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The World Before the Flood: Judgment, Giants, and God's Rescue

Text: Genesis 4-7 (NIV)

Opening Prayer

Father God, in the name of Jesus, we come before You with humble hearts. Thank You for Your Word, which reveals truth about the past, clarity for the present, and hope for the future. Lord, as we look at the world before the Flood, help us understand not just what happened....but why it happened. Help us see Your holiness, Your justice, and Your mercy. Speak to us by Your Spirit. Open our hearts to receive Your truth. And draw anyone listening who does not know

You into salvation this very day. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

Introduction: A World That Forgot God

Today we are going back to the earliest days of human history....to a world that existed before the Flood. This was not a primitive world of cavemen struggling with sticks and stones. According to Scripture, it was a highly populated, organized, and advanced world...but it was also a world that had forgotten God.

Jesus Himself said in **Matthew 24:37-39** (NIV) ***37 As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; 39 and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all***

away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

Life looked normal on the outside. People worked, built families, and lived daily life. But spiritually, corruption had reached a breaking point.

And today, we are going to see:

- What the world was like before the Flood
- The rise of sin and rebellion
- The mysterious Nephilim and giants
- The environment and conditions of the old world
- The mercy of God in providing the ark
- And how Noah points directly to Jesus Christ

I. The Rapid Spread of Sin After Adam

After Adam and Eve sinned, sin spread rapidly through humanity.

Genesis 4:8 (NIV)⁸ Now Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let’s go out to the field.” While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

The first children born into the world produced the first murder.

Sin moves fast.

By the next generations, violence increased.

Genesis 4:23 (NIV)²³ Lamech said to his wives, “Adah 🖐️ AY-duh and Zillah 🖐️ ZIL-uh, listen to me; wives of Lamech, hear my words. I have killed a man for wounding me, a young man for injuring me.

Violence was becoming normalized.

What began with one act of rebellion was spreading across the entire human race.

II. Population Explosion and Long Lifespans

Genesis chapter 5 records lifespans of 800, 900, even over 900 years.

Adam lived 930 years.

Methuselah 🖐️ **meh-THOO-zuh-luh** lived 969 years.

These long lifespans allowed massive population growth.

Think about it.

People lived nearly a millennium. They had children for centuries. The population would have exploded into millions....and likely billions...before the Flood.

This was not a small world.

This was a vast civilization.

III. The Environmental Conditions Before the Flood

The Bible gives clues that the environment was very different.

Genesis 2:5-6 (NIV)⁵ Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground,⁶ but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground.

There is no mention of rain until the Flood.

Many Bible scholars believe there was a protective water canopy above the earth.

Genesis 1:7 (NIV)⁷ So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so.

This canopy may have created:

- Perfect air pressure
- High oxygen levels
- Ideal growing conditions
- Stable climate

This could explain:

- Long lifespans
- Gigantic animals
- Rapid plant growth

Fossil evidence shows massive plants and animals far larger than today.

The pre-Flood world may have been lush, fertile, and beautiful beyond anything we know now.

IV. The Sons of God, the Daughters of Men, and the Nephilim: Renewed Investigation and Modern Discussion

One of the most mysterious and debated passages in the entire Bible is Genesis 6:1-4.

Genesis 6:2 and 4 (NIV) says: **2 the sons of God saw that the daughters of humans were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose.**

Genesis 6:4 (NIV) 4 The Nephilim were on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God went to the daughters of humans and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown.

For many years, some taught that the “**sons of God**” referred simply to human men....specifically the godly line of Seth intermarrying with the ungodly line of Cain.

However, in recent decades, there has been renewed scholarly and theological investigation into the older and more ancient interpretation...that the “**sons of**

God” refers to angelic beings who rebelled against God.

This view is not new at all. In fact, it is the oldest recorded interpretation.

Ancient Jewish writings, including texts such as 1 Enoch, which were widely read in the centuries before Christ, clearly taught that fallen angels interacted with human women and produced abnormal offspring.

What is especially important is that the phrase “**sons of God**” in the Old Testament is consistently used elsewhere to describe angels.

For example, ***Job 1:6 (NIV) “One day the angels came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came with them.”***

The Hebrew phrase used there for angels is the same phrase: “**sons of God.**”

Also in **Job 38:7 (NIV)** “**while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy.**”

Again, the same term is used.

This has led many modern Bible scholars, Hebrew linguists, and theologians to revisit the angelic interpretation as the most consistent with the original language.

In addition, the New Testament itself gives fascinating clues.

2 Peter 2:4-5 (NIV) says: ⁴ For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them in chains of darkness to be held for judgment; 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;

Notice how Peter connects the sin of angels directly with the time of the Flood.

Jude 1:6-7 (NIV) adds even more detail:

⁶ And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their proper dwelling—these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day. ⁷ In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire.

Jude directly links angelic rebellion with sexual corruption.

This has caused many modern researchers, theologians, and Bible scholars to reconsider that something extraordinary and unnatural occurred before the Flood.

The result of this union, Genesis tells us, was the Nephilim....described as mighty men and giants.

Genesis 6:4 says they were:

4 The Nephilim were on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God went to the daughters of humans and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown.

The Hebrew word Nephilim can mean “**fallen ones**” or “**giants.**”

These were not ordinary humans.

They represented a corruption of God's created order.

And this helps explain why the earth became so deeply corrupted that judgment became necessary.

It was not just moral corruption.

It was also spiritual rebellion on a massive scale.

Satan was attempting to corrupt humanity itself....because he knew that one day, the Messiah would come through the human race.

If he could corrupt humanity, he could attempt to disrupt God's plan of redemption.

👉 But Satan failed.

God preserved one man.....Noah.

Genesis 6:9 (NIV) says:

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.

The word “**blameless**” here can also carry the meaning of being uncorrupted or unharmed.

God preserved the human line through Noah so that, generations later, Jesus Christ could be born.

And this reminds us of something powerful:

👉 No matter how dark the world becomes, God always preserves His plan.

👉 No matter how strong the rebellion becomes, God always preserves a remnant.

👉 And just as judgment came in Noah’s day, Jesus said it will come again.

But just as God provided the ark then...He has provided salvation now through **Jesus Christ**.

V. A World Filled with Violence and Corruption

Genesis 6:5 (NIV) “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.”

Think about that phrase.

- Every inclination.
- Only evil.
- All the time.

Sin was no longer occasional.

It was constant.

Genesis 6:11 (NIV) “Now the earth was corrupt in God’s sight and was full of violence.”

Violence filled the earth.

Sound familiar?

We live in a world today filled with violence, corruption, and rebellion.

History is repeating itself.

VI. God's Grief Over Sin

Genesis 6:6 (NIV) "The Lord regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled."

God was grieved.

Not because He made a mistake...but because humanity had chosen evil.

God is holy.

He cannot ignore sin forever.

Judgment eventually comes.

But even in judgment....God provides mercy.

VII. Noah Found Grace

Genesis 6:8 (NIV) "But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord."

One man stood apart.

One man walked with God.

Genesis 6:9 (NIV)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.

Noah lived differently.

While the world rebelled, Noah obeyed.

While the world mocked God, Noah trusted Him.

VIII. God Announces Judgment - The Coming Flood

Genesis 6:13 (NIV)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.

God would cleanse the earth.

Not out of cruelty.....but out of justice.

Sin destroys everything it touches.

God was preserving the future of humanity.

IX. The Ark: God's Provision of Salvation

God gave Noah detailed instructions.

Genesis 6:14 (NIV)¹⁴ So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out.

The ark was gigantic.

- About 450 feet long.
- 75 feet wide.
- 45 feet tall.

It was a floating sanctuary.

Notice something important.

God did not tell Noah to build a boat with steering.

- There was no rudder.
- No sail.

God Himself would guide it.

👉 Salvation is God's work....not man's.

X. Animals After Their Kind

Genesis 6:19-20 (NIV) 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.

God preserved the animal kingdom.

Animals came “**after their kind.**”

Not evolution.

Creation with boundaries.

God preserved life through Noah.

XI. Noah’s Obedience Despite Mockery

Genesis 6:22 (NIV) “Noah did everything just as God commanded him.”

Imagine building an ark for decades.

People mocking him.

Laughing at him.

Calling him crazy.

Yet Noah obeyed.

Faith obeys even when the world mocks.

XII. The Day Noah Entered the Ark

Genesis 7:16 (NIV) ¹⁶ **The animals going in were male and female of every living thing, as God had commanded Noah. Then the LORD shut him in.**

God closed the door.

When judgment comes, the door eventually closes.

For years, Noah preached righteousness.

But one day, it was too late.

XIII. The Flood Comes

Genesis 7:11-12 (NIV) ¹¹ **In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, on the**

**seventeenth day of the second month—
on that day all the springs of the great
deep burst forth, and the floodgates of
the heavens were opened. ¹² And rain fell
on the earth forty days and forty nights.**

Water came from above and below.

The old world was destroyed.

Only Noah and those in the ark were saved.

XIV. The Ark Is a Picture of Jesus Christ

The ark is one of the greatest pictures of Jesus in the Old Testament.

Just as:

- There was only one ark
- There is only one Savior

John 14:6 (NIV)⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

The ark was the only refuge.

👉 Jesus is the only refuge today.

XV. We Are Living in Days Like Noah’s

Jesus said:

Matthew 24:37 (NIV)³⁷ As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

We see:

- Violence increasing
- Moral corruption
- Rejection of God
- Spiritual deception

The conditions are returning.

Judgment is coming again....but this time by fire.

👉 Yet God offers salvation.

Salvation Invitation: Enter the Ark Before It Is Too Late

Right now, the door is still open.

Just like Noah's ark, Jesus is the refuge.

But one day, the door will close.

This day is coming very soon.

- You may be a good person.
- You may go to church.

👉 But salvation comes through Jesus alone.

Romans 10:9 (NIV) "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe

in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

- Jesus died for your sins.
- He rose again.
- He is calling you now.

If you would like to receive Jesus Christ, pray this in your heart with faith:

**Lord Jesus, I confess I am a sinner.
I believe You died for my sins and rose again.
Forgive me.
Come into my life.
Be my Lord and Savior.
I place my trust in You alone.
Thank You for saving me.
Amen.**

Closing Prayer:

Father God, thank You for Your Word. Thank You for showing us the truth about the past and the hope for the future. Thank You for Your mercy in providing salvation through Jesus Christ. Help us to live faithfully in these last days, just as Noah did. Strengthen us to walk with You in a world that is drifting away. And Lord God, we thank You that You are our Ark, our refuge, and our Savior. We love You and praise You. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Matthew 28:19-20