

*Cultural, Historical, and Geographic Significance*



**Only evil all the time**

*Genesis 6*



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*Acts 17:11 (ESV)*

Now these (Berean) Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.

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### *Blessing for Torah Study*

Blessed are you, LORD God, King of the universe who sanctifies us and commanded us to immerse ourselves in the words of Torah. Sweeten the words of your Torah in our mouths. Blessed are you Lord, giver of the Torah. **אמן!**



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### *Lesson Summary*

God instructs Noah—the 10th from Adam and the only righteous man in a world consumed by violence and corruption—to build a large wooden ark, coated within and without with pitch.

God decrees that a great deluge will wipe out all life from the face of the earth; but the ark will float upon the water, sheltering Noah and his family, and two members (male and female) of each animal species (and 7 of the "pure" species).



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**Genesis 6:1-2**

When man began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them, the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose.

**References**

2 Peter 2:4 For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment;



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*For if God did not spare the angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell*



Charon ferrying souls to Tartarus, from Lucania in southern Italy, circa 4th century BC



2 Peter 2:4

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**Genesis 6:3**

Then the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years."

**References**

Galatians 5:14-17 For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.



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*But if you bite and devour one another, watch out lest you be consumed by one another*



Lion attacking a horse, Hellenistic period



Galatians 5:15

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*The flesh desires what is opposed to the Spirit, and the Spirit is opposed to the flesh*



Melee of soldiers and a horseman, from near Via Tiburtina, circa AD 180



Galatians 5:17

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### ***Genesis 6:4***

The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown.

### ***References***

Num 13:33 And there we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak, who come from the Nephilim), and we seemed to ourselves like grasshoppers, and so we seemed to them.”

Jude 6 And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day—



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*And there we saw the Nephilim!*



Kadesh Barnea (from the northeast)



Numbers 13:33


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Cows of Bashan with Mount Hermon



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<p><b><i>Genesis 6:5-6</i></b></p> <p>The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the LORD regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart.</p>	<p><b><i>References</i></b></p> <hr/> <p>Rom 3:23-24 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,</p> <p>Rom 7:18-19 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.</p> 
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<p><b><i>Genesis 6:7</i></b></p> <p>So the LORD said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them.”</p>	<p><b><i>References</i></b></p> <hr/> <p>Matt 24:37-39 For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.</p> 
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**Genesis 6:8-10**

But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD. These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God. And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

**References**

2 Peter 2:5 if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;

Lam 1:16 "For these things I weep; my eyes flow with tears; for a comforter is far from me..."

1 Jn 2:1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.



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*preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others*



Full-size model of Noah's Ark



2 Peter 2:5

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Noah walked with God.

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Genesis 6:9

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### ***Genesis 6:11-13***

Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

### ***References***

Luke 17:26 Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man.

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Eze 33:11 Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?



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***Genesis 6:14-16***

Make yourself an ark of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark 300 cubits, its breadth 50 cubits, and its height 30 cubits. Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above, and set the door of the ark in its side. Make it with lower, second, and third decks.

***References***

2 Pe 2:9 then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment,



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*the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials*



Full-size model of Noah's Ark



2 Peter 2:9

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**Genesis 6:17-18**

For behold, I will bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life under heaven. Everything that is on the earth shall die. But I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you.

**References**

Heb 11:7 By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

Mat 24:39 and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.



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**Genesis 6:19-22**

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. Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground, according to its kind, two of every sort shall come in to you to keep them alive. Also take with you every sort of food that is eaten, and store it up. It shall serve as food for you and for them.” Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.



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### ***Proverbs 15:8-10 – wicked vs righteous***

The sacrifice of the wicked (**Cain**) is an abomination to the LORD,

but the prayer of the upright (**Noah**) is acceptable to him.

The way of the wicked (**Cain**) is an abomination to the LORD,

but he loves him (**Noah**) who pursues righteousness.

There is severe discipline for him (**Cain**) who forsakes the way;

whoever hates reproof will die.



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