

WALK THE TALK //////////////////////////////////////

This page is designed for you to apply what you have learned from the Scriptures. Our goal is not just “to know” but to “act upon what we know.” (His Word, Our Walk!) We encourage you to discuss the following questions with family, friends and your group.



FOR DISCUSSION:

1. What thoughts were new to you in this study of a very familiar story?
2. How does God describe the people of Noah's day? In what ways would you compare them to people today?
3. Why does God make covenants?
4. What did you learn and like about Noah?

Gen. 2:4 This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

Gen. 5:1 This is the written account of Adam's family line. When God created mankind, he made them in the likeness of God.

Gen. 6:9 This is the account of Noah and his family.

Gen. 10:1 This is the account of Shem, Ham and Japheth, Noah's sons, who themselves had sons after the flood.



Gen. 11:10 This is the account of Shem's family line.

Gen. 11:27 This is the account of Terah's family line.



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KEY THOUGHTS FOR THIS SERIES:

1. God is the SUBJECT of Gen 1-11 even though He is often forgotten as we talk about the FOUR incredible events of this section of Scripture.
2. These four events are given as NARRATIVE, and according to other portions of the Bible, they happened just as they are TOLD. We need to determine HOW to respond.

A REMINDER FROM LAST WEEK

Sin had reached its FULL MEASURE in the previous verses (The Nephilim), but there was ONE Godly man and his family that still followed Jehovah.

Gen. 15:16 In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure.”

I. THE CONTRAST — NOAH

Gen. 6:8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

Gen. 6:9 This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God. 10 Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth.

1. A new SECTION begins here.

Gen. 2:4 This is the account of the heavens and the earth . . .

Gen. 5:1 This is the written account of Adam's family line.

2. Noah was **RIGHTEOUS** (tsaddiyq, צַדִּיק) and **BLAMELESS** (tamiym, תָּמִים). This is the **FIRST** time that these words are used in Scriptures. Noah also **WALKED** faithfully. He didn't just **KNOW** God's ways, he **LIVED** them. And everyone around him knew of his faith.

Gen. 3:8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

Gen. 5:24 Enoch walked faithfully with God; then he was no more, . . .

Heb. 11:7 By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.

2Pet. 2:5 if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others;

3. Noah had **THREE** sons. **SHEM**, שֵׁם, (name, usually associated with fame); **CHAM**, חָם, (warmth or father of peoples); **YEPHET**, יֶפֶת, (handsome).

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

II. THE CORRUPTION

Gen. 6:11 Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. 12 God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. 13 So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. . . . 17 I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish.

1. Sin had become the **NORM** for all the people and **VIOLENCE** always follows sin. Note the word "**CORRUPT**". These people have corrupted God's plan for "**FILLING** the earth".

Gen. 6:5 The LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time.

Gen. 1:28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it.

2. God determined to **DESTROY** the people, the creatures, and the **PLANET** in its current form by using **FLOODWATERS**.

III. THE CONTRACT

Gen. 6:14 So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. 15 This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be three hundred cubits long, fifty cubits wide and thirty cubits high. 16 Make a roof for it, leaving below the roof an opening one cubit high all around. Put a door in the side of the ark and

make lower, middle and upper decks. . . . 18 But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you. 19 You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. 20 Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. 21 You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them."

1. God told Noah to make an ark, which is a **BOX** (not a boat). This box had no **RUDDER**, steering mechanism or means of **PROPULSION**. Aside from this story, the term box, (tevah, תֵּבָה) is found only **ONE OTHER** place in the Bible.

Ex. 2:3 But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile.

2. The specifications for this box were **CLEAR**: **GOPHER** (cypress) wood; rooms or "**NESTS**" inside; covered inside and out with **WATERPROOFING** (pitch); 300 cubits **LONG** (450 feet), 50 cubits **WIDE** (75 feet) and 30 cubits **HIGH** (45 feet); roof with an opening underneath; one door; three **DECKS**.

3. God established "**His COVENANT**" with Noah. Like other covenants, God confirms it and keeps it in spite of the **OTHER** party. This is the **FIRST** use of the word covenant in the Bible. There were a total of **SEVEN** established by God.

4. Noah was also instructed to bring **TWO** of each living creature into the ark for **REPRODUCTION** purposes after the flood. However, God promised to **BRING** these animals to him as He had done with **ADAM**. Food for the people and animals was also to be **GATHERED**.

Gen. 2:19 Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.

IV. THE CONFORMITY

Gen. 6:22 Noah did everything just as God commanded him.

Gen. 6:22 And Noah doth according to all that God hath commanded him; so hath he done. (Young's)

As far as we know, Noah didn't make any **SUGGESTIONS** but simply **OBEYED** as God had instructed.

Gen. 7:5 And Noah did all that the LORD commanded him.