

6:5-8

Then the LORD saw The “sons of god” **saw** (6:2), and the author wants you to draw the connection between what the “sons of god” **saw** and what the **LORD saw**. This connection is that God’s actions are related to the sin of the “sons of god.” Furthermore, verses 11 and 12 show that the corruption of the earth is related to the **evil of man**.

that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6 And the LORD was sorry He was happy with what He did (1:31) and now He has a sort of sorrow about day six of Creation week. God was emotionally involved with His correction of His Creation. God was equally affected when He saw Noah [6:8; 7:1 (same word “saw” is used in 7:1)].

that He had made man on the earth, and ⁱHe was grieved in His heart. 7 So the LORD said, “I will ^kdestroy 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.” 8 But Noah the historicity of this man is established in the previous chapter’s genealogy: If he is not historical neither are the others in chapter 5. Of course there are others who mention Noah as a historical figure (Isaiah 54:9; Ezekiel 14:14-20; Matthew 24:37; Hebrews 11:7; 1 Peter 3:20; 2 Peter 2:4-5). The motive for discrediting his historicity is so that one might discount Adam’s anti-type, Christ (see Paul’s discussion comparing the two in Romans 5 and 1 Corinthians 15).

found grace in the eyes of the LORD. It seems as though his dad thought **Noah** would be special (5:28). On the other hand, maybe everybody thought that (4:1). This phrase definitely means that while the world of mankind made God sorry; **Noah** made him happy (see 7:1 also). This sort of leads the reader to see **Noah** seeing the **LORD’s eyes**. After all, we recently read, in chapter 4, that Cain’s face was fallen. In other words, there was no face to face contact with God. Cain found no approval in God’s **eyes** while Noah did. **Noah** sees a kinder demeanor than did Cain and his children. It seems that this is the message of Moses.

6:9-10

This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, ⁶perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. As Enoch did.

It is worthy of note that **Noah** finds no ability, it seems, to **walk with God** if he did not first find grace in God’s eyes (6:8). **10 And Noah begot three sons: ^oShem, Ham, and Japheth.**

6:11-12

The earth also was corrupt ^pbefore God, and the earth was ^qfilled with violence. ¹² So God ^rlooked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for ^sall flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.

ⁱEph. 4:30

^kPs. 7:11

⁶blameless or *having integrity*

^oGen. 5:32

^p Deut. 31:29; Judg. 2:19; Rom. 2:13

^q Ezek. 8:17

^r Ps. 14:2; 53:2, 3

6:13-21

And God said to Noah, “The end of all flesh has come before Me, nobody reads this as it is and thinks, “I’ll bet this is a local flood in just the Mesopotamian Valley.” No, you have to assume that Moses meant something different than what he wrote or that his writings were corrupted. This view of local flood, then, is akin to “old earth” theory because if there is no universal flood, then you need another explanation for world-wide discovery of fossils. **for the earth is filled with violence** This may have had something to do with Cain (chapter 4) or with the *nephilim*. However, 9:6 tells us that God wanted this dealt with post-Flood with great expedience.

through them; and behold, I will destroy them these are found in the realm of the dead by Jesus during the time of His own death (1 Peter 3:19-20). **with the earth.** If this were nothing but a local Flood, it seems superfluous to spend years and years building an ark when they could have simply moved out of the region. Other questions like “why make a covenant with a bow (chapter 9) to “never again flood the earth” if we are simply talking about a regional flood?

14 Make yourself an ark since this is the same word used in the **ark** in which Moses was hidden,¹ we see that it is more of a box/container rather than a modern understanding of “boat.”² **of gopherwood; make ⁷rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. 15 And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits,** The most conservative **cubit** known from this time is about 18 inches.

its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. 16 You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; this is probably a **cubit** all the way around the **ark.** Perhaps this is the highest **cubit** all the way around. This was probably for both light and venting.

and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it with lower, second, and third decks. 17 And behold, I Myself am bringing ^xfloodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; these animals, then, have lungs. We don’t have to have any other type on the ark in our understanding. Genesis 2:18-19 show us that these animals came out of the ground just like mankind (2:7). What makes these animals different from mankind, then? They are not made in the image of God (1:26-27).

everything that is on the earth shall die. 18 But I will establish My covenant with you; 9:11 shows us this was a covenant with all the “living creatures” on the ark as well, and the substance of the **covenant** is that **. and you shall go into the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons’ wives with you.** 8 of them (2 Peter 2:5). **19 And of every living thing of all flesh you shall bring two of every sort into the ark,** these came of their own accord, it seems (verse 20). There is no need to assume that these animals had to come from furthest extents of the earth.

⁵ Ps. 14:1–3; Is. 28:8

¹the **ark** of the Covenant is a different word.

²Both Noah and Moses were saved by water [so is the believer...in a way (1 Peter 3:21)].

⁷Lit. *compartments* or *nests*

^x2 Pet. 3:6

Even dinosaurs. Job 22 speaks of the Flood as past. Therefore, those animals described in Job 38-41 were on **the ark** (assuming they had lungs, and it seems as though they did).

to keep *them* alive with you; they shall be male and female.²⁰ 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*^c will come to you to keep *them* alive.²¹ 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.”

6:22

Thus Noah did; according to all that^f God commanded him, according to chapter 7 as well. **so he did.** Depending on whether this is 120 years before the flood (see 6:3) Methuselah, Noah’s grandfather, was 859 years old.

7 Then the LORD said to Noah, “Come this word can mean “go” as well, but 8:16 has a word that can only mean “go” which means that here **come** is the correct translation. This means that God is in the **ark** with His people. **into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen *that you are* righteous before Me in this generation.**

^c Gen. 7:9, 15

^f [1 John 5:3]