

# Genesis - Lesson 07

Genesis Chapter 7

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Memory verses for this week: *Joh 6:64 But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him. Joh 6:65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.*

**Introduction:** We continue our study on the book of Genesis this week as we cover the wrath of God coming down on man by the flood in Noah's day as we get into Chapter 7.

## I. GOD'S COMMAND WAS ON SCHEDULE

*Gen 7:1 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.*

*Gen 7:2 Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that are not clean by two, the male and his female.*

*Gen 7:3 Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth.*

*Gen 7:4 For yet seven days, and 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.*

Since before the world was ever created, God always has worked on schedule. There are set times that things will happen, and they will come to pass at the very moment God predestined for them to happen. God does not work by chance or accident. When God looked down on the wickedness of man before the flood, this did not surprise Him. He knew how desperately wicked man is, and that is why before the earth was created a means of salvation was established. Jesus agreed to go to the cross and die for our sins before the first man was ever created. And "When the fullness of time had come....", Jesus was born and took on flesh.

*Gal 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,*

*Gal 4:5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.*

Another example of things coming at a perfect time was the day of Pentecost after the Lord arose from the grave.

"When the day of Pentecost was fully come...." Acts 2:1

**Act 2:1** *And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.*

Everything God does is on such a schedule. The Lord's Second coming has a set time that only the Father knows. The birth, death and resurrection of Christ was the same way. It was no accident that God waited seven days and then caused it to rain 40 days and 40 nights.

People come to know the Lord in a timely basis. God Saves On Schedule. "Come", in verse 1 is God's invitation. This is the first use of "come" in the Bible. It is found more than 600 times.

**Mat 11:28** *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*

**Mar 1:17** *And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.*

**Isa 55:1** *Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.*

The first time the word "come" is used, it is an invitation to come into the ark of safety and escape judgment. Effectively they came and found salvation from the flood.

## **II. NOAH'S OBEDIENCE WAS ON SCHEDULE**

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

**Gen 7:6** *And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth.*

**Gen 7:7** *And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood.*

**Gen 7:8** *Of clean beasts, and of beasts that are not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth,*

**Gen 7:9** *There went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah.*

In the perfect plan of the Lord, Noah and his family were all saved. Verse 5 says the Noah was obedient. He obeyed God completely. If we want to please the Lord, this is his desire for every believer.

**Joh 14:21** *He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.*

Noah's whole house was saved. We see similar things in other verses in regards to salvation. When the Philippian jailer sought salvation, we see not only did he get

saved but all of his household accepted Christ also.

*Act 16:30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?*

*Act 16:31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.*

*Act 16:32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.*

*Act 16:33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.*

*Act 16:34 And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.*

Rahab the harlot and all of her house were not destroyed when the Jews came in and overthrew their city.

*Jos 2:17 And the men said unto her, We will be blameless of this thine oath which thou hast made us swear.*

*Jos 2:18 Behold, when we come into the land, thou shalt bind this line of scarlet thread in the window which thou didst let us down by: and thou shalt bring thy father, and thy mother, and thy brethren, and all thy father's household, home unto thee.*

*Jos 6:22 But Joshua had said unto the two men that had spied out the country, Go into the harlot's house, and bring out thence the woman, and all that she hath, as ye sware unto her.*

*Jos 6:23 And the young men that were spies went in, and brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brethren, and all that she had; and they brought out all her kindred, and left them without the camp of Israel.*

*Jos 6:24 And they burnt the city with fire, and all that was therein: only the silver, and the gold, and the vessels of brass and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD.*

*Jos 6:25 And Joshua saved Rahab the harlot alive, and her father's household, and all that she had; and she dwelleth in Israel even unto this day; because she hid the messengers, which Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.*

All of the animals on the ark were saved in order to replenish the earth. Verses 8 and 9 show that the animals came in orderly fashion. They did not have to catch, and trap the animals. One day when the Lord establishes his reign here on earth, we will see the animals dwell in harmony like they did on the ark.

*Isa 11:6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.*

*Isa 11:7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.*

*Isa 11:8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.*

*Isa 11:9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall*

*be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.*  
*Isa 11:10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.*

### **III. God's Judgment by Water**

*Gen 7:10 And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth.*

*Gen 7:11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.*

*Gen 7:12 And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights.*

The time of the flood came after they were in the ark seven days. The time of the flood came in the 600th year of Noah's life. You think you are too old to serve the Lord and be effective? Noah was 500 years old when he began work on building the ark. Young and all can be used by God. The key is being willing to be used.

Verse 12 says it rained for 40 days and 40 nights. Forty is the number of testing.

#### **Some examples of the 40's are:**

- a. Moses' 40 days and 40 years.
- b. The 40 days of spying out the land.
- c. The 40 years in the wilderness.
- d. Christ's 40 days in the wilderness.
- e. Christ's resurrection and 40 days before ascension.

Verse 13 says that Noah was shut in the ark by the Lord.

*Gen 7:13 In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark;*

*Gen 7:14 They, and every beast after his kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird of every sort.*

*Gen 7:15 And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life.*

*Gen 7:16 And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in.*

Noah was a great man, but his security came from the Lord. Like Noah, we are shut in and sealed by the Holy Spirit.

*Eph 1:13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy*

*Spirit of promise,  
Eph 1:14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the  
purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.*

#### **IV. The Waters Prevailed**

*Gen 7:17 And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth.*

*Gen 7:18 And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters.*

*Gen 7:19 And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered.*

*Gen 7:20 Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered.*

*Gen 7:21 And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man:*

*Gen 7:22 All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died.*

*Gen 7:23 And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark.*

*Gen 7:24 And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.*

The ark was lifted above the earth. The same waters that brought death to the others, only lifted those in the ark higher. While the flood water did beat against the ark, all those in the ark were safe. So is it for those in Christ.

When Christ is lifted up, men are drawn to him.

*Joh 12:32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.*

*Joh 12:33 This he said, signifying what death he should die.*

Verses 18-20 show that the waters prevailed over all the earth. We believe that the whole surface of the earth was totally under water. With all this water came the universal reign of death. It was not a short time that water prevailed either. Verse 24 says that the waters prevailed for 150 days.

#### **V. The Extent Of The Flood. Was it Local Or Universal?**

There are many reasons why we know the flood covered all the earth.

1. More than 30 times in Gen. 6-9 expressions occur that emphasize a universal flood.
2. It could not have been a river flood, since this would have been exaggeration.
3. If you study, there was a reason this great flood came. The purpose of the

flood was to destroy man from the face of the earth.

*Gen 6:5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*

*Gen 6:6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.*

*Gen 6:7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.*

4. The flood was intended to destroy all animal life.

*Gen 6:17 And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die.*

5. The earth was to be destroyed.

*Gen 6:13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.*

6. The waters were so deep that they covered the mountains.

*Gen 7:20 Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered.*

*Gen 8:5 And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month: in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen.*

7. The flood was caused by a 40 day downpour, plus the fountains of the deep were broken up.

*Gen 7:11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.*

8. The flood lasted over a year.

*Gen 8:13 And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry.*

*Gen 8:14 And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dried.*

9. The ark was constructed for the purpose of keeping seed alive on the earth.

*Gen 7:3 Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth.*

10. The ark was too large just for a local flood.

*Gen 6:15 And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.*

A cubit equals 18 inches, so we are talking about a boat that was 450 feet long.

11. If it was a local flood, then the ark would not have been needed, they could have migrated.

12. If it was a local flood then God has broken His word many times. And we know that God NEVER lies. Satan is a liar and the father of all lies.

*Gen 8:21 And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.*

*Gen 9:11 And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.*

13. The ordinary Hebrew word for flood is not used of Noah's flood. But "MABBUL" is used and it means a deluge or destructive catastrophe.

14. In the N.T., the usual Greek word for flood is not used, but "KATAKLUSMOS," meaning "cataclysm."

*Mat 24:38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,*

*Mat 24:39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.*

*2Pe 2:5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;*

15. All races of men came from Noah and his sons.

*Gen 9:1 And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.*

*Gen 9:19 These are the three sons of Noah: and of them was the whole earth*

*overspread.*

## STUDY QUESTIONS

1. God invited Noah to "come" into the ark. What is the significance of His use of "come"?

It indicates that it was an invitation from the Lord, just like how it is used when God reaches out to man for help and salvation.

2. How old was Noah when the flood came?

600 years of age

3. How many of the clean animals, and how many of the unclean animals were to be taken into the ark? Why more of the clean than of the unclean?

*Gen 7:2 Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that are not clean by two, the male and his female.*

*Gen 7:3 Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth.*

Probably some of the clean were used to feed the carnivorous animals.

4. How long were they in the ark before it began to rain?

7 days.

5. How many days and how many nights did it rain?

40 days and 40 nights

6. Who shut the door of the ark, and what does that teach us?

God shut the door. It proves that God is the one who protects us, and the one who gives and guarantees our salvation.

7. Was the flood local or universal? What is your proof of this?

Universal over all the world. Look at the 8 topics under this study section above under part five. There are many reasons to know this, and most of all that God said it was and God never lies.



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*Prov 4:18 But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.*

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