

(Genesis) Genesis 7

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J. Vernon McGee explores the story of Noah, emphasizing faith, God's grace, and the historical significance of the flood.

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Scripture: Genesis 7:1-8, Matthew 11:28, Hebrews 11:7

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher discusses the story of the flood as described in the Bible. He dismisses the Babylonian version of the flood as ridiculous and emphasizes that the flood was a judgment from God upon mankind for their sins. The preacher mentions that there is evidence for the flood being a universal catastrophe and recommends a book called 'The Genesis Flood' by Henry Morris and John C. Whitcomb for further information. He also briefly mentions that the flood lasted for 40 days and the waters prevailed for 150 days.

Transcript

Now, will you notice, we come to chapter 7. And the Lord said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark, for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation. Why was he righteous? By faith, just like Abraham later on was. We're told Abraham believed God and it was counted to him for righteousness.

Noah believed God and it was counted to him for righteousness. And by faith, the writer to the Hebrews said, that's the reason God saved him. But have you ever noticed how gracious God is to this man in all of this time of judgment? It says, Come thou.

The same invitation that the Lord Jesus gives today to all mankind. Come unto me all ye that labor and heavy laden, I'll rest you. And then we're told in verse 16 here, the Lord shut him in, isn't that lovely? And then chapter 8 opens, And God remembered Noah.

How lovely, how wonderful. God could have very easily forgotten all about Noah. He could have years later said, Oh my, I forgot all about that fellow down there.

I put him in an ark and forgot about him. Been too bad, wouldn't it? But God didn't forget, God remembered Noah. God never forgets.

He remembers you. Only thing that he doesn't remember is your sin. If you come to any sins, he remembers them no more.

What a beautiful thing this is. Now, Noah and the family enter into the ark. And did you know that this story of Noah, just like the story of creation, has wandered over the face of the earth? And you read it like you read the creation story.

I wish that I could give you the Babylonian account. I'm not entering into that. I did of the creation account.

But all you have to do is compare them to see the difference that these others are utterly preposterous and ridiculous. And they're all based on this one, by the way. And the very fact that most nations, most peoples have an account of both creation and the flood, doesn't that tell you something, friend? That ought to tell you that there's a basis of truth for that.

All of them wouldn't come up with a record if they had been making up the story. And if you want to know which one is accurate, just make a comparison. The Babylonian, of course, here is perfectly ridiculous.

And you have sort of a war going on among the gods, one against the other. And that's what brought the flood. That's not the way that the Bible tells it.

It's a judgment upon man for his sin. Makes sense, by the way. Now we're told here, and for yet seven days, God says, I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights, and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth.

Now will you notice the fact that there came to no one, I should call attention to this, I was about to bypass it, of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by seven. Now this was the basis of a lawsuit years ago against Dr. Harry Remmer when he offered a thousand dollars to anyone that could show a contradiction in the Bible. And this was what was used in a court of law.

And there were several liberal theologians that testified this was a contradiction. Why would it say two of each kind and now seven of each kind? Well, all you have to do is turn over to see Noah get out of the ark, and he was offering clean beast's sacrifices. Well, would he have got the clean beast, friends, if he hadn't taken more than the two? It's only the clean beast that he took seven, and now we know why.

And those that are not clean were by two, the male and the female. And the fowls of the air by sevens, the male and the female, and that is for those that are clean. He keeps seed alive from the face of all the earth.

Now for seven days the world could have knocked at the door of the ark, and frankly, they could have come in. God would have saved them. All you'd have to do is believe God.

Now we're told verse 6, and Noah was 600 years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth. Noah went in, his sons, his wife, his son's wives with him into the ark because of the waters of the flood. That's verse 7 that I've just read.

Then we're told here, verse 9, there went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah. No place does it say Noah went out and drove them in. It wasn't necessary.

They came to him. The same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. That's verse 11.

The rain was upon the earth 40 days and 40 nights. And now I drop down and read verse 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.

Now we're told that the flood was 40 days upon the earth. Now the waters, though, prevailed, and I'm dropping down to the last verse, verse 24, chapter 7, and the waters prevailed upon the earth 150 days. Now that's how long that the flood lasted.

Then we're going to find out that it subsided another period of time, and we'll talk about that next time. Now may I, in the few moments that are left, may I say this. What is the scientific historical evidence of the flood? I'm not going to enter into this subject other than to say that there is one of the finest books, and I highly recommend it, called *The Genesis Flood* by Henry Morris and John C. Whitcomb.

Both of these men are thoroughly qualified to write on this subject. Dr. John Whitcomb is a Ph.D., and he's a professor of Old Testament and Grace Theological Seminary, and Dr. Morris is a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota, and he is professor of hydraulic engineering, chairman of the Department of Civil Engineering in the Virginia Polytechnic Institute. And these men have joined together and have written a book on the Genesis Flood, and they show that this flood was universal, and also that it was a great catastrophe, that there's historical evidence for it, and they answer this uniformitarian argument that has been put forth today.

And I'll not go into these different theories that have been advanced, and there are quite a few that have been advanced for the flood, but may I say there's an abundance of evidence for the flood, and they answer a great deal of this. Now, next time, I'm going to pick up right at this juncture and probably give from their book one or two arguments, and then I'm going to move on from this. I assume that today that there is this historical evidence for the flood, and it's not necessary for us to go into that, and it's been answered in this very graphic and scholarly manner.

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