

# Genesis 6:5-13 - Noah's Flood, A Picture Of Grace And Judgement Of Sin

## Memory Verse

Genesis 3:15 NKJV (God speaking to satan)

And I will put enmity between you [satan] and the woman, and between your seed [the antichrist] and her Seed [the Messiah]; He [the Messiah] shall bruise your [satan's] head, and you [satan] shall bruise His [the Messiah's] heel."

## Outline: (Genesis 6:5-13)

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## **Genesis 6:1-22 NKJV**

### ***The Great Flood***

Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, <sup>2</sup> that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.

<sup>3</sup> And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years." <sup>4</sup> There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

<sup>5</sup> Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. <sup>6</sup> And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. <sup>7</sup> So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them." <sup>8</sup> But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

### ***Noah Pleases God***

<sup>9</sup> This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. <sup>10</sup> And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

<sup>11</sup> The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

<sup>12</sup> So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.

### ***The Ark Prepared***

<sup>13</sup> And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

<sup>14</sup> Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. <sup>15</sup> And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits.

<sup>16</sup> You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it with lower, second, and third decks. <sup>17</sup> And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from

under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. <sup>18</sup> But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. <sup>19</sup> And of every living thing of all flesh you shall bring two of every sort into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. <sup>20</sup> Of the birds after their kind, of animals after their kind, and of every creeping thing of the earth after its kind, two of every kind will come to you to keep them alive. <sup>21</sup> And you shall take for yourself of all food that is eaten, and you shall gather it to yourself; and it shall be food for you and for them.”  
<sup>22</sup> Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.

## **1. The reason for the judgement—the abounding wickedness of mankind**

**Genesis 6:5, 11-13 NKJV**

<sup>5</sup> Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually... <sup>11</sup> The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. <sup>12</sup> So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. <sup>13</sup> And God said to Noah, “The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

Simply put, this means that every aspect of man's nature, character, and civilisation was corrupted by sin. Relationships, family structures, business dealings, social hierarchies, entertainment, and recreation were all focused on feeling good and getting what you want no matter what the cost to others. The pre-flood world at the time of Noah was a completely selfish, overtly violent, and disgustingly immoral world—a world that our own is fast becoming like (we'll come back to this later). This world was ripe for judgement—God would send a flood to wipe out every land dwelling and air breathing animal (except those that went on the ark).

## **2. God, because He is loving, good, and holy, is grieved by sin**

**Genesis 6:6-7 NKJV**

And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. <sup>7</sup> So the LORD said, “I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.”

### **The tender heart of God—how God is affected by sin**

This is where it's important to remember that we are made in the image of God. God has the same emotions and feelings as we do (yet of course His are not corrupted by sin like ours are). Every loving parent wants the best for their children. No parent likes it when their children rebel against them. In fact, the child's rebellion brings the parents much pain and grief for two reasons. Firstly, because they know the good things their children are missing out on—the most important thing being the precious parent-child relationship that the parents desire to have with their children. Secondly, because they have to watch their own offspring suffer the consequences of their foolish actions. We'll now see how God has the same tender heart towards the people He made in His image.

vs 6-7 **And the LORD was sorry [Hebrew: *nhm*] that He had made man on the earth... for I am sorry [Hebrew: *nhm*] that I have made them:** The the Hebrew word translated as **sorry** (Hebrew: *nhm*, pronounced nee-hum), does *not* mean that God made a mistake and is apologising for it. It *doesn't* mean, “Whoops, I got it wrong that time, I'd better try again.”

Instead, **sorry** [Hebrew: *nhm*] can be described using the grief and pain that a parent feels, when the child that they have lovingly raised, chooses to rebel against them, and they then have to discipline them. We could say that, “the LORD felt or experienced sorrow and grief because He had made men on the earth”. The same is true for every husband and wife who choose to have kids—there will always be sacrifice and suffering that accompany raising children.

So why does a husband and wife still choose to have children (obviously life would be much cheaper, simpler, and easier without kids)? Because they desire a love relationship with their children, and have made the decision that they are willing to sacrifice and suffer anything to achieve this. In other words, it all boils down to one thing only—the desire to bless someone with a love relationship. *The correct motivation for a husband and wife to choose to bring children into the world, is not for their own sake, but for the child’s sake—they are not doing it for what they can get, but for what they can give.*

The same is true for God. As Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35). While I can’t claim to know the mind of God, I think that one of the reasons God created humans was for an opportunity for Him to sacrificially give. Why would He do that? Because of God’s completely loving, unselfish, and giving nature. For God, sacrificially giving to others ultimately gives Him pleasure and brings Him glory. Again, this is in a similar way that children bring pleasure and glory to their parents.

A good example that helps us to understand the meaning of the Hebrew word *nhm* is in the book of Judges, when the Israelites had to fight against some of their own brothers, the tribe of Benjamin. The reason was because the whole tribe of Benjamin refused to repent of the sin of homosexuality and sexual immorality. Even though the other tribes had to go to war with the tribe of Benjamin because it was the right thing to do (God told them to), it didn’t mean that they liked doing it, or that they felt good about the near total destruction of the tribe of Benjamin.

Judges 21:6, 15 NKJV

And the children of Israel **grieved** [Hebrew: *nhm*] for Benjamin their brother, and said, “One tribe is cut off from Israel today... And the people **grieved** [Hebrew: *nhm*] for Benjamin, because the LORD had made a void in the tribes of Israel.

### **God knows what it feels like to be hurt and feel sad**

v 6 **And He was grieved in His heart:** This Hebrew word translated as “**grieve**” in Genesis 6:6 is a different one to the Hebrew word *nhm* (nee-hum), which is translated as **sorry**. This word translated as **grieve** means to feel hurt, to be distressed, to feel sorrow, to suffer, to be afflicted. Why is this important? Because this shows that God knows what it is like to feel sad, to be sorrowful, and to be afflicted. Here are two other examples of where this Hebrew word is used to describe God feeling sorrow and pain.

Psalms 78:40 NKJV

How often they provoked Him in the wilderness and grieved Him in the desert!

Isaiah 63:10a NKJV

But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit...

Jesus Himself was described as “a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief”. Consider the grief, pain, and sorrow that He experienced because of sinful humanity, yet the Godhead (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) willingly made this sacrifice so that mankind could come back into relationship with God. The selected verses in Isaiah 53 clearly show both, *what Jesus willingly suffered for sinful humanity* (vs 3-6), and, also *the reason why Jesus willingly suffered for sinful humanity—so He could restore relationship with humanity* (vs 10-11)

Isaiah 53:3-6, 10-11 NLT

*What Jesus willingly suffered for sinful humanity*

<sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected—a Man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief. We turned our backs on Him and looked the other way. He was despised, and we did not care.

<sup>4</sup> Yet it was our weaknesses He carried; it was our sorrows that weighed Him down. And we thought His troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for His own sins!

<sup>5</sup> But He was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed.

<sup>6</sup> All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on Him the sins of us all.

*The reason why Jesus willingly suffered for sinful humanity—so He could restore relationship with humanity*

<sup>10</sup> But it was the LORD's good plan to crush Him and cause Him grief. Yet when His life is made an offering for sin, He will have many descendants. He will enjoy a long life, and the LORD's good plan will prosper in His hands.

<sup>11</sup> When He sees all that is accomplished by His anguish, He will be satisfied. And because of His experience, My Righteous Servant will make it possible for many to be counted righteous, for He will bear all their sins.

### **Why does sin grieve God?**

Why does sin grieve God? Because as any parent who loves their children knows and understands, God wants the best for those people that He made in His own image. His desire for all men is that they be saved from the penalty, power, and presence of sin so that they can once again enjoy relationship with Himself. Consider the following verses.

1 Timothy 2:3-4 NKJV

For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, <sup>4</sup> who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Ezekiel 18:30-32 HCSB

"Therefore, house of Israel, I will judge each one of you according to his ways." This is the declaration of the Lord GOD. "Repent and turn from all your transgressions [sin], so they will not be a stumbling block that causes your punishment." <sup>31</sup> Throw off all the transgressions you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. Why should you die, house of Israel? <sup>32</sup> For I take no pleasure in anyone's death." This is the declaration of the Lord GOD. "So repent and live!"

Another example is Jesus's longing and desire for the nation of Israel to repent so that they could enjoy relationship with Him. All Jesus wanted to do was bless them, but they were not willing to be blessed. Instead their pride, selfishness, and rebellion caused them to remain separated from God and therefore they suffered.

Luke 13:34 NKJV

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you were not willing!"

## **Sin crushes God's heart**

Probably the Scripture that best reveals just how vulnerable God makes Himself to us is found in the book of Ezekiel, where God reveals the deep pain He feels as a result of the Israelite's deep seated and stubborn rebellion against Him.

Ezekiel 6:9 NLT

Then when they are exiled among the nations, they will remember me. They will recognize how **hurt [crushed] I am by their unfaithful hearts and lustful eyes that long for their idols**. Then at last they will hate themselves for all their detestable sins.

Ezekiel 6:9 NKJV

Then those of you who escape will remember Me among the nations where they are carried captive, because **I was crushed by their adulterous heart** which has departed from Me, and by their eyes which play the harlot after their idols; they will loathe themselves for the evils which they committed in all their abominations.

**“Because I was crushed by their adulterous heart”**: The word “**crushed**” or “**hurt**” in Ezekiel 6:9 is a very strong word. **Crushed** means; to be broken, shattered, smashed, destroyed, smash into fragments, break into pieces, be crushed, to tear, to break down, brought to ruin. It's hard to imagine God describing His heart as being so completely broken by our sin, yet it's true.

This verse always puts a knife through my heart as I read through the Bible. *Yes, my sin really does affect God: God is not a stone idol which has no feelings. Understand that because God's capacity to love is infinitely greater than ours, then so also is His capacity to be hurt.* It should be obvious to us that the more we love someone, the more they can hurt us. Why? Because we have made ourselves more open and vulnerable to them. Think of it this way, if a casual acquaintance tells me that they hate me and will never talk to me again, it won't affect me much. However, if my wife tells me the same thing, I will be crushed. Remember that because God has chosen to love each of us with His infinite, never-ending, overflowing, sacrificial love, He has made His heart wide open and vulnerable to being hurt or grieved (Ephesians 4:30—*And do not grieve the Holy Spirit*).

“Using a human analogy, God expressed the depth of the grief He felt over Israel's idolatry by likening Himself to a husband with a constantly unfaithful wife.” (David Guzik)

“The strongest figure possible is used to portray the Divine suffering. God is represented as broken.” (Morgan)

“The amazing truth is most vividly brought out in the prophecy of Hosea, a man who was brought into an understanding of the suffering of God, by his own domestic tragedy [his wife left him]. That is the force of these words.” (Morgan)

“Our sin can give God the heartbreak, because He loves us so. Indeed, on the Cross the Lord died of a broken heart; of this the issuing stream of blood and water was the sign. O heart of stone, you too must break and loathe yourself, when you see your Lord broken by your sin!” (Meyer)

## **The example of Jesus, who came to show us what the Father is like, who made Himself vulnerable to being hurt by others**

Jesus in John 13:34 commands believers to love each other as He loved us (based on His example while here on earth). This applies both in the church, in our families, and even to our enemies (to a point, like Jesus, we must use wisdom).

What did Jesus's love towards us look like? Jesus made Himself completely vulnerable to His disciples. He washed their feet with a towel around His waist while they were arguing about who was the greatest (John 13:1-17). Consider also that He knew that they would soon all fall asleep when He needed their support the most (Matthew 26:36-46), then they would all forsake Him (Matthew 26:55-56), and Peter would even go on to deny Him (see John 13:38). Even when hanging on the cross, Jesus made sure that His mother Mary would be looked after (John 19:26). He was always thinking about other people. A verse that sums up the love Jesus has for us is:

John 13:1 NKJV

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, **having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.**

In other words, while Jesus was on earth, as long as He had breath in His lungs, He was loving others by humbly considering them more important than Himself and giving sacrificially to them. He was a true servant, and it didn't matter how many times the disciples messed up, how many times they deserted or denied Him, Jesus just kept on forgiving them and giving them second, and third, and fourth, and fifth, etc chances.

## **One of the reasons that Jesus came to the earth was to reveal the nature and heart of the Father**

*Remember what Jesus said about the Father—If you have seen Me, “you have seen the Father.”*

John 14:8-10 NKJV

Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.”

<sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.

This shows that the Father is not the “mean and judgemental God of the Old Testament”, while Jesus is the “loving and kind God of the New Testament”, who must somehow convince the Father to give us another chance. No. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are all in complete and total agreement—they all share the same desire that all men will be saved.

## **The secret to resilience—a strong relationship with God the Father**

How could Jesus continue to love people, to remain vulnerable to them, even when they seldom, or even never, returned His love? Only because He was secure and fulfilled in His relationship with His Father. Likewise for us, if our relationship with God is strong, we will be able to continue to love and forgive others when they hurt us. This is essential for unity among believers in the church, and also for successful marriages and families. This is the kind of love that we need to have toward each other—a sacrificial, patient, and forgiving love. Of course, this kind of love only comes from God, and will only come from being in relationship with God. How do we grow deeper in our relationship with God so we can love and forgive others more? *Read the Word of God and obey it—we can't love someone we don't know, and we won't experience His love if we choose not to obey.*

1 Peter 1:22-25 NLT paraphrase

**You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth\*, so now you must show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters. Love each other deeply with all your heart.**

<sup>23</sup> For you have been born again, but not to a life that will quickly end. Your new life will last forever because **it comes from the eternal, living word of God.** <sup>24</sup> As the Scriptures say, “People are like grass; their beauty is like a flower in the field. The grass withers and the flower fades. <sup>25</sup> **But the word of the Lord remains forever.**” And that word is the Good News [gospel] that was preached to you.

**\*You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth:** If we focus on the sin we will continue to sin. If we focus on what we should be doing instead (e.g. purity), we can have victory over the sin.

### **An Application: Godly sorrow vs worldly sorrow**

- **Godly sorrow** leads to true or genuine repentance. I am grieved or saddened by how my sin affects God and others. Therefore, my reason or motivation for wanting to change is because of how my sin affects God and others, not how it affects me. This selfless motivation leads to real and lasting change, as I change from the inside out to become more like Christ—I become less selfish. *Godly sorrow is selfless.*
- **Worldly sorrow** is *not* true or genuine repentance. I am grieved or saddened only by how my sin affects me. Therefore, my reason or motivation for wanting to change is only because of how my sin affects me, not how it affects others. Therefore, it does not lead to real and lasting change—the change is only temporary and external, and I grow to become *less* like Christ—*worldly sorrow only makes me more selfish and leads to more sin.* Why? Because if I can find a way to get away with the sin, then I’ll continue on with it. The best case scenario is that I stop sinning because I don’t want the consequences, but my desire for the sin is still there—I still want to sin—there is no change on the inside.

It’s only as we come to understand just how much our sin affects God that we can actually be genuinely sorry for the bad things that we have done. Until this happens, we will only be focusing on how the sin affects us. For example, the unrepentant murderer cries bitterly because he will be locked up for life—his life will change drastically—he will lose his career, his car, his house, his freedom to do what he wants. But he isn’t thinking about the family of the person that he killed—he doesn’t care about them. This is worldly sorrow. It is selfish and it leads to death—death in the sense that he will become more and more selfish, and so more and more distant from God. Yes he wants to change, and yes, he is sorry for what he did, *but only because of how it affects himself.* This is why so many go to prison but only come out worse—their pity-party only makes them more self-focused than when they first went in, and therefore more likely to become repeat offenders (example of a jailed drink driver who killed people by running them over, but who says that the first thing he will do when he gets out of prison is “get a drink”—he has zero empathy for those he killed, nor for anyone else that he might kill in the future).

In contrast, godly sorrow results when we humble ourselves. The Holy Spirit helps us to take our eyes off ourselves and we begin to see just how our sin affects God, and also others. We don’t cry over how our sin affects us, but rather how it has affected others. Our motivation for wanting to change is not because I want to escape the consequences of what I did, but rather because I don’t want to hurt God or others anymore. This is true repentance, and it leads to life.

2 Corinthians 11:7 NKJV

For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.

This godly sorrow leads us to contemplate how the heart of the Father must have suffered as He poured out the wrath of God on His only begotten (unique) Son. Godly sorrow leads to a greater appreciation of what Jesus did on the cross—“He who is forgiven much loves much”. A greater appreciation leads to a greater love, which is the correct motivation for obedience.

Luke 7:47 NKJV

Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little.”

### **Summary for verses 6-7**

v 6 **And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart:** “God’s sorrow at man, and the grief in His heart, are striking. This does not mean that creation was out of control, nor does it mean that God hoped for something better but was unable to achieve it. God knew all along that this was how things would turn out, but our text tells us loud and clear that as God sees His plan for the ages unfold, it affects Him. God is not unfeeling in the face of human sin and rebellion.” (David Guzik)

## **3. Noah finds grace in the eyes of the LORD**

**Genesis 6:8 NKJV**

**But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.**

Please notice that Noah didn’t work for, earn, or deserve the grace that he willingly chose to receive from God: instead he **found** it (it was given to him as a gift). Every person comes to God the same way—they find grace. God’s Spirit convicts men of their sin, then they have the choice to humble themselves and ask for God’s forgiveness, and God will never say no. It’s amazing that only Noah and his family accepted God’s grace, the rest of the world refused it.

Romans 5:20b NKJV

But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more

Ephesians 2:8-9 NKJV

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,<sup>9</sup> not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Romans 5:15 NKJV

But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man’s offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many.

## **4. Righteous Noah walked with God**

**Genesis 6:9-10 NKJV**

**This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God.<sup>10</sup> And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.**

v 9 **This is the genealogy [history] of Noah:** We now come to the end of the next *toledot*. This is Noah “signing off” his eye witness account. Most likely, Shem will now pick up the pen, so to speak.

v 9 **Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God:** Notice that God is only referring to Noah. We have covered previously that Noah was a great man of faith, spoken of in both the Old and New Testaments as a hero of the faith. The account doesn't say anything about his sons or their wives. We can probably assume that they had some belief as they did choose to go onto the ark.

v 9 **A just man:** Noah was just, innocent, upright, and devout.

v 9 **Perfect in his generations:** Perfect here means "blameless". Noah lived a life that people couldn't easily criticise.

v 9 **Noah walked with God:** God says the same thing about Noah as He did about Enoch, who He took home early. If Noah pleased God and walked with God, then why did God allow Noah to *go through* the flood, instead of "Rapturing" Noah like He did Enoch? Probably because He was using this an illustration of end time events (as we discussed previously).

v 10 **And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth:** The entire human race is descended from Noah's three sons and their wives (there is strong genetic evidence for this in the mitochondrial DNA which is only passed on by the woman). It appears that Noah's wife was too old to have any more children after the flood.

## **5. Like in the days of Noah—A warning that the Rapture is very near**

Matthew 27:3 NKJV

Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be [the destruction of the temple]? And what will be the sign of Your coming [the rapture], and of the end of the age [the second coming]?"

Now in the following verses, Jesus explains what the conditions will be like immediately prior to the rapture, "the sign of Your coming".

Matthew 27:36-44 NKJV

"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. <sup>37</sup> **But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.** <sup>38</sup> **For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup> and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.** <sup>40</sup> Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. <sup>42</sup> Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup> But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. <sup>44</sup> Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Peter also gives more insight as to how things will be just before the rapture—men will be denying the flood (God's previous judgement), and also denying God's coming judgement. This is the consequence of indoctrinating students with the evolutionist religion.

2 Peter 3:3-6 NLT

Most importantly, I want to remind you that in the last days scoffers will come, mocking the truth and following their own desires. <sup>4</sup> They will say, "What happened to the promise that Jesus is coming again? From before the times of our ancestors, everything has remained the same since the world was first created."

<sup>5</sup> They deliberately forget that God made the heavens long ago by the word of his command, and he brought the earth out from the water and surrounded it with water.

<sup>6</sup> Then he used the water to destroy the ancient world with a mighty flood. <sup>7</sup> And by the same word, the present heavens and earth have been stored up for fire. They are being kept for the day of judgment, when ungodly people will be destroyed.

## **As it was in the days of Noah**

How are conditions in today's world similar to conditions in Noah's day before the flood?

- Exploding population (Genesis 6:1): We have seen that the population would have been in the billions in the years leading up to the flood. What about today? Do we see the same kind of population explosion? [worldometers.info](http://worldometers.info) gives some startling statistics from 1804 onwards.
  - It took about 4,200 years to go from only 8 people to 1 billion (~2,400 BC to 1804)
  - It took 126 years to go from 1 billion to 2 billion people (1804 - 1930)
  - It took 30 years to go from 2 billion to 3 billion people (1930 - 1960)
  - It took 14 years to go from 3 billion to 4 billion people (1960 - 1974)
  - It took 12 years to go from 4 billion to 5 billion people (1974 - 1986)
  - It took 12 years to go from 5 billion to 6 billion people (1986 - 1998)
  - It took 12 years to go from 6 billion to 7 billion people (1998 - 2010)
  - It took 12 years to go from 7 billion to 8 billion people (2010 - 2022)
- Sexual perversion (Genesis 6:2)
- Demonic activity (Genesis 6:2)
- Constant evil in the heart of man (Genesis 6:5)
- Widespread corruption and violence (Genesis 6:11)

I don't have to explain any more. Just look around you, and you will see that the world has lost its moral compass, it's going crazy, it's going nowhere fast. Truly, the world we live in is so much like it was in Noah's day. So what to do? *Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect (Matthew 27:44 NKJV).*

### **6. The ark as a picture of salvation**

God says to Noah in Genesis 7:1, "Come into the ark". Noah and his family then entered the ark. Genesis 7:16 then tells us that God shut the door. Everybody else who was outside the ark perished. Only those in the ark survived. Notice two things:

1. There was only one door, just as there is only one way to be saved, through Jesus. "Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14:6 NKJV)  
"I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture." (John 10:7 NKJV)
2. God still gives the invitation to enter into eternal life—"And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely". (Revelation 22:17 NKJV)

Remember that this world is also ripe for judgement—our generation is like the "days of Noah". The 7 year tribulation is just around the corner. During this time God will judge this evil world system. Then later, after Christ's 1,000 year rule on the earth, this whole world will be destroyed by fire. You can pretend that it will never happen, but that strategy didn't work so well for those living at the time of the flood—they all perished. We must choose to enter in, to receive God's salvation from sin, otherwise we will perish.

Matthew 7:13-14 NKJV

Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. <sup>14</sup> Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.