

# Lesson 1: Noah and the Flood

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Central Point: The Second Return of Jesus will be like in the days of Noah

Noah was only nine generations removed from Adam; and his father, Lamech, was 56 years old at the time of Adam's death.

**1 Ch. 1:1-3** "Adam, Seth, Enosh, Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared, Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, Noah."

**Gen. 5:32**, "After Noah was 500 years old, he became the father of Shem, Ham and Japheth."

**Question:** "What was life like on the earth before the flood; what kind of people were they?"

- **Gen 4:26 YLT**- "...then a beginning was made of preaching in the name of Jehovah."
- **Gen 5:24**, "Enoch walked with God; then he was no more, because God took him away."
- In **Genesis 1:28**, God told man to be fruitful and to multiply, fill the earth and subdue it
- Back then, people were living very long- **Gen. 5:27**, Methuselah lived to 969 years
- In the 1,656 years before the flood, approximately 5 to 10 billion people on the earth
- **Please Read: Genesis 6:1-7**

It is generally believed that there were only two branches of the race of man. One, a godly line through Seth (third son of Adam), and the other, an ungodly line through Cain. This perception is a result of Seth's ancestral descendants being traced from Adam to Jesus in **Luke 3:23-38**.

- It is believed the reference to the "sons of God" in **Genesis 6:2** is referring to angels
- **Job 38:7**- "While the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?"
- KJV- "When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?"
- Some angels took on human form and cohabited with women and produced Nephilim
  - o Nephilim (Hebrew)- A bully, tyrant, or giant

These giants (half fallen angel & half human), Satan's idea to prevent the Seed of the woman (Jesus) prophesied in **Genesis 3:15** from being born of pure human stock in the future.

**Genesis 6:4 (AMP)**, "Concerning the "Nephilim" existed "in those days" before the flood and 'also afterward' after the flood (Nu. 13:31-33;Dt. 3:11;1Sam. 17:4-7;2Sam21:15-22;Amos 2:9)."

Josephus, an ancient Jewish Historian said, "Many angels of God accompanied with women, and begat sons that proved unjust, and despisers of all that was good, on account of their own strength... these men did what resembled the acts of those whom the Grecians called giants." Again he says, "There was till then left the race of giants, who had bodies so large, and countenances so entirely different from other men, that they were surprising to the sight, and terrible to the hearing. The bones of these men are still shown to this very day.

- These angels who mated with women were cast into the abyss- **2 Peter 2:4-5; Jude 6**
- **Please Read: Genesis 6:8-22**
- **2 Peter 2:5** states that Noah was a preacher of righteousness
- **1 Peter 3:18-22**- God waited patiently in the days of Noah
  - o People probably thought Noah was crazy, like people do us today
  - o God is not willing that any should perish- holding out for the maximum salvations
- **Question:** “What similarities are there between Noah’s time and our time today?”

**Job 22:15-17**, “Will you keep to the old path that evil men have trod? They were carried off before their time, their foundations washed away by a flood. They said to God, ‘Leave us alone! What can the Almighty do to us?’”

- **Please Read: Hebrews 11:7**
- **Gen. 7:6**, “Noah was six hundred years old when the floodwaters came on the earth.”
- Up to 1850 A.D. there was no ship in the history of the world as large as the ark
- Capacity of the ark was equal in tonnage to more than 600 freight cars- 90,000,000 lbs
- Archaeological findings at Nippur; the ark had a very advanced sewage system

When Noah was around 600 years old, the flood waters came- it took him at the most 100 years to build the ark. Took faith for Noah to believe that a flood would cover the whole earth.

- Noah’s ark is considered a type of Jesus, who saves us from God’s wrath against sin
- **Genesis 6:18-19**- the covenant that God had with Noah saved him and his family
- **Genesis 7:16** states, “*Then the Lord shut Noah in.*” - to ensure their safety

The physical means of the catastrophe came twofold, namely the breaking up of the “springs of the great deep” below and the collapse of the canopy “the flood gates of heaven” above in Genesis 7:11. Scientists say there is enough water under the earth to fill our oceans three times over. Canopy, a ring of water high above the earth- Genesis 1:6-7.

- **Please Read: Matthew 24:36-44** concerning the days of Noah
  - o Jesus’ Second Coming will be like a thief in the night
  - o “Those who are taken” – this is not speaking of the rapture
- **Please Read: Revelation 19:11-21; Matthew 24:28**
- **Question:** “Why do you think that God make the timing of Jesus’ Return a mystery?”
- **1 John 3:3**, “*Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.*”
- It never rained on the earth until the flood (Gen.2:6)
- **Please Read: Genesis 9:1-17**