

Genesis 5:28–32 *When Lamech had lived 182 years, he fathered a son²⁹ and called his name Noah, saying, “Out of the ground that the LORD has cursed, this one shall bring us relief from our work and from the painful toil of our hands.”³⁰ Lamech lived after he fathered Noah 595 years and had other sons and daughters.³¹ Thus all the days of Lamech were 777 years, and he died.³² After Noah was 500 years old, Noah fathered Shem, Ham, and Japheth.*

And he died

The Greatness of God: Conceiving, Containing, Continuing
Genesis 6; 9:8-16

Conceiving

Genesis 6:1–5 *When man began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them,² the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose.*

Demonic possession or a godly line gone bad

More important than the detail of this episode is its indication that man is beyond self-help, whether the Seth-ites have betrayed their calling, or demonic powers have gained a stranglehold. Kidner, D. (1967). [Genesis: An Introduction and Commentary](#) (Vol. 1, p. 90)

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.”*

Shall abide (nuwd): stay, remain, dance.

Ezekiel 36:26 *And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.*

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.⁵ 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.*

Numbers 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.”*

Genesis 6:5 *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.*

Intention (yey-tser): purpose

Containing

Genesis 6:7 *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.”*

I will blot out (mā-hā): **destroy**, wipe out, blot out, i.e., pertaining to being no longer in existence, as an extension of washing impurities off an object.

Matthew 13:41–42 *The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers,⁴² and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*

Genesis 6:8 *But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.*

Favor (hēn): grace

Genesis 6:9–13 *These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God.¹⁰ And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.¹¹ Now the earth was corrupt in God’s sight, and the earth was filled with violence.¹² And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.¹³ 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.*

Righteous and blameless

Walked with God

Hebrews 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.*

Genesis 6:18–22 *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. ¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ 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. ²¹ 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.” ²² Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.*

I will establish (qum): to arise; to stand up

My covenant- berith

Isaiah 43:11 *I, I am the LORD, and besides me there is no savior.*

Revelation 7:9–10 *After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”*

Genesis 6:22 *Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.*

Continuing

Genesis 9:7 *And you, be fruitful and multiply, increase greatly on the earth and multiply in it.”*

[The same command was given to Adam and Eve.](#)

Genesis 9:8–16 *Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ “Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹² And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature*

*of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.
16 When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting
covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.”*

I have set my bow

*Revelation 4:2–3 At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven,
with one seated on the throne. 3 And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper
and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of
an emerald.*

*The Lord will one day take back up his bow if you will and come and enact justice
on the earth.*

*Matthew 24:36–39 “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the
angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. 37 For as were the days of Noah,
so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 38 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, 39 and they were unaware until the flood came and
swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.*

*2 Peter 2:4–9 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; 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; 6 if by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes he condemned
them to extinction, making them an example of what is going to happen to the
ungodly; 7 and if he rescued righteous Lot, greatly distressed by the sensual
conduct of the wicked 8 (for as that righteous man lived among them day after day,
he was tormenting his righteous soul over their lawless deeds that he saw and
heard); 9 then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the
unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment,*

Isaiah 54:9–10

*9 “This is like the days of Noah to me:
as I swore that the waters of Noah
should no more go over the earth,
so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you,*

and will not rebuke you.

¹⁰ *For the mountains may depart*

and the hills be removed,

but my steadfast love shall not depart from you,

and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,”

says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

The result of God's covenant is not that you won't die but that you will live.

John 11:25–26 *Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”*

Praise be to God Jesus is our ark.