

Begin Again!

A Study of the Book of Genesis – Part 12

“On February 17, 2348 BC, it began to Rain!”

Genesis 7 (NKJV)

Genesis 7:11 (NKJV)

11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.

Jeremiah 10:10 (NKJV)

10 But the Lord *is* the true God; He *is* the living God and the everlasting King. At His wrath the earth will tremble, And the nations will not be able to endure His indignation.

Nahum 1:2 (NKJV) 2 God *is* jealous, and the Lord avenges; The Lord avenges and *is* furious. The Lord will take vengeance on His adversaries, And He reserves *wrath* for His enemies;

1. The Patience of God that was Exhausted!

Exodus 34:6 (NKJV) 6 And the Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth,

Numbers 14:18 (NKJV) 18 "The Lord is longsuffering and abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He by no means clears *the guilty*, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth *generation*."

Psalms 86:15 (NKJV) 15 But You, O Lord, *are* a God full of compassion, and gracious, Longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth.

A. We see that God's Patience is Long.

Genesis 7:4 (NKJV)

Hebrews 11:7 (NKJV) 7 By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

2 Peter 2:5 (NKJV) 5 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;

1 Peter 3:20 (NKJV)

20 who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while *the ark* was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.

2 Peter 3:9 (NKJV) 9 The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

Genesis 7:4 (NKJV) 4 For after seven more days I will cause it to rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and I will destroy from the face of the earth all living things that I have made."

B. We see that God's Patience is Limited.

Genesis 6:3 (NKJV)

3 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."

2. The Wrath of God that was Exhibited! Genesis 7:10-12 (NKJV)

10 And it came to pass after seven days that the waters of the flood were on the earth.

11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. 12 And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights.

A. The Opening of the Windows of Heaven. Genesis 7:11, 17-20 (NKJV)

Genesis 1:6-7 (NKJV) 6 Then God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." 7 Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which *were* above the firmament; and it was so.

Genesis 2:6 (NKJV) 6 but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground.

Genesis 7:17-20 (NKJV) 17 Now the flood was on the earth forty days. The waters increased and lifted up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. 18 The waters prevailed and greatly increased on the earth, and the ark moved about on the surface of the waters. 19 And the waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth, and all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered. 20 The waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were covered.

B. The Occurring of the Wrath of Heaven. Genesis 7:21-24 (NKJV)

21 And all flesh died that moved on the earth: birds and cattle and beasts and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every man. 22 All in whose nostrils *was* the breath of the spirit of life, all that *was* on the dry *land*, died. 23 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*. 24 And the waters prevailed on the earth one hundred and fifty days.

Nahum 1:6 (NKJV) 6 Who can stand before His indignation? And who can endure the fierceness of His anger? His fury is poured out like fire, And the rocks are thrown down by Him.

3. The Grace of God that was Experienced! Genesis 6:8 (NKJV)

8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

A. Noah Experienced the Saving Grace of God. Genesis 7:1 (NKJV)

1 Then the Lord said to Noah, "Come into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen *that you are* righteous before Me in this generation.

Genesis 6:9 (NKJV) 9 This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God.

B. He Experienced the Sheltering Grace of God. Genesis 7:23 (NKJV)

23 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*.