

## GENESIS / CHAPTER 7

What do we understand about pre-flood society? The atmosphere protected all creation from the problems we face today. Higher oxygen and air pressure, along with an electro-magnetic field allowed plants, animals, and man to grow bigger, live longer. Man and beast could run for miles without exhaustion. No storms, no wild weather.

Men were highly intelligent and we have no real idea of what they were capable of achieving. Imagine if another flood were to wipe out our society today. What would be left to define us? High intelligence and education does not necessarily produce wisdom. We need to be aware of the danger in putting our trust in men who seem highly qualified to provide answers to the world's problems.

Job 32:9

“Great men are not always wise; neither do the aged understand judgment.”

Isaiah 5:21

“Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight.”

Don't put your trust in man (Drs, elected leaders, etc,) but in the Lord.

Proverbs 9:10

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.”

God doesn't bring judgment without first warning. He wants repentance above all from man. His mercy is always waiting; we only need to ask.

Noah preached for 120 years while building the ark. (2 Peter 2:5)

How many people listened to him? He was met with the same arrogance and skepticism as we see today. “Things will continue as they always have.”

Jesus warned over and over, “He who has an ear, let him hear.” The Hebrew word for “hear” is 'sh'ma,' but it has a deeper meaning, that is to “hear and obey.”

James 1:25

:He being a not forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work.”

Noah heard God and didn't question, but, in fear of the Lord, obeyed all he was told to do.

Hebrews 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.”

The flood narrative has been given us so that we might believe future prophesies of the Lord.

And the evidence left by the flood is all over the world. Of all events in all mankind, there is more evidence than any other, including 120 different legends from around the globe.

It is a witness to us that God is true and he can be trusted, and an admonition that God will not always strive with man. He is long-suffering with mankind, but He has a time-line and He never misses His appointments.

Back to chapter 6 for a quick addition in verse 14, “pitch” is used twice, but in Hebrew they are two different words.

The first is “kaphar,” 'to cover.' Deeper meaning: to make atonement, to forgive, pardon, reconcile.

The second is “kopher,” also means 'to cover,' but added means 'a redemption price, a ransom.

Another point is that an “Aleph/ Tav is placed in conjunction with the word, “ark.” the Hebrew alphabet has 22 letters, the first being “alpha” and the last letter, the “tav.” These two letters are representative of Messiah.

Jesus said, "I am the First and the Last, the Alpha and Omega (Greek), the Aleph and the Tav (Hebrew.) we see through this God's hand of protection and atonement would be with Noah through the flood.

Chapter 7

Verse 1

God calls Noah to "Come" into the ark, indicating that God was already in the ark and would be with Noah throughout the coming ordeal, for in following chapter, verse 16, God tells Noah at the end of flood, to "Go forth of the ark."

Yeshua, Jesus said, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." The Hebrew word, 'rest' is 'Noe or as we say, Noah.'

The ark had one door. The only way in; the only way out. Yeshua said, "I am the Door."

Verses 2, 3

Here, we see provisions for future sacrifices with the groups of 7 pairs of each clean animal. This was in addition to the single pairs of unclean animals.

Verses 4-6

Seven - the number of completion. Judgment had arrived. Noah and family were all inside the ark for seven days before the rains began. Tension must have been high among the family members, waiting....

Jewish tradition says that this was a seven-day mourning period for Noah's Grandfather, Methuselah, whom they believed died on the day they entered the ark.

Remember, Methuselah's name means "His death shall bring."

This pattern of Biblical mourning continued through the years and was adopted from this Genesis verse.

One example was in Genesis 50:10, "and he (Joseph) made a mourning for his father seven days."

Verses 7-24

all supplies stowed on the ark, all the animals had arrived and entered the ark. God caused them to come. Noah didn't have to go round them up. The family entered and God shut the door. They were safe from the tribulation to come, just as we are safe from destruction if we enter "the ark" of Jesus.

RAIN

The first time rain had ever fallen, if we understand Scripture correctly.

Second month, seventeenth day -- no number is unimportant in the Bible. This date appears to be in October of our calendar.

"The windows of heaven..".

The canopy above the earth was broken. It was possibly made up of a thin layer of ice crystals.

Translated "windows', in Hebrew, "arubbah', meaning, 'lattice.'" Other books of z Old Testament use the word to describe windows made like lattice, allowing fresh air to circulate, but giving protection.

Meanwhile, outside the ark, laughter and derision stopped. Panic and pleading ensued. Those who were able could move to higher ground, land was not stable. Not only the deluge from the collapsed canopy, but there were underground water eruptions and volcanic activity. Chaos everywhere!

We can't begin to imagine the terror.

When I watch the ocean waves in a storm crashing against the rocks, see God's power behind those waves makes me shutter at the thought of the power unleashed during the flood.  
The highest mountain covered by 20 feet of water, so that no living thing could survive.

So much evidence has been left to testify of the flood, it's undeniable for a person who truly seeks truth. Only those willingly ignorant deny the facts.

Topography turned upside down in moments; huge mountains found under both the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans.

A huge city sits underwater off the coast of Japan that no one can explain. It was built with monstrously huge stones that would be difficult if not impossible to build today.

Whale fossils, shell fossils, thousands of jellyfish all found on mountaintops of Andes and around the world.

Petrified forest has been located 100 miles from the South Pole.

Monmouth found instantly frozen while still having sub-tropical plants in their mouths.

Coal deposits found encased around man-made objects.

The waters lasted exactly 150 days or 5 months. Again, God's impeccable timing.

So, where did all the water go?

The oceans were formed, but most of the water went back into the ground. It is estimated that there is between 10 to 30 times the amount of water underground than in the oceans.

Jewish teaching is that the flood was a "mikveh," a washing for purification of the world of its corruption.

And from the mikveh, comes our Christian baptism ritual, when we are baptized to show we are washed with the Blood of the Lamb and purified, new creations of God.

While you read Scripture, look for Jesus throughout the verses. He is there, whether in Name or hidden within other words or numbers.

Proverbs 25:2

"It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; It is the honor of kings to search out a matter."

If you are interested in what is going on today around the world, getting us ready for the Big Trib, one You Tube video to view is Billy Crone, The Coming Apocalypse, Prophecy Watchers.

Next week, Chapter 8!

SHALOM