

# *In The Beginning*

## The Preparation For The Deluge

### *Judgment looms but Grace abounds ...Gen.6:5-12*

After recording the birth of the Nephilim (fallen ones), what does the Lord observe? verse 5

**The wickedness of man was abounding. Every thought and INTENT was evil.**

What is both remarkable and sobering about this condition? Jude 14

**This is only seven generations from Adam! In that short span, wickedness is overflowing...**

What is the literal sense of verse 6?

**The evil took God's breath away! It deeply grieved Him.**

What does this teach us about Him? How are we made like Him in this, in His image?

**God has feelings. He is an emotional being and we share this. He was deeply hurt.**

And what other attribute of God is seen in verse 7?

**His righteous judgment. He determines to blot out (erase) His created beings due to sin.**

In the midst of this abysmal scene, what other wonderful attribute of God do we see? verse 8

**But Noah found grace! God has emotions and will judge, but he loves grace.**

Noah is declared a "righteous man". What does that mean? How did that happen? Heb.11:1-7

**Noah became righteous just like we do today, by faith. Believing what God has revealed.**

Noah was not only righteous, he was also what? IPet.2:5 What's the application for us?

**Noah was a preacher of righteousness. Those who are righteous should live it!**

What is also important about Noah from verses 10-12?

**Noah (not the sons of God) fathered (3) sons. All other flesh was corrupt.**

### *The faith of Noah in hammer and nails ...Gen.6:13-22*

What does the word "ark" mean? Significance??

**Ark is literally a box or a coffin. This was a floating, not a sailing, vessel. No place to go!**

After building the ark, with "nests", what is Noah to do to it? verse 14 Significance??

**He was to cover it (kaphar, cover/atone) with pitch (tar). The ark was a place of atonement**

And what does Lev.17:11 teach about kaphar?

**It is the blood that makes 'kaphar', atonement. Ark was figuratively atoned with blood.**

How big is the ark in our measurements today? 6:15

**About 450 ft. long, 75 ft. wide, 45 ft. high; 3 floors, >100,000 ft<sup>2</sup>, >1,500,000 ft<sup>3</sup>**

How do you think the message of 6:13-17 impacted Noah? How would he feel? do? IPet.2:5

**Emotions must have been on overload! He preached his heart out, but... only his family.**

What are the basic elements of God's covenant with Noah? 6:18; 9:8-17

**God promises to never again destroy the whole earth by flood. The rainbow is His seal.**

Next: Is there enough room in the ark?