

WHO CAN BE SAVED FROM JUDGEMENT?
GENESIS CH7:1-24

ILLUSTRATION

1. God's favour is upon Noah - Gen Ch6:8
2. God deems Noah as righteous and blameless - Gen Ch6:9
3. Noah is a "herald of righteousness" - 2 Peter Ch2:5
4. It takes Noah roughly 100 years to build the Ark - Gen Ch5:32 + Ch7:6
5. There will be anything (and possibly more) from 35, 000 to 70, 000 creatures
6. They will voyage together for around 370 days!
7. The earth will be cleansed from its corruption and violence, but sin will continue!
8. God makes a covenant with Noah, a promise that cannot be broken - Gen Ch6:18

THE LORD'S FINAL WORD! V1-5

How well do we understand that God speaks through His written Word? Here we have the Lord, back to His intimate Redeeming name, compared to Ch6:9-22, speaking for the last time in v1 - 4, before His judgement is brought about through the flood! We see in v1 that the Lord sees Noah as "righteous" and as such he is allowed into the ark, along with his family, consisting of 7 other people, 8 in total!

Noah is instructed by the Lord in regard to how many pairs of clean and unclean creatures to take (Lev Ch11:1-47 + Deut Ch14:4-20), we will see when we reach chapter 9, why so many pairs of clean animals are required! And finally, we are told in 7 days the Lord will bring rain upon the earth for 40 days and 40 nights to blot out, completely erase, wipe out or end, "every living thing that " God had made!

V5 finishes with revealing that Noah did all that the Lord had commanded (also in v9 + 16), revealing that Noah did indeed walk with God and preached to his generation that was marked by corruption and violence.

THE LORD SHUTS THE DOOR! V6-16

There are certain situations, perhaps in certain relationships, where you need to repeat perhaps several times, important information, because either people are just not listening, or they just don't get it or something is needing to be emphasised because it is so important!

Chapter seven in Genesis is a little bit like this. The repetition is here, to emphasis the firstly, universality of the flood (Ch6:7, 12, 13; Ch7:4, 19, 21-23; Ch8:21; Ch9:11,19 + 2nd Peter Ch3:5-7) and secondly, the qualities needed to escape God's judgement (Ch6:8, 9; Ch7:1; Hebrews Ch11:7; 2 Peter Ch2:5 reveals that Noah was "a herald of righteousness", a preacher to his corrupt and violent generation, which was marked by its thirst for violence)!

We will see this repetition in v1-5, v6-10 and v11-16!

v1 Info on Noah	-	v6 Noah's age	-	v11 Noah age
v1b Noah's family	-	v7 Noah's family	-	v13 Noah's family
v2 Creatures	-	v8 Creatures	-	v14 Creatures

v4 Seven days	-	v10 Seven days	-	v13 Same day
v4 Forty days	-	v10 Came upon	-	v12 Forty days
v5 Commanded	-	v9 Commanded	-	v16 Commanded

Each time the repetition occurs, we see more detailed information being added each time!

“No doubt there were people who felt they had no warning and shook angry, incredulous fists at Heaven. But the judgement was not a divine whim. Peter reveals that 'God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared' (1st Peter Ch3:20). Noah had been warning mankind for over a century! Today, through the cross, Jesus has provided an ark of salvation from the coming judgement. He has warned explicitly of the coming judgement, and so have his apostles and prophets (Matt Ch24:36-44 + 2nd Peter). Only those who enter the ark through his redeeming blood will be saved. This has been the message in these last days – for more than 2000 years” (Cited in Kent Hughes, Genesis , page 139).

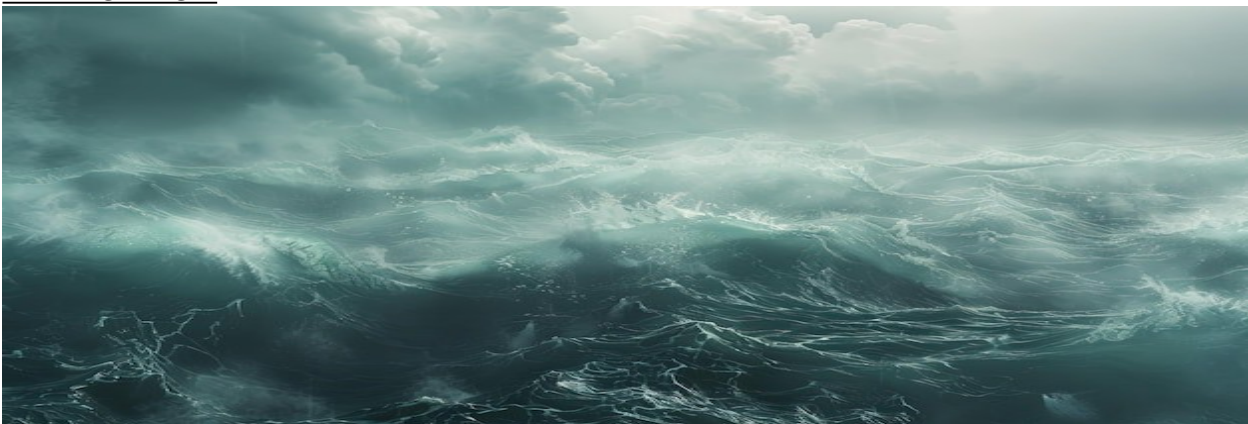
V16 – It is the Lord who shuts the door!

THE LORD'S FLOOD TRIUMPHS! 17-24

Look at how many times in these verses that the words “the waters prevailed” occur! 4 times in 8 verses! V18, v19, v20 + v24! Total destruction for everything that had the “breath of life v22” (Gen Ch2:7) in it, perished. Blotted out! Gone! Human beings souls return to God to do business with God and there people will face God's final divine judgement! ***“And the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it” (Ecclesiastes Ch12:7).***

V24 closes with an “awe inspiring” picture of the mighty works of God, as the waters triumph over the earth, taking it back to Genesis Ch1:2 “The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters”. We see water everywhere! But there is hope, the ark has saved mankind!

APPLICATION



How would you characterise our generation, thinking in terms of – righteous, blameless, corruption and violence?

How can “The Mission Church” seek to live “blameless lives” among our generation?