

Bible Study 9: Noah's Ark

GENESIS 6-9



Think it through. Noah's ark is one of the favourite stories for kids' Bibles. Why do you think so? (Perhaps bring some in to read. What do you think about how they tell the story?)

Read Genesis 6

1. What do we learn about the state of the world before the flood? How far had wickedness and sin spread?
2. What do we learn about the mind of God in his plan to judge to the people? Is God the same now?
3. What do we learn about God's plan of salvation? What features stand out to you?

Read Genesis 7:1-8:14

4. What is the scariest part of this story?
5. What are the most comforting parts of the story?
6. Which details are highlighted in the telling of the story and which are passed over?

Read Genesis 8:15-9:17

7. What important things happen when they exit the ark?

8. What do we learn about God? Are there promises held out for us?

9. What do we learn about humanity?

10. What patterns are emerging that you have already seen in the opening chapters of Genesis?

Read 2 Peter 3:1-13

11. How is the story of Noah's ark used here?

12. What do we as Christians need to learn know about

a. God's judgment

b. God's salvation

c. the future home

d. scoffers

e. the different lives we must live

13. From everything you have read today, what is one thing that you need to change in you thinking and/or behaviour?

Bible Study 10: The Tower

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Think it through. If there was ONE AND ONLY ONE powerful world-government, what would be the possibilities and what would be the dangers?

Read Genesis 11:1-9

1. Try and tell the story (to each other) in your own words.
2. In telling the story, what are the most important details to 'get right'? What questions are raised?
3. Noah and his sons were good builders; and his descendants apparently were too. What are the differences between Noah's building of the Ark and humanity's building the city and tower of Babylon?
4. There are at least four directions this story is taken in the rest of the Bible. What do you learn from what you know already and the following verses?

i "Let us make **a name** for ourselves" (11:4) - Read Genesis 12:1-4¹

ii. "Therefore its name is called **Babylon**" (11:9) - Read Jeremiah 51:6-13²

¹ The story of Abram should be read as God's gracious response to the horrors of the tower of Babylon.

² At this stage, people of Judah were literally held captive in Babylon, the symbol of world empire, the city of mankind as opposed to the city of God.

iii. “the LORD **confused the language** of the whole earth” (11:9) - Acts 2:1-11³

iv. “the LORD **scattered** them over the face of the whole earth” (11:9) - Isaiah 40:9-11⁴

5. Can you think how these four different directions actually come together in God’s plan in the gospel?

6. How is the world in danger of the sin of the tower of Babylon? What part do you play in this? What do you need to change?

7. How can you be more a part of God’s solution?

8. Pray

³ This is after Jesus died, rose and ascended. The international church begun on the day of Pentecost.

⁴ Written 700 years before Christ, this predicts his coming to his people.

Jeremiah 51:6-13

⁷ Leave Babylon;
save your lives, each of you!
Don't perish because of her guilt.
For this is the time of the LORD's vengeance
He will pay her what she deserves.
⁷ Babylon was a gold cup in the LORD's hand,
making the whole earth drunk.
The nations drank her wine;
therefore, the nations go mad.
⁸ Suddenly Babylon fell and was shattered.
Wail for her;
get balm for her wound—
perhaps she can be healed.

⁹ We tried to heal Babylon,
but she could not be healed.
Abandon her!
Let each of us go to his own land,
for her judgment extends to the sky
and reaches as far as the clouds.

¹⁰ The LORD has brought about our
vindication;
come, let's tell in Zion
what the LORD our God has accomplished.

¹¹ Sharpen the arrows!
Fill the quivers!
The LORD has put it into the mind
of the kings of the Medes
because His plan is aimed at Babylon
to destroy her,
for it is the LORD's vengeance,
vengeance for His temple.
¹² Raise up a signal flag
against the walls of Babylon;
fortify the watch post;
set the watchmen in place;
prepare the ambush.
For the LORD has both planned and
accomplished
what He has threatened
against those who live in Babylon.
¹³ You who reside by many waters,
rich in treasures,
your end has come,
your life thread is cut.

Acts 2:1-11

¹ When the day of Pentecost had arrived, they
were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a
sound like that of a violent rushing wind came
from heaven, and it filled the whole house
where they were staying. ³ And tongues, like
flames of fire that were divided, appeared to
them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ Then
they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and
began to speak in different languages, as the
Spirit gave them ability for speech.

⁵ There were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout
men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When
this sound occurred, a crowd came together
and was confused because each one heard
them speaking in his own language. ⁷ And they
were astounded and amazed, saying, "Look,
aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸
How is it that each of us can hear in our own
native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites;
those who live in Mesopotamia, in Judea and
Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and
Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near
Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and
proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—we hear
them speaking the magnificent acts of God in
our own languages."

Isaiah 40:9-11

⁹ Zion, herald of good news,
go up on a high mountain.
Jerusalem, herald of good news,
raise your voice loudly.
Raise it, do not be afraid!
Say to the cities of Judah,
"Here is your God!"
¹⁰ See, the Lord GOD comes with strength,
and His power establishes His rule.
His reward is with Him,
and His gifts accompany Him.
¹¹ He protects His flock like a shepherd;
He gathers the lambs in His arms
and carries them in the fold of His garment.
He gently leads those that are nursing.