging God.....at least they don't think they are.

The recent discovery that caused this great shift in their thinking.....a discovery that exceeds even Einstein's world-changing work to develop his famous theory of relativity... is the discovery of undeniable evidence that there exists at least 10 dimensions, and probably 11. This discovery is part of a whole new realm of Physics called String Theory.

Now, our Universe consists of only 4 of those 10 or 11 dimensions; and those dimensions are height, width, length, and time. No matter how far out into space our orbiting spacetelescopes

have looked, and probed, and measured, those same 4 dimensions are all they can see. So, if that is the case, then what about those other so-called 6 or 7 dimensions? Well, they don't exist, per se, in our Universe; rather they exist in some other “universe”....what these physicists call parallel universes. Not parallel in the sense that

these other universes are like holding a mirror up to something and getting a reverse, but parallel, image. But, that these parallel Universes exist simultaneously with ours; they could actually be within our Universe, or they could be completely outside our Universe, or some of each.

This may sound a bit far out for us, but really, it shouldn't. If you'll read the ancient Hebrew sages, you'll see that they described multiple dimensions. And, believe it or not, these sages who lived well before Christ said that the Scriptures reveal 10 dimensions, plus 1 more, the 11th, which is God. And, now, physicists tell us that both from a mathematical standpoint, and because of the otherwise unexplainable way in which energy and matter behave, that there must be 10 or 11 dimensions.

To kind of help picture this, all we have to do is think of Heaven, as described in the Bible, to understand that it certainly doesn't obey the laws of Physics of our Universe. For instance, we're told that Heaven exists outside of time, that it is eternal.....that's what eternity really means.....time-less.....without time. Eternity is not an expression of a really LONG time; rather it's about existence in a realm in which the dimension of time does not even exist. The Scriptures never purport that Heaven is part of our Universe. After all, how did God live in our Universe BEFORE He even created our Universe? Answer, He didn't. He lived somewhere else. And, that somewhere else is one or more of those other dimensions. In other words, Heaven does not exist in our 4 dimensional Universe. Right? I don't think most of us believed that it did; my purpose for saying this is just to build a context for our discussion.

Now, stay with me. Believe me, this is a key ingredient that will explain an awful lot about our main subject, evil.

So, the problem for us is, how do we detect things, or examine things, or understand things that are outside of our 4 dimensions? And, of more immediate concern, how can we visualize things that are outside of our 4 dimensions? The reality is, we can't very well. Our bodies can ONLY detect things that our sensory organs are designed to detect: eyes detect light of certain wave lengths, ears detect sound waves of certain frequencies, our sense of touch detects heat, cold, hard and soft surfaces and so on. All of our sensory organs sense the physical things that make up our 4 dimensional universe. So, all we can do is mathematically prove, or observe strange behavior of physical objects to know that some other force is at play. Like, how sub-atomic particles behave, or how the expansion of our Universe behaves; or, like the Red Sea piling up to let the Israelites pass to safety, for instance.

Now, some may be saying, well I understand that of those 4 dimensions, 3 indeed make up the physical: length, width, and depth. But, is time actually physical? How do I reach out and touch time? Do we have sensory organs that can detect time?

Actually, time is an integral part of the physical-ness of our Universe. We measure time, on earth, by the movement of the heavenly bodies. God set this dynamic up when He readied planet Earth for life. We measure a year of time by observing the position of the stars and the regular cycle of seasons on Earth. We measure a month by observing the phases of the moon. We measure a day.....and until the last couple of hundred years.....even hours and minutes by the movement of the sun across the sky.

But, what is it we are actually measuring when we say we are measuring time? The answer lies in the method used to calculate time in the most accurate clocks known to man: atomic clocks. And, they use the near perfect steady decay of radioactive materials

as their standard. The key word here is decay. Just as meters or inches measures the 3 dimensions of height, width, and depth, time measures the decay of the stuff that makes up our Universe; you, me, rocks, metals, concrete, space dust, the noble gases of space, all matter, even energy. Time is how we describe the process of everything that makes up our Universe getting old and deteriorating. Everything in our universe is deteriorating. Did you know that? That is not a philosophy or a religious belief; it's just a scientific fact that is THE underlying principle for all of our physics. And, the Bible tells us that as well.

Yet, beyond that physical nature, there is some "thing" mysterious that exists within our Universe that is somehow not part of those 4 dimensions; something that cannot be explained by those 4 dimensions, nor can it be detected by any way man has devised or ever will. And, that mysterious thing is what we call spirit. How do I know spirit exists? Because the Bible says it does, and because my life experience, with God, has proven it to me. This Spirit exists in us; it actually sustains our very lives, because when it leaves us, our existence ceases. How did it get in us? God put it there. WHERE is it within us? Well, the Bible says it's in our hearts: but, in fact, it is not specific place; saying "hearts" is just a euphemism. And, if we trust Him, by faith, He'll even put His own Spirit (His Holy Spirit) in us.....yet another kind of spiritual substance that is somehow different than the kind of Spirit (I call it the Life Spirit) which is the basic life force in all living beings. Both of these kinds of Spirit.....the kind that sustains all organic animal life, and the Holy kind that permits communion between man and God, are in no way connected to our 4 dimensional Universe, nor subject to its laws. Yet, there they are. A good way to think of Spirit is as a 5th dimension that is present in our Universe, but is not PART of our Universe.

Part of the reason we have so much trouble with the concept of Spirit, is because it is not detectable or knowable by our rational senses. God made man and animals out of the 4 dimensional stuff of our Universe: in our case, it was dirt. But, in addition, He brought something from OUTSIDE the confines of our Universe, through the Universe, and put it into His living creatures: that thing is called life, or, better, the spirit of life. Even more, into MEN.....but, not animals.....he put another aspect of Himself.....and that is this ability to know Him and to commune with him. That which the Bible calls the human spirit.

When God made our Universe, our Universe's natural state (at least it was on planet Earth) was darkness (we're told that in Genesis 1). NAS Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God

created the heavens and the earth. 2 And the earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. 3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

The Universe was dark, and then from somewhere outside of our Universe God brought light to this darkness. Now, this light of Gen.1:3 was not "light" as in the sense of a light bulb or a lamp (although He eventually brought that as well by means of light emitting objects in the sky); but light in the sense of spiritual enlightenment.....in Hebrew "owr", which means truth, goodness.....a spirit of truth and goodness. This is critical for our understanding. Because the Hebrew word used for that darkness of the original state of the Universe was choshek.....which means obscurity, falsehood, blindness....a spirit of wickedness; a lack of spiritual enlightenment. It does NOT mean darkness like in

nighttime.

So, what God created FIRST was a spirit of truth....of good.

OK. Let's add another piece of the puzzle, now. Because of the strict way our Universe operates....the laws of Physics.....everything in it must and DOES have an opposite. In electro-magnetics, if there is a positive charge, there MUST be a negative charge, because they are in relation to one another. In our Universe, if there is a far, there necessarily is a near. If there is up, there must be a down. If there is short, there necessarily is tall. If there is a front, there is a back. If a coin has a head, it must have a tails (by that I mean it has two sides), because it is impossible in our Universe for anything to exist that does not have an opposite side. If there is a future, there MUST be a past....that's the way time operates. And, to operate in the CURRENT way our Universe operates, if there is life, there must be death. No matter what phenomenon you can think of, there is an opposing phenomenon in the make-up of the Universe in which we live. Why is that? It just is, because that's how God designed it. He did it that way as the mechanism He will use to accomplish all He has purposed.

Because of the principle of opposites, a God-ordained law for our Universe, exists, in order for good to exist in some form in our Universe, then it's opposite, evil, also must exist. Let me state that again: because our Universe requires an opposite, then along with good there is evil. You cannot have one without the other. They are connected. It's simply the way our 4 dimensional Universe operates. HOWEVER.....outside of our Universe, that is not necessarily true. Things operating in those other 6 or 7 dimensions we began the evening by talking about are NOT necessarily subject to the rules of opposites; and apparently in Heaven, no opposite is required, although we do have to account for Satan and those fallen angels in some way.

Now, for a really big, and ugly, question: who or what causes evil to happen? Or, even better, who or what is the source of evil?

Let's look at a verse that I suggested to many of you that you look up: Isaiah 45:7. NAS Isaiah 45:7 The One forming light and creating darkness, Causing well-being and creating calamity; I am the LORD who does all these.

That sounds OK to us; it really doesn't bother us much that the Lord who created light and darkness, also causes well-being and creates calamity. I mean, as much as we might wish Scripture didn't say that God creates calamity (of which we might be affected) we accept that pretty easily. Oh, if were just that easy.

The New American Standard Bible verse we just read is from a translation method that is called "dynamic translation". Look now at that same verse in a more literal, direct, word for word, translation: JPS Isaiah 45:7 I form the light, and create darkness; I make peace, and create evil; I am the LORD, that doeth all these things. Now THIS one DOES hurt our sensibilities. It says bluntly that the Lord creates Evil. Is that possible? Look even at the KJV: KJV Isaiah 45:7 I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things.

There are 4 key Hebrew words in this verse: owr, choshek, shalom and rah. So, by mixing in the Hebrew with the English, the verse reads: "I form the "owr" and create "choshek"; I made shalom and create rah." We've studied the words owr and choshek, and know that they are words denoting to two categories of spiritual nature: good and evil. Shalom is a very interesting Hebrew word that we could take up the whole session talking about; but, for today just know that it's very nature is describing a sense

of well-being, peace, good, godliness and grace that comes from God.....it is a divine, and therefore spiritual, source that produces shalom. The Hebrew word rah, has a similar, but opposite sense. Rah means evil or bad. Remember the principle of opposites we've talked about. The principle that in our Universe, everything has an opposite....no exceptions. So, as this verse and many others will tell us, if God forms light, then darkness also is created; if the Lord makes shalom, then evil is also created. And, God is behind it all, and controls it all, and uses it all.

See, it is ONLY with our more modern translations that we even find the word "evil" oddly replaced with words like disaster and calamity and woe. The Hebrew word "rah" means evil. Now, calamity and disaster and woe can result from evil.....but rah directly refers to the spiritual sense of evil.....and that is because rah is the opposite of shalom. Don't think this is some isolated verse; this phrase directly showing the Lord causing evil to exist and to happen is scattered throughout the OT.

JPS Amos 3:6 Shall the horn be blown in a city, and the people not tremble? Shall evil befall a city, and the LORD hath not done it?

JPS Lamentations 3:38 Out of the mouth of the Most High proceedeth not evil and good?

So, why does evil exist in our Universe? Because God created good; and therefore evil came as its natural opposite. This is not accidental.....God ordered it all that way. Now.....and here comes a key concept.....God did not create evil in the sense of God manufacturing evil. God didn't turn to His right, and create a pile of good; and then turn to His left and create a pile of evil. Rather, evil was a result of His creating good, and putting that spirit of good into our Universe (a Universe where everything MUST have an opposite). One easier way to think about this is when we can envision that evil is everything that God does not command or instruct. It is the opposite of what is called good by God. Allow me to draw an admittedly imperfect (but I think reasonable) analogy for you. It's like when we go into a room, and turn on a light; we flip a switch, electricity flows to a filament in a light bulb, it glows, and presto, we ADD light to the room. But, when we turn the switch the other to direction to OFF, and the room goes dark, did we ADD darkness to the room? Did the current in the light bulb reverse, and now it sucked the light out of the room? Or, was the darkness manufactured as the light was manufactured? No, because darkness is simply the opposite of light. If light is not produced and present, then the result is darkness. Darkness is not something that is made, per se, it is but the absence of light. In the same way, evil is but the absence of good.

So: let's quickly sum this up before we head to a conclusion:

1) We live in a Universe that consists of 4 dimensions: length, width, and height. And, time.

2) But, we now know with certainty that there are MORE dimensions than 4; but, apparently, they are NOT part of the fabric of our Universe. Therefore, there are other universes that employ those other dimensions.

3) Spirit, a dimension that is not OF our Universe...a 5th dimension..... is nonetheless in man. We can't see it, nor detect it, because it is something other than those 4 dimensions. The Bible tells us that Spirit was brought from somewhere and put into us by God.

4) The Principle of Opposites is a key foundational law of how our Universe operates; that principle says that everything MUST have an opposite; no

exceptions.

5) Due to the principle of opposites, evil exists BECAUSE good exists.

6) Evil was not created in the sense of it being manufactured; rather evil is the result of God defining and creating good. All that is not defined BY GOD as good, is evil.

Now, when God created man, He gave man a will; from man's first breath, man had a will. There was never a time when man didn't have a will. If man did NOT have a will, we simply would have been flesh and blood robots; pre-programmed to a certain behavior, a literal slave to our creator.

But, what is the purpose for a will? What does a will DO? It makes choices. Our wills are that part of man which gives us the knowledge that there ARE choices to be made, and that we CAN make those choices. And, how was the concept of choice created in the first place? By God creating a Universe in which everything had an opposite: that is the very nature of a choice, isn't it?

Now, let's not trivialize the purpose of the will that God gave us by saying it is about "preferences". Preference is but an act of our intellect. A will is an act directed by our spirits. In other words, a will is not that part of man that prefers strawberries over bananas, or chocolate over vanilla, or blue cars over red cars. Our will is that part of us that makes MORAL choices. Choices of the conscience, not of the ego. More than anything else, a will gives us the choice to love God, or not to love God. And, this is expressed by our CHOOSING the ways of God, or NOT choosing the ways of God. So, the mere fact that God gave man a will.....meaning God gave man the ability to make moral choices.....a will, by default, gave man the so-called yetser harah....the evil inclination. If man had an inclination to do good (yester hatov), to obey and love God.....then because we live in this God-prepared universe of opposites, man also HAD to have an inclination to do evil, to NOT obey and love God. WHY? If there were NO MORAL CHOICES.....if somehow there was nothing but good.....then having a will would be totally meaningless. It would be a lot like a Cuban election; you can vote for Castro, or you can vote for Castro. You can't even choose NOT to vote. What meaning is there to the concept of "election" if there are no choices? It is the same for the human will. Without moral choice, the will is made null and void.

This principle is evident in the facts surrounding the Fall of Man...that fateful moment when Adam and Havah ate from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. An interesting scenario unfolds: God creates Adam and later Eve, complete with a will (remember, God made mankind in HIS image, and God has a will). From all the information given to us, God puts nothing OFF limits to the first couple; all is for them..... translation: there IS no way to go against God. Nothing they can do is immoral. They can't break rules, because there are no rules to break. They can't make a bad choice, because there are no choices (again, we're NOT talking about preferences). Ah, but there was created ONE thing about which they could make a moral choice; one rule they could break; and that created thing was the tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, and the rule was they were not to eat from it. In other words, without the tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, and the restriction against eating its fruit, there were no moral choices for them to make. Without the existence of the tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, and without God telling them they could NOT eat of it, there would have been no reason for Adam and Eve to even have a will.

Now, did Adam and Eve have ANY concept of good and evil before the Fall? It would appear not. Did they have any concept of morality? It would appear not. Things just were as they were; they made no differentiation because they didn't know there were any differences. However, when God set the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil before them, and told them NO!..... NOW they had an opportunity to exercise their wills. Now, they COULD make a moral judgment. Even more, by choosing to disobey, they indeed DID gain a knowledge of good and evil that they had never before encountered. I think it's fair to say they had never even considered the possibility of disobeying God; nor did they have any idea that by doing so, evil was the result. Why? Because they had no knowledge of the DIFFERENCE between Good and Evil.....the concept was none existent to them. But, by means of Satan's deception and temptation, and at the decision of their own wills, they chose to go against God's ONE MORAL RULE.....not to eat of that tree.....and the first transgression against God occurred. We call a transgression against God, sin. Sin now entered the world. And, what is sin but an ACT of evil. Do you see this? Without choice there can be no sin. This has a direct correlation to a much later time in Scripture, when Moses is given the Torah, the Law, on Mt. Sinai. Listen to what Paul says, and as you do, think about the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.

NAS Romans 4:15 for the Law brings about wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

Remember, that in the NT, the word Law usually means the Torah. Where there is no Torah, there cannot be violations against God. Now, please catch this: The Torah was to Israel, what the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil was to Adam and Eve. The primary difference is that Adam and Eve only had one regulation in their Torah: don't eat that fruit! The Torah, The Law, given to Israel on Mt. Sinai had many more regulations.....but with exactly the same effect. By means of those rules, Israel gained a knowledge of good and evil.

Listen now to Paul as he further explains this phenomenon about choice in the next chapter of Romans: NAS Romans 5:13 for until the Law sin was in the world; but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

In other words, did sin and evil exist before the Torah was given to Moses on Mt. Sinai? Of course it did. But, until God set down His regulations for Israel, there were no regulations to break. In a manner of speaking, for a time, Israel lived as Adam and Eve; they had wills, so now they needed choices set before them that they might use their wills. Once God set down His rules, His Law, His Torah, this now gave them welldefined moral choices as defined by God. And, they could choose whether to love Him, and demonstrate it by obedience to His Torah....or they could choose NOT to love Him, and demonstrate that by disobeying His Torah.

All of which causes Paul to conclude this: NAS Galatians 3:19 Why the Law then? It was added because of transgressions, having been ordained through angels by the agency of a mediator, until the seed should come to whom the promise had been made. This verse is often stated to mean "Why the Law, then? It was added to create transgressions....." And, that is so. If man has a will, he must have moral choices. The Law provides for those choices. And, if we have choices, there WILL be transgressions. Let's go full circle, now, back to Genesis 6 and Noah, and apply what we've learned. God didn't blame Satan for ruining the earth with evil; He blamed men and all living

creatures. Now, were these men that He blamed 100% evil? No. Anymore than Noah and His sons were 100% good. This is OUR condition. It is an utter misreading of the Bible texts to say that men are 100% evil. We do have good in us...good in the sense of the yester hatov.....the good inclination. But, without Yeshua in us to direct the use of that good, then even our motives will be impure and wrong, and whatever good we possess can easily be turned into evil. How does that happen? By using our good intentions in a manner that is NOT God's will. And, that which is not God's will is by definition evil. Let's talk about Satan for a couple of minutes, and what his role is in all this. I've heard too many well-meaning pastors and Christian leaders say something to the effect of, ' why would we glorify Satan by talking about him'. Well, that's like a general saying, ' I don't want to glorify my enemy by knowing his tactics and strategy'. Noble, but foolish. First, there really isn't as much said in the Bible about Satan as some might believe. A lot of what we think we know is Christian and Jewish legend and tradition and denominational doctrines. In a nutshell, here's a summary of what we do know about Satan directly from Scripture:

1) He began as a heavenly being. Now, the common term is that Satan is a fallen angel. My only quibble with that is that not all heavenly beings are angels. Angel is a very specific Hebrew word: malach. And, the Bible speaks of several kinds of heavenly beings other than angels, like Seraphim and Cherubim. Now, we don't know much about any of these creatures; but they were in some kind of hierarchy of power, and authority, and access to God, and it appears that just below God, were the Cherubim, who were NOT malach, angels. Listen to Ezekiel 28:12, which is well understood by Hebrew and Christian scholars alike as one of the more direct referrals to Satan in all the Bible: NAS Ezekiel 28:12 "Son of man, take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre, and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord God, "You had the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. 13 "You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The ruby, the topaz, and the diamond; The beryl, the onyx, and the jasper; The lapis lazuli, the turquoise, and the emerald; And the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets, Was in you. On the day that you were created They were prepared. 14 "You were the anointed cherub who covers, And I placed you there. You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked in the midst of the stones of fire.

Satan was not angel, but of the Cherubim. He was the anointed Cherub, a very high and trusted position. He was so high he was allowed the closest access to God Himself. He was beautiful, he was powerful, he was of the highest rank and order.

2) He fought against God and was cast to earth along with some angels, over whom he was in charge and apparently they took his side against God. NAS Revelation 12:7 And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. And the dragon and his angels waged war, 8 and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Here we see Satan and the angels that took sides with him in open rebellion against God, kicked out of Heaven; down to planet earth. That fabulous Cherub and his angel followers were not STRONG enough to overcome Michael and the angels under

him....so they lost the war....and lost the right to be in Heaven. So, not only is Satan not as strong as God, he's not even as strong as another Cherub named Michael. So, let's not OVER estimate Satan's power.

3) As we see in the Revelation 9, Satan was a deceiver. Yet, he was, and is, under God's control. God has a purpose for Satan....to deceive and tempt people to do evil. Which means God has a purpose for evil. What is that purpose? To give people a moral choice. Without evil, we have NO moral choice.

4) Satan is an unholy spirit. Now, consider this from all I've told you: in our Universe, everything MUST have an opposite. If there is a Holy Spirit, then there must be an Unholy Spirit. Satan is the Unholy Spirit. Just as the Holy Spirit is the embodiment of the purest good, and only good, and is in fact God..... Satan is the embodiment of purest evil, and only evil, and is in fact the anti-God. Just as God is real, Satan is real.

5) Let us also remember that though we have come to use Satan as a name for that prince of all evil, in fact Satan is really a title. Satan is the Hebrew for "adversary".

And, we need to get out of the habit of blaming Satan for every evil thought we have or thing that we do. Satan does NOT control our thoughts. We have wills, and we have a thorough understanding of what is good. It's by means of our will, and through disregarding that understanding of good, that we often choose evil.

As an aside, I think that at least one purpose of Satan being locked away during the entire time of the coming 1000 year reign of Christ, is to teach US by means of Bible prophecy, and to demonstrate to those who will be living during that 1000 year period, that as long as will live in this 4 Dimensional universe, we will have an inclination within us to choose evil as well as good....and it is NOT Satan who causes that evil inclination.

Think about it: Christ comes a 2nd time as a warrior king, He defeats all who fight against

God, and Satan is then locked away into the Abyss where he cannot deceive or tempt, or interact with man in any way. Every last human on planet earth is now a Believer. Christ sits on the throne. The world as at peace. Nothing but good is happening.

But, at the end of that 1000 year reign, after many many generations of men, that evil inclination begins to stir inside man again; Satan is released from where he's been imprisoned and given permission to offer men the choice to follow him; and rebellion breaks out. Man STILL has the remnants of that evil inclination within him; Satan offers them a moral choice, and they take it. Here is PROOF that while Satan is certainly the spirit of Evil, it is not all his doing that man has evil in him, and that man makes evil choices. Satan is a deceiver and a tempter, but man is not a robot that must oblige him. Man chooses.

We'll get into more nuances of this as we move along. Now, I know this messes with some Christian denominational doctrines concerning evil. But, I also readily admit I don't hold all the truth. This is just how I see it. That's probably enough to choke on for now, so let's finish up Noah and Genesis 6!

Noah and these 3 sons choose to follow the ways of God; to love God and obey God. Oh, they failed from time to time, and after the flood we'll get examples of some of their failures. But, because they trusted God, God credited that trust to them as righteousness, and so He saw them as good, whereas the rest of the world God saw as "not having goodness". And, the absence of goodness is evil.

Let's move off the topic of evil by listening to what the Paul would say about Noah,

thousands of years later, in Hebrews 11:7: “By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not yet seen, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house (family); by the which he condemned the world, and become heir of the righteousness which is by faith”. You see, once again we have a “type”. The Ark is a type....it’s a type of safe haven for the faithful. And, we see this sort of scenario played out again and again in Bible history..... and now, again, in our times.

And, notice, that once again the formula for salvation is stated.....the Gospel message is delivered right here.....that the gaining of God’s type of righteousness...is accomplished by faith and trust in Yahweh.

Permit me to meddle for a minute. Have we been forewarned about a time of terrible Tribulation just over the horizon? One that will occur within a few years following the return of Israel as a nation and the liberation of Jerusalem from the gentiles? A time worse than any time in the history of the world, or will ever be again? Have you built an Ark for you and your family? Have you become an heir to righteousness, leading your family to become heirs to righteousness, which is attainable ONLY by faith.....faith in Yeshua who is the son of God, and is God? Because Christ is quite literally an Ark. He is our Ark, prepared for us for our time; an Ark who will safely house all of us who place our faith in Him, that we might escape the flood of unimaginable horrors that are about to happen to this dying world. You see; the Torah is so contemporary, it’s staggering as to why we’ve never seen it before.