

## Genesis 7 – God Preserves His People Through Judgment

### I. God Prepares His People For The Coming Judgment (1-10)

#### A. God's "Seed" is Instructed For Deliverance (1-3)

##### 1. God "Sees" Noah's Righteousness (1)

###### a. Noah is Commanded to Enter the Ark

- i. Obviously this jumps to after the ark is finished
  - Moses gives us no word as to how Noah went about the task of building the ark
  - The story isn't about Noah's ingenuity or even Noah's progress in building the ark. The story is about Noah's faith in God and the obedience of that faith
  - The Focus of the Text is the picture of God's salvation through Judgment and the protection of the promised "seed"
- ii. God commands Noah to enter the ark and God will command Noah to leave the ark (8:16) – God's word comes at the proper time

###### b. Noah's Righteousness is Seen By God

- i. God "sees" Noah's righteousness is shown in opposition to God "seeing" that the whole world was filled with violence (see 6:5 & 6:12)
- ii. Where did Noah's righteousness come from? Noah found Grace (favor) in the eyes of God – notice that no works of Noah are cited
- iii. Noah's family is brought in the ark because God saw the "righteousness" of Noah

##### 2. Noah is God's Instrument to Save Creation (2-3)

###### a. Noah Commanded to Take Seven Pairs of Unclean Animals (2a)

- i. This doesn't contradict God's earlier statement about Noah bringing pairs into the ark. It is simply more specific instructions now that the time has arrived
- ii. Seven pairs of clean animals are necessary for sacrifices that will be made to God after the flood (perhaps for Noah and family to eat?)

###### b. Noah Commanded to Take One Pair of Clean Animals (2b)

- i. One pair of every animal is taken to continue the growth of creation after the flood

###### c. Noah Will Take The Animals To Keep Them Alive (3)

- i. God shows grace to the creation, both clean and unclean animals will be preserved

- ii. Noah's task in taking the animals is to keep them alive through the judgment that is coming
- B. God's "Seed" Obeys God's Trustworthy Command (4-10)
  - 1. God Decrees the Judgment in Seven Days (4)
    - a. God warns Noah that the judgment will fall on the earth in seven days
    - b. In exactly seven days, there will be no escape from the devastating judgment of God (Except through the ark)
    - c. Notice that God does not shrink from the responsibility for the flood – He will bring the waters and he will destroy it all.
      - i. God's holiness and righteousness is non-negotiable
      - ii. God will be just in his judgments. No person receives injustice from God. All deserve punishment.
    - d. 40 Days is often a period of testing or judgment in the Bible.
      - i. Moses remained on the mountain for 40 days as the people sinned at the golden calf
      - ii. The spies of Joshua spent 40 days in the land before returning and causing the people to doubt
      - iii. After sinning the people spent 40 years wandering in the wilderness
      - iv. Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness being tempted by Satan
  - 2. Noah Enters The Ark in Faith (5-10)
    - a. Noah Faithfully Obeys God (5)
      - i. Noah obeys God. When God says get in the ark, Noah does as he is told because he trusts that God's word is true
    - b. Noah is 600 Years Old When He Enters the Ark (6)
      - i. This means that at least one (possibly all three) of Noah's sons was 100 years old at this time (See 5:32)
    - c. Noah and All Those Commanded Enter the Ark (7-9)
      - i. Noah went in
      - ii. Noah's family went in
      - iii. All the animals went into the ark
        - God brought the animals to Adam to name
        - God now brings the animals to Noah to preserve
  - 3. God Brings the Rains in Seven Days (10)
    - a. God's word remains faithful
      - i. The rains begin exactly when he said they would

- ii. Noah and the animals are shut in before the rain begins (See vv. 13-16)

## II. God Secures his People As Judgment Begins (11-16)

### A. The Date of God's Judgment (11a)

- 1. The rains begin in Noah's 600<sup>th</sup> year, in the second month, on the seventeenth day.
- 2. This is important and specific – we will also be told when Noah leaves the ark

### B. The Judgment Begins to Burst Forth (11b-12)

- 1. The Subterranean Deeps Open (11b)
  - a. The waters from beneath burst open and springs from under the earth begin to pour water forth.
  - b. The flood didn't just come from rain, water came from under the earth as well
- 2. The Waters Also Fall From Heaven
- 3. The Rain Continues 40 Days and 40 Nights (12)
  - a. Notice the "de-creation" language
  - b. In the beginning God separated the waters from below from the water from above – here they are coming back together to form another watery grave from which a new creation will spring.

### C. The Lord Seals His People In The Ark (13-16)

- 1. Noah's Family Enter the Ark (13)
- 2. The Animals Enter the Ark With Noah (14-16a)
- 3. The Lord Closes the Door of The Ark (16b)
  - a. The Lord closes the door on the day that they entered the ark
  - b. Did they wait inside for the seven days before the rain started?
  - c. It is God who seals his remnant into the protection from judgment
  - d. The sealing of God results in either salvation (for those inside his protection) or condemnation (for those sealed outside)
- 4. Imagine the cries of the people outside the ark when the rains began

## III. God Preserves His People Through Judgment (17-24)

### A. The Ark Alone is Delivered From the Water (17-20)

- 1. The Ark Rises Above The Waters (17-18)
  - a. Notice that the ark is not navigated. There is no rudder or sails
  - b. Noah is not driving the ark. He is trusting God to carry the ark according to his will.
  - c. A million things could go wrong (the ark might leak, may break apart, the animals may die, etc.) Noah is simply trusting that God is in control

2. The Waters Cover the Entire Earth (19-20)
  - a. The Waters Cover the High Mountains (19)
  - b. The Waters Rise 20 Feet Above the Mountain Peaks (20)
- B. God's People Alone Survive the Judgment (21-24)
  1. The Waters Destroy All Life on Earth (21-23a)
    - a. All Living Things on Earth Died (21-22)
      - i. Millions of animals and people die in the flood
      - ii. God has brought justice to the wickedness of creation
    - b. God Wipes The Earth Clean of Corruption (23a)
  2. Only God's "Seed" Survives the Judgment (23b)
    - a. Only Noah and those associated with him survived.
    - b. Only those who partake in God's exclusive salvation are delivered from the judgment
    - c. This is a representative picture and a type of the salvation that mankind has in Christ.
  3. The Earth Remains Flooded For 150 Days (24)