

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth - Genesis 1:1

WEEK 2

"Consequences of Sin"

Study: Genesis 3:16-24 Reading: Romans 7:7-8:11 Memory: Matthew 5:40

What Does the Bible Say?

After God put a curse on the serpent, he turned to Eve and described what her punishment would be for her choice to sin. The first was that there would be great pain in child bearing. The second was that God was giving the man the rule over his wife. The affects of this are still strongly evident today as there are constant conflicts in many relationships because the woman wants to take the lead, but God has given that role to the man. When man takes on the role with love and humility and the woman accepts her role and submits to the authority of her husband, the relational tensions can be overcome. God was in no way declaring that men are better than women, nor was He giving men permission to take advantage of their wives. The fact is that God has made men physically stronger and emotionally stronger (in most cases) which allows them to lead more naturally. It is interesting in today's society how there is a great attempt to overcome these two curses with drugs for the child birth process (I am not at all against this) and by people attempting to blur the gender differences between women and men. Though there is an attempt to overcome these curses, the fact is that the blurring of gender difference has caused more conflicts between men and women than the initial curse had done. In attempting to overcome the curse, humans basically "curse themselves" further (vs 16).

It wasn't only the serpent and Eve that faced consequences, but Adam did as well. He chose to follow his wife and took part of the forbidden fruit. Because of this, the ground would be cursed and would produce weeds and thorns. Providing for the family would not be an easy, enjoyable task, but would be hard work. In the garden, the trees and plants produced naturally, but now the ground would have to be worked up and there would be constant obstacles to growing things and providing food. Men would have to work hard their whole lives. This also has been attempted to be overcome by society with all our gadgets and tools to make work easier. It is interesting to note though that the curse still exists. Though physical labor has become much easier, the mental stress of the jobs today has skyrocketed which makes many jobs very difficult (vs 17-19).

Though I have been referring to the man and wife as Adam and Eve, it wasn't until this time that we are told that the woman was called Eve. Perhaps she was named this right away, but verse 20 is the first mention of her name. She was given that name because she was going to be the mother of all humans (vs 20).

We are told that God made clothes for Adam and Eve out of "skins" which obviously involved the killing of animals. Though we are not told directly, this coincides with other Scriptures that picture how sacrifices had to be made for the covering of sin (vs 21).

The godhead realized that Adam and Eve had become like them in the fact that they knew the difference between good and evil. The godhead did not want Adam and Eve to eat of the tree of life to be forever trapped in their sinful state so God had to remove them from the Garden of Eden. He placed a cherubim (a type of angel) with a flaming sword at the entrance of the garden so that no human would come and eat of the tree of life. The life of bliss that Adam and Eve had experienced up to this point was now over and their life of labor was about to begin. All this was a result of their choice not to trust God and their choice to disobey what God had said (vs 22-24).

How Does this Apply to Me?

Do you understand that sin has consequences? The enemy wants to trick you into thinking that you can do what you want and don't have to follow the ways of God, but this is not the case. You will face consequences for your sin and sometimes your consequences will be greater than you ever imagined. Several times in the book of Proverbs we are told that we need to walk in wisdom and that a wise person looks to see what the results of his actions will be. The pleasure of sin is enticing and the thrill, though often invigorating, is short-lived. It is nothing compared to the long-term pleasure and satisfaction of obedience.

Suggestions for Prayer

- * Thank God for warning you about the consequences of sin.
- * Ask God to help you choose to do what is right.
- * Praise God because He is the One who can give victory over sin.

What was the first part of the curse given to women (vs 16)?

What was the secont part of the curse that was given in verse 16?

What do you think it means that "Your desire shall be contrary to your husband" (vs 16)?

What is the last part of the curse that is given in verse 16?

Do these things still exist today? Explain.

What did God say Adam had done (vs 17)?

Why do you think he was punished for listening to his wife (vs 17)?

Why do you think God emphasized to Adam that he had been commanded not to eat of the tree (vs 17)?

What curse was given to man (vs 17-19)?

How does this still exist today?

What would man return to (vs 19)?

What did Adam call his wife (vs 20)? Why?

What did God make for Adam and Eve (vs 21)?

What does this show about the sacrifice that needed to be made for a covering?

How had man become like the God (vs 22)?

What did God not want Adam and Eve to do (vs 22)?

What was another result of their sin (vs 23)?

What did God do to make sure no one entered the Garden of Eden (vs 24)?

Why did He do this?

"Acceptable to God"

Study: Genesis 4:1-16 Reading: Psalms 51:1-19 Memory: Matthew 5:40

What Does the Bible Say?

Adam and Eve were now kicked out of the garden and they started living their new lives, bearing with them the curses that were a result of the fall. Adam and Eve started fulfilling the commandment of God to multiply the earth as Eve became pregnant with her first son. They named their first son Cain. They then had another child and named him Abel. Cain became a vegetable farmer and Abel was a farmer of animals. Both vegetables and animals were needed for survival and it must be assumed that they shared their food and animals with each other. We are not given much more information about what was going on or how old they were when the events took place, but we are told that they brought sacrifices before God. Both Cain and Abel offered the best of what they had to God, but Cain offered fruit and Abel offered an animal. We are not told, but we can assume from their actions that God had instructed them (possibly at the time He killed the animal to clothe Adam and Eve after they sinned) to offer up an animal sacrifice because we are told that God had regard for the offering of Abel, but didn't like the offering of Cain. Again, we are not given a lot of background information about this so anything other than what the Scripture says is just guessing. What we are told is that Cain became very angry because his offering was not accepted by God like Abel's offering was. When God asked Cain why he was angry, God proceeded to tell Cain that if he had offered the correct offering then his offering would have been accepted. Cain now had a choice, he could repent and do what God desired or he could let the anger eat away at him and rule over him (vs 1-7).

Cain made the choice and it was not the right one. Instead of choosing to do what was right, Cain spoke to His brother in anger and that anger eventually led him to murder his brother. God knew what had happened, but He still asked Cain where Abel was. Cain did not want to admit what he had done, but instead he stated that he didn't know. In rebellion and in an attempt to shift blame, Cain asked God if he was supposed to be the keeper of his brother. God declared that he heard the voice of Abel, but the voice was crying out to Him from the ground. This did not mean that God actually heard the voice of Abel, but God was pointing out that He knew what Cain had done. The result for Cain was that he would be cursed and the abundant farming that he was used to would no longer produce abundantly for him. Instead, he would have to travel around, attempting to find more fertile ground to grow his crops (vs 8-12).

Cain was coming to grips with the fact that he had sinned and that he would face the consequences for that sin. He realized that his punishment was extremely great and thought that it was more than he could bear. He was afraid because he could not be protected by God and he would have a difficult time establishing a homestead that would allow him to protect himself. (This statement seems to reveal that these events took place when Cain and Abel were older and that the earth had had some time to populate. One thing that is important to remember as you read through Scripture is that not everything was written chronologically. Most things are generally chronological, but many times it goes from thought to thought.) God promised Cain that He would protect him and that if anyone killed him, the murderer would have to face severe punishment. Some type of "mark" was placed on Cain to let others know not to do him harm. Cain moved away from the area of Eden, settling in the land of Nod (vs 13-16).

How Does this Apply to Me?

Do you realize that there are consequences for sin? Yes, God is merciful and gracious and often doesn't give you what you deserve. He gives you a chance to repent, but, left unconfessed, sin leads to problems. It is important to realize that God didn't create the idea of sin just so a person could get in trouble, but He created rules and instructions because He knew that sin would be harmful to you and to others. Sin sometimes looks so enticing and it is often the result of acting on your human emotions, but following your sinful desire will only bring a short feeling of pleasure or relief. God gives instructions because He knows what is best for you and as you choose to follow those ways you will experience His great blessings. Don't let the idea of God's grace excuse you from sin and allow sin in your life. Instead, realize the grace of God and let that be a motivation for you to live righteously. Cain was given a few choices in this passage, and he respoonded the wrong way. He chose to give into his anger and he chose to try to shift the blame. He had chances to be spared great punishment, but he failed in his choices.

Why was the first child born called Cain (vs 1)? (look at the last part of the verse)

What was the name of the second child (vs 2)?

What was one major difference as they grew up (vs 2)?

What type of offering did Cain bring (vs 3)?

What type of offering did Abel bring (vs 4)?

Which offering did God accept (vs 4)?

How did Cain respond (vs 5)?

Why do you think God accepted Cain's offering, but did not accept Abel's offering?

What did God ask Cain (vs 6)?

What did God tell him about his offering being accepted (vs 7)?

What do you think God meant when he said "sin is crouching at the door" (vs 7 - ESV)?

What lesson was God teaching about sin (vs 7)?

What did Cain do (vs 8)?

What did God ask Cain (vs 9)?

What did God reveal about his knowledge (vs 10)?

What was the result for Cain (vs 11-12)?

What did Cain think about his punishment (vs 13-14)?

What did God tell Cain He would do (vs 15)?

Where did Cain go (vs 16)?

"Future Hope"

Study: Genesis 4:17-26 Reading: Jeremiah 29:1-24 Memory: Matthew 5:40

What Does the Bible Say?

There is often a question about how the earth was populated. "Where did Cain get his wife?" This is a question that has been asked many times, and though we are not given a direct answer, we have to assume that Adam and Eve went on to have many more children and that Cain married one of his sisters. Though God could have created other people, the fact that we are told that sin passed down to all men through Adam and that Eve is called the mother of all who live reveals that it must have been through Adam and Eve that all inhabitants of earth descended from.

What we are told is that Cain had a wife and she bore him a son. He also founded a city and called it Enoch after his firstborn son. We are then given detailed information about some of Cain's sons, and though sometimes genealogies might be uninteresting or even at times seem unnecessary, we are given a few interesting facts. We are told that Jabal was one of the first people who raised animals and lived in tents. This was the first record of the nomadic lifestyle that we will see throughout the Bible and that still exists today. We also see from this passage the introduction of musical instruments into the world as we see that Jubal played the harp and the flute. Another descendant of Cain, Tubal-cain, learned how to make tools from bronze and iron. This reveals that it did not take man thousands of years to come up with inventions, but that many inventions of materials existed from early on in human history. It also helps us realize that early men were not primitive and that we are not getting smarter. Though many of these inventions or techniques could have been lost during the flood, some knowledge of them would have been passed down to Noah and his family. It also helps explain some items that are found buried with fossils (vs 17-23).

Verses 23-24 seem to be an interesting insertion into this passage as we are told about a man named Lamech who told his wives that he killed a man in self-defense. He told them not to fear because if anyone tried to kill him, God would enact more vengeance on that person than He would on anyone who tried to kill Cain. What purpose this has here is unclear, but it could be the beginning teachings on the fact that harming another person in self-defense is not murder.

Remember again, as mentioned yesterday, that the events in the Bible are not always in chronological order. We are told in verse 25 that Adam had sexual relations with Eve and that she bore another son who they called Seth. She was thrilled that God had given her a son to replace Abel. This obviously happened before Cain married and had all of his children. As is true with much eastern writing, the author was not writing in a full chronological time frame, but was writing thought for thought. He was finishing his thoughts about Cain and what happened in Cain's life before he moved on to what happened earlier in history with the birth of Seth. We are told that Seth grew up and started having children. We are also told that it was during this time that people started worshiping God by name. We are not given much to go on when explaining the end of verse 26, but it appears that people were realizing they were sinners and that they needed to turn to God and experience His grace and mercy (vs 25-26).

How Does this Apply to Me?

Do you realize that men were created by God in a special and perfect state? Do you realize that the world around you is not improving, but people and nature have more and more problems as a result of sin? The earth is deteriorating and so is the human body. Though medical advances in this century have allowed us to live longer than men have for years, the amount of diseases and problems in the human body is continually on the rise. My comments are not given here to be discouraging to you, but to help you look to the future hope. You will never experience Eden here on this earth, but you have a future hope of eternal bliss. Realize that your bodies are fading and societies will continue to get worse, but let that increase your hope and focus on eternal things.

Suggestions for Prayer * Thank God for an eternal hope.

* Thank God for an eternal hope. <u>Thought for the day</u> What are we told about Cain (vs 17)?

What did Cain build (vs 17)?

What is given in verse 18? Why do you think we are given this list?

What did Lamech do (vs 19)?

Why do you think the idea of multiple wives started so early on in human history?

Who was Jabal the father of (vs 20)?

What did Jubal do (vs 21)?

What did Tubal-cain do (vs 22)?

Why do you think these specific people are mentioned?

What did Lamech have to do (vs 23-24)?

Why do you think this is recorded in the Bible?

What happened after Cain had died (vs 25)?

***It could be that Adam and Eve had several daughters between the birth of Able and the birth of Cain. Perhaps Seth wasn't the third child born, but was given to Eve to be a blessing to replace her beloved Able.

What was Seth able to do (vs 26)?

What did people start to do (vs 26)?

Why do you think this is mentioned?

***It is easy to forget that these verses would have covered a few hundred years of time. From the geneology in chapter 6, it appears people didn't have children until they were much older when time first began. There were five generations between Cain and Lamech. This appears to be a general overview, and not meant to be any type of concise history.

"Leaving a Legacy"

Study: Genesis 5:1-32 Reading: Hebrews 11:1-39 Memory: Matthew 5:40

he story line of many popular movies often have to do with one people or a group of people making some type of difference in the world. People are naturally drawn to stories like this because all of us have a desire for significance. People seek significance in life in all sorts of ways, and God has many different plans for different individuals. We are going to read today about people coming and going, but real significance was found through the lives of those who chose to walk with God and follow His ways.

What Does the Bible Say?

There are a handful of places in Scripture where genealogies are listed. Genealogies aren't necessarily devotional material, but at the same time, they do contain vital information and are given for specific reasons. This one given here is to help us see the line of the descendants of Adam to the family of Noah. There is much debate about this genealogy and whether or not it is exhaustive or if some generations are skipped. If it is exhaustive, it gives us a pretty accurate time frame about the period between creation and the flood. There are a few notable names and things mentioned in this genealogy which we will take time to look at today.

One of the interesting things to note throughout this passage is the longevity of life. Things in those days must have been much different than today considering the fact that Adam and Eve gave birth to their son Seth when Adam was 130 years old. We were not told how old they were when Cain and Able were born, but it seems that from several examples that people began having children later in life (though they may have called it "early in life" since they lived into their hundreds). It is also interesting to note that God once again restated the fact that man was created after the image of God and that man continued to give birth to men. This flies right in the face of any evolutionistic theory because we are not changing, nor have we ever changed, from being human. Adam lived to be 930 years old (these are actual years) before he died. It appears that the condition of the earth, the lack of sicknesses and disease and

probably numerous other factors contributed to the long life of the people in those days (vs 1-6).

Men lived much, much longer on the earth than we do today. Some mentioned in the genealogy, did not have children until they were over 100 years old. This would allow time for other sons and daughters of Adam and Eve to grow and possibly even reproduce. We are only given the line through the oldest descendant in many cases.

The most notable reference in this genealogy is the listing about Enoch. We are not told much, but what we are told is powerful. We are told that Enoch walked with God and that God took him to heaven at the rather young age of 365. From this passage, it appears that Enoch never died, but had such a close and intimate relationship with God that God decided to take him to be with Him. This is confirmed by the reference to Enoch in Hebrews 11:5 which describes how he pleased God with his life so much that God decided to take him so he didn't see death. Jude 14 also makes an interesting reference to Enoch talking about how he prophesied about the return of God to the earth, though we don't have any other information about this (vs 7-27).

The genealogy ends with the birth of Noah. When Noah was born, his father knew that there was something unique and significant about him. He prophesied how Noah would bring relief to the people. This appears to be some type of reference to the deliverance that God would bring to mankind as He delivered Noah and his family from the flood (vs 28-32).

How Does this Apply to Me?

If you look at the genealogies, you will see something in common with almost all of them. The people lived, gave birth to children, then died. This is a common theme throughout Scripture that indicates the frailty, weakness and brevity with which men live. Though these men lived a long time, they lived and died and we know very little about their lives. This reminds us that our lives are insignificant, and at the same time are very significant. You must realize that you are not more special or more important than others, but your life is special and important to God. God has created you for a specific reason and specific plan. When you pass away, what legacy from your life will be left on this earth? Will you be known as a man or woman who walked in obedience to God out of a love for God? . Realize that life comes and goes and that your daily choices and decisions will define your legacy and what you pass down to future generations. What does Genesis 5 list (vs 1)?

How was man created (vs 1)?

Why do you think this is repeated a few times in Genesis?

Why do you think it says that male and female were both created by God (vs 2)?

What do you think it means that God blessed men (vs 2)?

Why do you think it says that God named them Man (vs 2)?

***The word translated here as "man" or "mankind" is actually the Hebrew word "Adam." The emphasis here appears to be that man is created different that the animals of the world. Man is distinct from everything else that God created.

How long had Adam lived when Seth was born (vs 3)?

Why do you think it is emphasized that Seth was born in the likeness of Adam (vs 3)?

***Again, this emphasizes that humans are a distinct race. This was also used to introduce the line of those who were descendants of Seth.

How long did Adam live after Seth was born (vs 4)?

What does this indicate about the difference in life then and now?

How long did Seth live before he had given birth to his first child (vs 6)?

How long did Methuselah live (vs 21)?

How is Enoch described (vs 24)?

What do you think this meant?

Why do you think Enoch is one of the only men from this time frame mentioned in the New Testament?

"Continual Wickedness"

Study: Genesis 6:1-8 Reading: Romans 12:1-3, II Peter 2:1-21 Memory: Matthew 5:40

ver the years, I have run many miles on roads that I shared with traffic. Running on the side of the road when cars come by has always presented some slight dangers. When I run during the summer, especially early in the morning or later at night, I try to wear something that is reflective or that would stand out from the area I am running in. In the winter, I normally wear all black or dark colors which is a direct contrast to the white snow that blankets the ground. I try my best to stand out so that I can be seen and avoid the danger an oncoming car could cause.

Today, we are going to see how we should stand out in the wicked world around us. This does not mean we have to be weird or do outlandish things, but the way we live our lives according to God's direction and plans will cause us to stick out in this dark and evil world.

What Does the Bible Say?

With the long life spans and ability to have children for hundreds of years, the population of the earth greatly multiplied. There were many more people born on the earth than those listed in chapter 5 because the main purpose of chapter 5 was to give the lineage from Adam to Noah and not an exhaustive list of all the inhabitants of earth (vs 1).

We are faced with an idea in verse two that has caused many questions over the years and there have been a few possible meanings. We are told that the "sons of God" took women to be their wives. They had children and created a race of Nephilim, which was a race of giants. These men were known as a very strong and mighty race of people who were dominant on the earth. This, along with the other sins of men, corrupted the earth to the point where God declared He would bring destruction upon the earth in 120 years. Who exactly the "sons of God" were has been the subject of much debate. II Peter 2:4-5 and Jude 6 make reference to angels who had been chained because of sins they committed. Many people believe that the chained angels are those who were mentioned here in Genesis 6 who took human wives and had children. The debate about this goes much deeper, but for devotional purposes we will stick with what Scripture says and see that the earth had become corrupt and extremely wicked. This wickedness was so great that the hearts of most of the men were continually bent on doing what was evil. It came to the point that God regretted that He had made men because His heart was continually grieved over the condition of men. We must realize that God in His sovereignty knew that man would sin and knew this would take place, though He still felt the emotion of going through the whole process (vs 2-6).

As a result of the wickedness of men, God made the decision that He was going to remove men from the face of the earth and start all over again. This not only included people but also the animals of the earth as He wanted to start with a clean slate. God did not start over by creating a new man, but continued with what He had created. God had made a covenant with Adam that his seed would crush Satan and Noah and his family were descendants of Adam. Noah had found favor in the eyes of the Lord because Noah lived a life that was righteous and pleasing to God (vs 7-8).

How Does this Apply to Me?

If the whole earth around you were corrupt, would you be the Noah that was left? The earth around you is getting more and more corrupt, and you are continually faced with the choice of choosing to live godly and righteous in the midst of this evil generation. It is much easier than you realize to let the world come into your life and to slowly transform you to be like the world. I am not talking about how you look on the outside, but about the way that you think. Romans 12:1-2 says, "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." (ESV) Take time today to let God reveal to you any area where you are allowing yourself to think like the world around you thinks with its selfish and evil mind.

Thought for the day

What does verse 1 say was happening in the world?

Who were attracted to the daughters of men (vs 2)?

What did they choose to do (vs 2)?

Who do you think the "sons of God" were?

What did God say about the earth (vs 3)?

Why do you think He gave the time limit of 120 years?

Who were the Nephilim (vs 4)?

***The word is used three times in the Old Testament. Twice here in Genesis and once in Numbers 13:33. It is a reference to people who were giants.

What do you think it means that they were also on the face of the earth "afterwards" (vs 4 - ESV)?

***Nephilim not only existed before the flood, but were mentioned after the flood.

How are these men described (vs 4)?

Why do you think the Nephilim are mentioned here?

What did God see about the majority of men on earth (vs 5)?

What was God's response to men (vs 6)?

Why do you think He responded this way?

What did God decide to do (vs 7)?

Why do you think God decided to start over?

Who are we told about in verse 8? Why was he mentioned?

"Relational Obedience"

Study: Genesis 6:9-22 Reading: John 10:22-42 Memory: Matthew 5:40

What Does the Bible Say?

The same phrase that was used to describe Enoch was also used to describe Noah. This phrase, though simple, is very powerful. We are told that Noah walked with God, the same description that was given of Enoch. Of all the men mentioned in the first six chapters of Genesis, these men are the notable men who were not only mentioned here, but elsewhere in the Bible. It wasn't that Noah was created different or better that God chose to use him. God chose to use him because he walked with God. It was his walk with God that made him good and that caused God to pour out His grace on Noah and his family (vs 9-10).

Noah stood out in the world around him because the world around him was very corrupt and the earth was filled with violence. God told Noah that He had decided to end the life of all men and animals on the earth, but He would spare Noah and use him to start over again on the earth. God gave Noah specific instructions on how He wanted Noah to build the ark. We are not exactly sure what gopher wood was, but it must have been a fairly abundant wood in those days. In our terms today, the ark would have been about 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high. An American football field is 300 feet long and 150 feet wide to help give you a little perspective. The boat was to consist of three decks and if Noah followed the specifications, the ark would be able to withstand the flood that was about to come (vs 11-16). (If you are interested on more physical dimensions or structure of the ark, take a few minutes to search the internet where there are all types of resources.)

Though God was going to destroy all flesh, He was going to make a covenant with Noah that He would spare the life of Noah and use the family of Noah to repopulate the earth. God told Noah that he was going to take two of every kind of living animal with him on the ark, a male and female. This, of course, would be able to help the animals repopulate the earth after the flood. They were also to take different plants and food with them on the ark to help keep them alive during the flood. These would also be used for plants and gardens after the flood (vs 17-21).

Verse 22 is a simple, yet powerful proclamation. Noah not only heard and understood what God said, but he chose to obey it. He did exactly what God had asked him to do. He was able to trust God in this area because of his relationship with God. Though God was asking him to do something radical and different, he knew God would be with him each step of the way (vs 22).

How Does this Apply to Me?

Do you walk with God? I am not asking if you are religious or if you go to church. I am not asking if you are doing your godly duty. I am asking if you walk with God. Note the lives of Enoch and Noah. They walked with God and they were blessed abundantly for it. Was it always easy? Not at all, yet it was their relationship with God that not only made a difference in their lives, but caused them to be used by God. God wants to use you and God has great plans for you, but those plans can only be fulfilled as you daily walk with Him. A daily walk with God is extremely vital and important for every believer, yet it is something that many believers lack and many others struggle with. Just as your relationships with other people differ based on your personality, your relationship with God will differ from others based on your personality. I can't give you a full definition of exactly what your relationship with God will look like, but you can be sure that when you do have an intimate relationship with Him it will change your life. Your relationship with God will also make it easier for you to obey God. Obedience and faith are sometimes difficult, but they are much easier when they are rooted in an intimate knowledge of God and trust in Him. The more you know God, the more you will trust Him. The more you trust Him, the more you love Him and will desire to sacrifice for Him.

Suggestions for Prayer

- * Thank God for examples like Noah.
- * Ask God to help you establish and grow in your relationship with Him.

Thought for the day

What three things does verse 9 say about the life of Noah?

1.

- 2.

3.

Describe how these things are characteristics of your life.

Who were Noah's three sons (vs 10)?

How is the earth described (vs 11)?

Why was the earth corrupt (vs 12)?

Why do you think violence is a mark of corruption (vs 13)?

What did God tell Noah to make (vs 14)?

Why do you think God gave Noah specific instructions (vs 14-16)?

What was God going to bring (vs 17)?

What did God say would die (vs 17)?

Why is it important to realize that this was a universal flood?

Why do you think God established a covenant with Noah (vs 18)?

Who did God want in the ark with Noah (vs 18)?

What else was Noah to bring into the ark (vs 19)?

Why did God emphasize that a male and female animal was to be in the ark (vs 19)?

Why did God want these animals in the ark (vs 20)?

What else was Noah told to place in the ark (vs 21)?

What did Noah do (vs 22)? Why was this important?

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Matthew 5:20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, vou will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 21 "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' 22 But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. 23 So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. 25 Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. 26 Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. 27 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' 28 But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell. 31 "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' 32 But I say to vou that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. 33 "Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.' 34 But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, 35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. 36 And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. 37 Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil. 38 "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eve and a tooth for a tooth.' 39 But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. 40 And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well.