

Major Event: FLOOD

Lesson 1: The Flood

Scriptures: Genesis Chapters 6-8

Central Text: Gen. 6:5; 6:8-9

Suggested Subjects:

Mankind's continued rebellion, God's sorrow (6:7), God's Righteousness and Justice, Literal worldwide flood, God's right to Judge

Suggested attributes:

- 1 Of God: Righteousness and Justice (Holiness), Love (in merciful deliverance) Sovereignty, Omnipotence
- 2 Of Man: Total Depravity (6:5)

Suggested Home Study:

2 Pet. 3:1-13 (universality of flood and coming final judgment); Rev. 20:11-15 (GWT judgment), 2 Pet. 2:5 (Noah a preacher of righteousness had 120 years (Gen. 6:3) to witness demonstrating God's grace to sinners and His desire for all to be saved (2 Pet. 3:9)).

Notes: Review chapters 4 and 5- rebellion, murder and death. Note wickedness of humanity in 6:5. Compare to God's original evaluation of His creation as "very good" (1:31). Emphasize God's Holiness- He will not tolerate rebellion forever. Note God's patience in 6:3 even giving 120 years for Noah to preach (2 Pet 2:5) and sinful man to repent (2 Pet 3:9). Note God's sorrow at man's sinfulness (6:7). "Sons of God" is a title nearly always used to refer to angelic beings. It seems that angels left their proper role and cohabitated with human women (see 2 Pet. 2:4 and Jude 6). Note constantly used literal number markers for years, days and measurements. Note water prevailed 15 cubits over highest mountain (7:19,20). Literal worldwide flood is the only possible interpretation that remains faithful to the text. Note God's love in preserving the animals. Note God's precise instructions and Noah's complete obedience in building the ark (6:22, 7:5). Note God provided only one way of deliverance. Note God sealed the ark behind Noah (7:16) marking assurance of salvation for those aboard and end of mercy for the rest. Note God remembered Noah and animals (8:1) and provided a safe resting place for the ark (8:4).