

Genesis 7 - Lesson 17

The Flood

1. 6:14-17 - The Ark and the Flood

- a. Stories were told of giant squids, dodo birds, mangosteens, but all were doubted
- b. Noah's flood is unbelievable to many, but alien invasion, AI, and meteors are not
- c. An ark is not a boat, it's a box... intended for preservation, not transportation

2. 6:19-7:3 - The Animals on the Ark

- a. Carl Linnaeus (18c) fathered modern taxonomy; let the Bible define its words.
 - i. Not everything biologists classify as life is considered living in the Bible
- b. How many? 6:19 Male and female pairs. 7:2 clean beasts/fowls by sevens
 - i. Every species is not necessary to repopulate, only the kinds.
- c. What kind? Fowls/birds, cattle/beasts, creeping things. No fish, bacteria, etc.
 - i. This echoes all the kinds of earth animals in Gen 1:20-24
 - ii. Leviticus 11:3, 10, 13, 21, 29 details clean and unclean under the law.

3. 7:4-16 - Getting in the Ark

- a. 7:1 - "*Come thou*" was God there? By faith Noah prepared the ark - Heb 11:7
 - i. Noah did all that God commanded - 6:22, 7:5, 7:9, 7:16
- b. 7:4 - After seven days is a flood, other floods in the Bible - Dan 9:26, Josh 24:2, 14
 - i. Flood in Egypt -Exo 15:8, Psa 66:6, a picture of a future flood:Amo 8:8, 9:5
 - ii. One day is as a thousand years, God remembers - Psa 90:4-6, 2 Pet 3:5-10
 - iii. The serpent uses a flood to try and kill the remnant of Israel -Rev 12:15-17
- c. 7:6- "*six hundred years*" - 100 years after God told Noah to build it 5:32
- d. There are multiple chronological tellings here - 7:1, 7:11, 7:13
- e. 7:9, 7:15 - "*went in unto Noah*" - He did not have to carry the rhinos
- f. "*Lord shut them in*" - God closed the door, which is as important as other details

4. 7:17-8:3 - The Waters Prevailed

- a. "*forty days*" - A number of probation, trial, and judgment?
 - i. Number of days Jacob was embalmed (Gen 50:3)
 - ii. Moses was on the mount, and fasted, and on the mount again - Deu 9:9
 - iii. Goliath presented himself to Israel - 1 Sam 17:16
 - iv. Elijah went without food for 40 days - 1 Kings 19:8
- b. "*prevailed exceedingly*", "*high hills*", "*mountains were covered*" - Psa 104:6
- c. Prophecy fulfilled from 6:6, 6:13, 6:17, 7:4 - "I will destroy them with a flood"
- d. "*God made a wind*" - God intervened, like he does throughout the Bible
- e. His wind brought food, made the seas move in Galilee, and parted the Red Sea
- f. The flood is a picture of future tribulation upon the remnant of Israel
 - i. The creatures groan waiting for deliverance - Rom 8:19-21
 - ii. God provides the salvation, by faith they follow the Lord.
 - iii. At the cross, Christ took part in the "flood" of judgment - Psa 42:7