

The Promise, God's Everlasting Covenant

Lesson 3: "All Future Generations"

This Week's Study: Gen. 3:6; Gen. 6:5, 11; Gen. 6:18; Gen. 9:12–17; Isa. 4:3; Rev. 12:17.

Memory Verse

Genesis 6:8 *But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.*

The Sin Principle (Gen. 6:5)

Genesis 3:6 (NKJV) *So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.* **Sin Spreads**

Genesis 3:10 (NKJV) *So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."* **Causes shame,**

Genesis 3:11–13 (NKJV) *And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?"* ¹² *Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate."* ¹³ *And the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"* The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." **Causes Blame**

Genesis 4:5 (NKJV) *but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.* **Pride & Anger**

Genesis 4:19 (NKJV) *Then Lamech took for himself two wives: the name of one was Adah, and the name of the second was Zillah.* **Polygamy**

Genesis 6:1–2 (NKJV) *Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them,* ² *that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.* **Compromise**

Genesis 6:3–7 (NKJV) *And the Lord said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."* ⁴ *There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.* ⁵ *Then the Lord saw 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 that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.* ⁷ *So the Lord said, "I will destroy 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."* **Corruption**

The Man Noah (Gen. 6:9)

Genesis 6:8–10 (NKJV) ⁸ *But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.*

1. He was "a righteous man" 2. Was "blameless" 3. "Walked with God." **2 Peter 2:5** (NKJV) *and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;*

Matthew 24:37–39 (NKJV) *But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.* ³⁸ *For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark,* ³⁹ *and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.*

Covenant with Noah

Genesis 6:8 (NKJV) *But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.*

Genesis 6:17–18 (NKJV) *And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die.* ¹⁸ *But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you.*

(The covenant was because of grace but displayed by action)

Genesis 6:19–21 *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 after their kind, of animals after their kind, and of every creeping thing of the earth after its kind, two of every kind 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."* **God's grace kept Noah from the wrath of man, of beast, and storm.**

- God's covenant with Noah is not for Jews alone but every human because we are all related to Noah.

Sign of the Rainbow

Genesis 9:12–17 (NKJV) *And God said: "This is the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: ¹³ I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. ¹⁴ It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud; ¹⁵ and I will remember My covenant which is between Me and*

you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷ And God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

- A rainbow is caused by sunlight and atmospheric conditions. Light enters a water droplet, slowing down and bending as it goes from air to denser water. The light reflects off the inside of the droplet, separating into its prism component wavelengths—creating a spectrum of colors.
Ezekiel 1:26–28 (NKJV) *And above the firmament over their heads was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like a sapphire stone; on the likeness of the throne was a likeness with the appearance of a man high above it. ²⁷ Also from the appearance of His waist and upward I saw, as it were, the color of amber with the appearance of fire all around within it; and from the appearance of His waist and downward I saw, as it were, the appearance of fire with brightness all around. ²⁸ Like the appearance of a rainbow in a cloud on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the brightness all around it. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. So when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard a voice of One speaking.*
- **Several Christian groups have said the rainbow symbol from God to Noah has been hijacked by militant homosexuals and they want to reclaim this symbol of God’s grace and mercy to humanity.**
Revelation 4:3 (NKJV) *And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.*

Gilgamesh Myth

The Sumerian hero Gilgamesh traveled the world in search of a way to cheat death. On one of his journeys, he came across an old man, Utnapishtim, who told Gilgamesh a story from centuries past. The gods brought a flood that swallowed the earth.

The gods were angry at mankind so they sent a flood to destroy him. The god Ea, warned Utnapishtim and instructed him to build an enormous boat to save himself, his family, and "the seed of all living things." He does so, and the gods brought rain which caused the water to rise for many days. When the rains subsided, the boat landed on a mountain, and Utnapishtim set loose first a dove, then a swallow, and finally a raven, which found land. The god Ishtar, created the rainbow and placed it in the sky, as a reminder to the gods and a pledge to mankind that there would be no more floods.

“Only Noah Was Left”

Genesis 7:23 (NKJV) *So He destroyed all living things which were on the face of the ground: both man and cattle, creeping thing and bird of the air. They were destroyed from the earth. Only Noah and those who were with him in the ark remained alive.*

Noah Webster’s dictionary. **REM’NANT**, *noun* [contracted from remnant.] **1.** Residue; that which is left after the separation, removal or destruction of a part. The *remnant* that are left of the captivity. Neh1:3.

1. Something left over; a remainder.
2. A leftover piece of fabric remaining after the rest has been used.
3. A surviving trace or vestige.
4. Often remnants A small surviving group of people.

Scientists have thought of taking some DNA from a frozen mastodon and trying to breed a new one from elephants. Remnant. 85 times in the Bible.

Abraham - Follow By Faith

Hebrews 11:8 *By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.*

Joseph

Genesis 45:7 *So God sent me before you to preserve you a remnant in the earth, and to save you alive by a great deliverance.*

Joash - Grow in knowledge and stature in the house of God

2 Kings 11:1-3 *And when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal. But Jehosheba, the daughter of king Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons which were slain; and they hid him, even him and his nurse, in the bedchamber from Athaliah, so that he was not slain. **So he was hidden with her in the house of the LORD** for six years, while Athaliah reigned over the land.*

Viable 3400-year-old bean from the tomb of Tutankhamen sprouted.

From all Backgrounds

Jeremiah 23:3 *“But I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries where I have driven them, and bring them back to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase.*

Revelation 18:4 (NKJV) *And I heard another voice from heaven saying, “Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.*