

The Gospel In The Flood

- I. The Flood Foreshadows The Gospel Because God Will Once Again Judge the World For Sin
- II. The Flood Foreshadows The Gospel Because God Will Once Again Redeem Through 1 Man

Motif: *A distinctive feature or dominant idea in an artistic or literary composition. A theme.*
We employ the idea of motifs in architecture all the time.
A house might have a repeating shape, design, or motif that shows up periodically.
Nordine Residence horizontality. Windows, roof shapes, fireplace, trim details, etc.

The Flood Reveals a Motif or Theme That Sin Requires God's Judgment
The Flood Also Reveals That God Provides Salvation

Both of These Motifs Are Repeated Throughout Scripture & We'll See The Parallels to the Gospel

I. The Flood Foreshadows The Gospel Because God Will Once Again Judge the World For Sin

- Read 6:5-7:24 (Excluding Ark Details)

A. 5 Aspects of God's Judgment When We Read the Flood

1. Sin Clearly Affects the Whole Earth & God's Judgment Includes the Whole Earth

- **"Earth"** is mentioned 24 times in 42 verses
- God clearly revealing this judgment is about the entire earth
- Sin of mankind has infected and permeated all of creation
- We also get a sense of gravitas and weight of the affects of sin.

Illustration: Read Exodus 12:1-6, 14-20

Vs.6 *"you must care for this lamb & ensure its condition"*

Leaven = Sin throughout scripture. Little bit of leaven affects the whole mass

2. God's Omniscience Revealed (Vs.5)

- *"The Lord saw that every intent of the thoughts of the heart was only evil"*
- Only God can know our hearts.
 - **Jer. 17:10** *"I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings."*
 - **I Chron. 28:9** *"As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a whole heart and a willing mind; for the Lord searches all hearts, and understands every intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will let you find Him; but if you forsake Him, He will reject you forever."*
 - **Rev. 2:23** *"...all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds."*
- This wasn't a surprise to God and man's depravity did not sneak up on God.
- The current condition of the world and mankind has not snuck up on God.

3. Total Depravity of Mankind (Vs. 5, 11-13)

- **Vs. 5** *"every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually"*
- **Vs. 11** *"Earth was corrupt and filled with violence."*
- **Vs. 12** *"all flesh had corrupted their way."*
- **Vs. 13** *"....earth is filled with violence because of them."*
- Every thought and motivation of mankind is evil.
- **Titus 3:3** *"For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another."*

- **Romans 1** *"Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. 29 They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, 30 slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; 31 they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy. 32 Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them."*

4. God's Sovereignty & Forbearance Revealed (Vs. 6-7, 13)

- *"The Lord was sorry that He had made man on the Earth.....I will blot out man whom I have created...."*
- We get a glimpse into the heart of God. Man's heart is full of evil, God's heart grieved.
- God expresses a sorrow over the sinful condition of mankind. Sad that we chose sin.
 - He is not implying that He made a mistake. God is perfect.
 - He IS however lamenting over what He knows must happen - judgment.
 - Our children often cause us grief. It doesn't mean we prefer to never have them.

Illustration: Bert Jewish tour guide. *"Jesus wept."*

- **Vs. 13** *"The end of all flesh has come before Me...I am about to destroy them with the Earth"*
- God is slow in his judgment not wanting that any should perish.
- God's judgment is just and right. But He does not take joy in condemnation.

5. God's Judgment Will Be Swift & Thorough (Vs. 7:4-12, 21-22)

- **Vs. 10** *"It came about after the 7 days that the water of the flood came upon the earth."*
- **Vs. 11** *"...all the fountains of the great deep burst open, and the floodgates of the sky were opened."*
- **Mat. 24:43** *"But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into."*
- **1 Thes. 5:2** *"For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief."*
- **Read Luke 17:26-30**

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- **Romans 8:19-25.** All of creation eagerly awaits when God will restore everything again.

II. The Flood Foreshadows The Gospel When God Will Redeem the World Through 1 Man

A. Noah Was a Type of Christ

- Abraham, Moses, Kinsman Redeemer from Ruth, David
- At various points God worked through these men in ways that foreshadow or resemble Jesus.

1. Like Jesus, He Was Blameless Among His Generation (6:8-9)

- Noah was not THE Messiah. He was not THE PROMISED SON of God
- By contrast to the rest of humanity, Noah tried to honor God in all he did.
- Noah was not perfect or sinless.
- Noah lived among a perverse generation. Sin was rampant and unbridled.
- Noah obeyed God
 - **6:22** *"Noah did according to all that God had commanded him. So he did."*
 - **7:5** *"And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him."*
 - **7:16** *"The animals entered the ark just as God had commanded him."*
- **Phil. 2:8** *"Jesus was obedient even to the point of death on the cross."*

2. Like Jesus, He Was a Preacher of Righteousness (Heb. 11:6-7)

- We know that his message was not accepted because only his family boarded the ark
- Hebrews tells us His Faithfulness Brought About Condemnation of the World
- **John 3:17-21**
 - Jesus did not come to condemn but to save.
 - However, rejecting Jesus will result in a person's own condemnation
 - Noah's faithfulness to build the ark and preach righteousness ultimately resulted in condemnation for those who rejected his message.

Illustration: NCRS: This is the standard. To whatever degree we miss the mark is on us. This is what represents perfection. Anything less is on us.

3. Like Jesus, God Established His Covenant With Noah (7:18-19)

- God reveals that He is establishing His covenant with Noah.
- God will preserve Noah & his family, and never flood the Earth again.
- **Abrahamic Covenant:** God would make Abraham into a great nation with a promised land.
- **Davidic Covenant:** God would bring the Messiah through David's lineage.
- **New Covenant:** God will shed His blood for us if we only believe in the name of His Son.

B. Like Jesus, The Ark Was A Vessel of Salvation (Heb. 11:7)

Read 7:21-23

- *"...all in whose nostrils was the breath of life died."*
- **Vs. 23** *"...thus He blotted out every living thing"*
Literal Translation = All Existence
- Every living thing in the world except for the passengers on the Ark were destroyed.

The Invitation Was Available to All Who Would be Willing to Board

- God gave Noah 120 years to build the Ark
- God gave mankind 120 years to repent, or believe what Noah preached.
- **7:1-4** *"Then the Lord said to Noah, Enter the Ark....its going to start in 7 days...."*
 - God told Noah when to get in and warned that the waters would be coming.
 - This means people had more than enough opportunities.

God Sent the Rain, & God Closed the Door

- **Vs. 7:16** *"...and the Lord closed it behind him."*
- Likewise God seals our salvation in Christ Jesus
- Like the Ark, Jesus is the ONLY means of salvation for mankind.

Summary:

The Flood Foreshadows the Gospel Because God Will Once Again Judge the World

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God Will Once Again Redeem Mankind Through 1 Man- Jesus Christ

II Peter 3:10-14b

Rev. 21:1-5