

## **Building on Biblical Foundations**

**Genesis 6:14 – 9:**

### **“Shelter in the Storm”**

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Last week we looked at how evil and corrupt the world had become. God was filled with wrath and determined to destroy all of the earth and its inhabitants and then... He found one righteous man – Noah. And Noah – and his family was enough to hold back the hand of God from destroying everything forever.

This is where we pick up the story today.

Today there are three characteristics of God that I want you to remember. All 3 are illustrated in the next few verses. These are three facets of the Lord’s character that we can trust.

1. Proclaim – the Lord warns His people of what is to come
2. Protect – the Lord protects his people during the storm
3. Promise – the Lord keeps his promise

Let’s pick up our story in Genesis 6 verse 13.

#### ***Genesis 6:13***

**<sup>13</sup>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 Lord proclaims what he is about to do “Behold I will destroy them . . .”

Sometimes the Lord proclaims directly. . . some times he uses Angels and other times he uses people – his prophets - to do the proclaiming.

**Surely the Sovereign LORD does nothing without revealing his plan to his servants the prophets. Amos 3:7 NIV**

**Behold, I have told you in advance. – said Jesus to his disciples in Matthew 24:25 NASB**

1. He proclaims to help us prepare for what is about to occur.
2. Sometimes he proclaims to announce what is soon to be upon us ( as with the Angels announcing the birth of Jesus)
3. Sometimes he sends a messenger to give warning, and allow us time to reconsider our condition, repent – like Ninevah. Remember that story? Jonah was sent to Ninevah to warn the City to repent because the Lord was going to destroy them all. When the King heard the message he repented and called all his subjects to repent and the Lord DID not destroy the city.

We were told that the Lord gave the inhabitants of the earth 120 years to repent before he destroyed it with the Flood. But they did not heed his warning.

Back to our story of Noah – God gives Noah very specific instructions to build the Ark... the boat that will shelter him and his family and specimens from the earth's creatures. Enough to repopulate the world after the flood.

### ***Genesis 6:14 – 22 The Commission to Build***

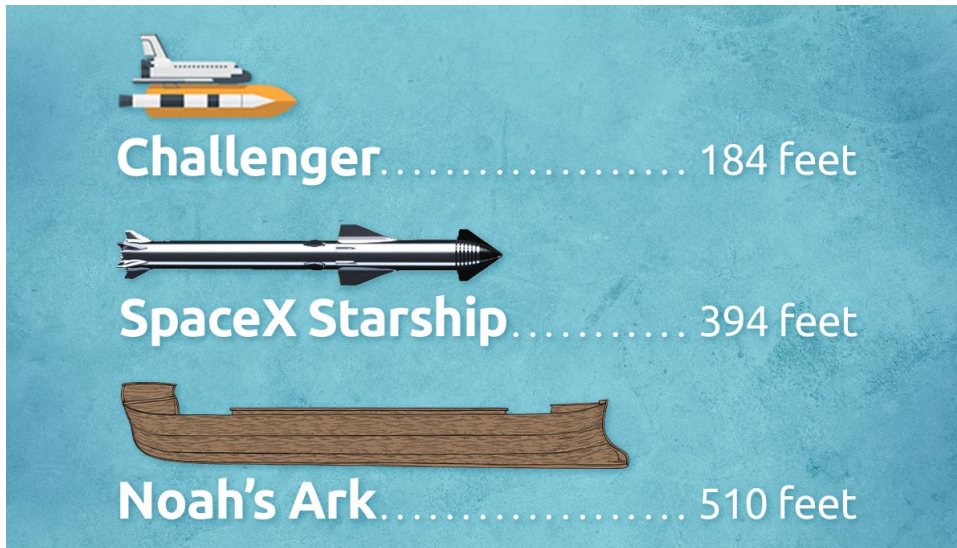
#### ***Genesis 6:14-16***

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

**<sup>15</sup>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.**

**<sup>16</sup>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.”**

Here is an image of the how large the Ark would have been compared to things we may find more familiar.



Noah believed the Lord and obediently built the Ark. And again God told Noah of his plans for the earth.

***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.**

But the Lord has made provision for Noah and his family. There is protection for him. Why?

Do you remember what we learned about Noah last week? He was found righteous in God’s sight. He was a man of faith, He had not succumbed to the evil around him. He honored the Lord and raised his sons to likewise. In Noah the Lord’s hope was restored in mankind. Imagine that? Noah so impressed the Lord that He relented of destroying it all. He decided that humanity was worthy of another try. Wow!

***Genesis 6:18***

**<sup>18</sup>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.**

He assigns Noah an arduous task...building the Ark and caring for the world’s animals. And Noah is faithful.

The Ark was designed to protect – protect Noah, his family and all of the creatures sheltered inside.

The Lord offers protection. We have to respond. He offered protection to all of the people. Noah was the only one to accept such protection.

This is a theme that runs throughout the history of humanity. We will encounter it over and over again as we study God's word.

We know that the Lord is the same yesterday, today and forever. So his word is consistent throughout the generations.

We see throughout scripture that the Lord is our protector. Tuck these away in your heart. The time is coming when you will NEED to rely on the protection of the Lord.

**<sup>10</sup>The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe. Proverbs 18:10 KJV**

**<sup>3</sup>For thou hast been a shelter for me, *and* a strong tower from the enemy. Said King David Psalm 61:3 KJV**

**<sup>2</sup>The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him" Nahum 1:7**

**"No weapon that is formed against you will prosper;  
And every tongue that accuses you in judgment you will condemn.  
This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord,  
And their vindication is from Me," declares the Lord. Isaiah 54:17**

**Psalm 34:7" The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, And rescues them."**

**"He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High**

**Will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.**

**I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress,**

**My God, in whom I trust!"**

**For it is He who delivers you from the snare of the trapper**

**And from the deadly pestilence." Psalm 91:1-3**

**My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths and they have not harmed me, inasmuch as I was found innocent before Him; and also toward you, O king, I have committed no crime." Daniel 6:22**

**Unless the Lord had shortened those days, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect, whom He chose, He shortened the days. Mark 13:20**

***But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one. 2 Thessalonians 3:3***

We can count on the Lord to protect us in days of peril, when the enemy presses in, when disaster threatens. Sometimes he stops the storm, but many times he protect us in the midst of the storm.

This is what he did for Noah. He did not remove him from the torrent, but he sheltered him through it.

***Genesis 7:15-16 – The Deluge Comes***

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**15 And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life.**

**16 And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him:**

**and the LORD shut him in. KLV**

Notice it is the Lord that SHUT them in. The Lord himself sealed their protection. We can also rely on the Lord to seal us in his protection when the storm comes. Notice I did not say, when A storm comes. When THE storm comes. The flood destroyed the entire earth. This was not a natural phenomenon, this was the wrath of God poured out over the earth and all its inhabitants.

Genesis 7:17 And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth.

And . . . Genesis 21-23

And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man:

22 All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died.

23 And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark.

***Genesis 7:24***

**And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.**

Wow 150 days of rain. That's a lot of rain. And a long time to shut up inside the Ark.

I imagine patience was wearing thin about this time.

***Genesis 8 – God Restores the Earth***

***Genesis 8:1 And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged;***

God remembered Noah. God remembers us too. We are not left as orphans.

The winds subside, the rain stops, the waters recede and after several attempts the dove returns with evidence that there is life once again on the earth. . . the olive branch.

And God spoke to Noah and told him it was time to release the animals and once again fill the earth. And so Noah set the animals free but first he kept back one of every clean beast and fowl:

**Genesis 8:20 “And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.”**

It should not go unnoticed that the very first thing that Noah does when his feet land on solid ground is to worship the Lord!!! He takes one of the few cattle he has – one that he carefully tended in the ark and offers it to the Lord.

Worship is his first priority. And it does please the Lord.

**Genesis 8:21**

**“And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.”**

The Lord states that the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth. This is to be contrasted to what was said before the flood, that man's imaginations were continually evil. It is as if the Lord is no longer furious with the condition of mankind, but pities him instead.

***Genesis 9:10-13***

“And the Lord makes a covenant with Noah...

**And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you; <sup>10</sup>And with every living creature that *is* with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth.**

**And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth. 12And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations:**

**13I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.”**

**Genesis 9:16**

*“And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.*

*17And God said unto Noah, This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.*

God makes a covenant, a sacred promise, to Noah and the creatures of the earth to never again destroy the world with a flood.

So we will stop here – end on a positive note. The promise was for Noah and for all of us.

We are each given an opportunity to respond the way Noah did. The Lord is still the Lord of:

**Proclamation  
Protection  
Promise**

He makes his plan known to his children, he protects the righteous from disaster, and his promises remain true.

Last week we looked at what Jesus said regarding the days of Noah...and we saw the evil that prevailed. But this week we see that even in the days of such evil, righteousness could be found.

The same can be said today. The Lord knows who are His and he will keep his children safe in the storm. This is the essence of trust.

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**“Did you know there are over 200 myths  
from all over the world about a major flood?”**

Since the Bible is God’s Word, we can know that the true account was recorded by Moses and is found in Genesis 6–9. The many flood myths are retellings of the real event that have been distorted through centuries of passing down information. The earliest records of the event date back two millennia before Jesus was born. Some of these traditions are older than Moses’s writings, but that only confirms that these tablets were written earlier, not that the contents were original or correct.

<b>MYTH</b>	<b>CIVILIZATION</b>	<b>SIMILARITIES TO BIBLE ACCOUNT</b>
The Epic of Gilgamesh	Mesopotamia	Construction of a boat, destruction of all humanity, dove, raven, sacrifice
The Ark of Nu’u	Hawaii	Construction of a boat, Nu’u vs. Noah, rainbow, post-flood sacrifice
The Nüwa Flood	China	Construction of a boat, Nüwa vs. Noah,
Deucalion’s Flood	Greece	Construction of a boat, divine judgment
Manu’s Flood	India	Construction of a boat, preserving animals
Unu Pachakuti	Inca	Construction of a boat, divine judgment
Thai Flood	Thai	Divine judgment on human cruelty”