

**“ALL  
FUTURE  
GENERATIONS”**

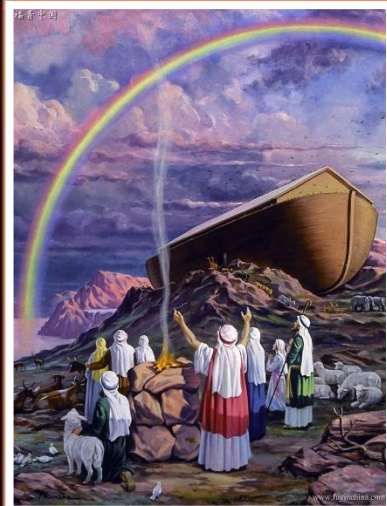
Lesson 3 for April 17, 2021



Humanity progressively went to rack and ruin after sin entered our world.

Most humans decided to devote themselves entirely to sin, although a minority (a remnant) chose to obey and praise God.

God intervened in a drastic way when evil topped out. But He found a way to give us a second chance in His grace.

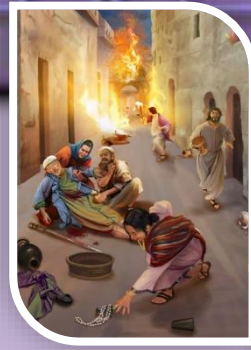
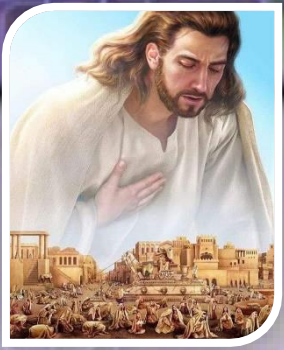


- The antediluvian world:
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# ONLY EVIL THOUGHTS

**"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." (Genesis 6:5)**

**After sin entered Earth, humans quickly went from being "very good" to being "corrupted."**



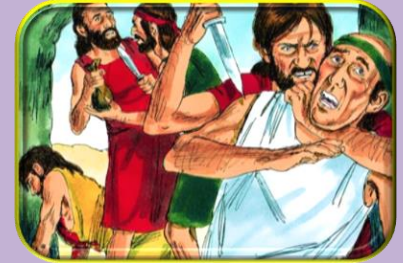
**1<sup>st</sup> generation  
Genesis 3:11-13**



**2<sup>nd</sup> generation  
Genesis 4:8**



**7<sup>th</sup> generation  
Genesis 4:23**



**8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> gen.  
Genesis 6:2, 11**

**Fearing God, mistrust,  
self-justification**

**Murder, open  
rebellion against  
God**

**Polygamy, lack  
of respect for  
human life**

**God's servants mingle with  
sinners, unlimited violence**

# NOAH: A JUST MAN

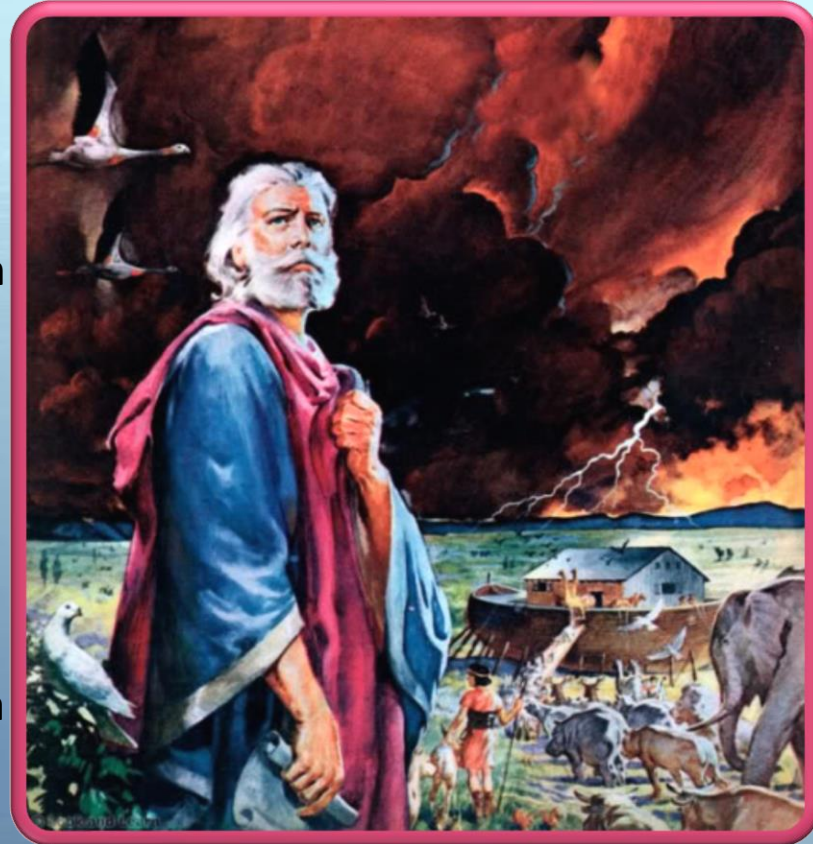
**"Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God."** (Genesis 6:9)

**Sin leads to ruin and death. That's why God hates sin. He wants to eradicate it, but He also wants to save the sinners. That's what the Covenant is about.**

**When God assessed the situation of the world, He observed that most humans had reached such a high level of wickedness and rebellion that they were no longer hearing the voice of the Holy Spirit.**

**However, all was not lost. There were still some people who were listening to God and serving Him. Noah was one of them. He was a just and perfect person before God.**

**Nevertheless, his justice was not enough to save him from God's sentence. God established His covenant with Noah *by grace* (Genesis 6:8).**



**“It was through Noah’s consistent faith and works combined that condemned the world. He not only preached the present truth appropriate for that time, but he acted every sermon. Had he never lifted his voice in warning, his works, his holy character among the corrupt and ungodly would have been condemning sermons to the unbelieving and dissolute of that age. He bore himself with a Christlike patience and meekness under the provoking insults, taunts, and mockery. His voice was often heard in prayer to God for His power and help that he might do all the commandments of God. This was a condemning power to the unbelieving.”**

E.G.W. (This Day With God, August 14)

# A COVENANT WITH NOAH

*"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." (Genesis 6:18)*

**God helped Noah like someone throws a life preserver to a shipwrecked sailor. He made a covenant with him: if you obey me, build an ark, and enter it, then I'll save you and your family.**

**This is pure grace. It was God's initiative to save Noah ("my" covenant) although he had done nothing to deserve it. God didn't benefit from that covenant. However, Noah would have lost everything if he had broken it.**

**God longs to see those shipwrecked by sin being saved. Therefore He offers us His Covenant, so we can enter the ark of salvation. An ark in the shape of a cross.**



# A COVENANT WITH ALL LIVING BEINGS

*"I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth." (Genesis 9:13)*

**Humans must accept some conditions in order to be a part of the Eternal Covenant. We must willingly accept God's covenant.**

**However, God's covenant with "every living creature" in Genesis 9:12 is different. This covenant goes beyond humanity, it covers all animate beings. There are no conditions to become part of this covenant. God just promised to never send a Flood again.**

**God announced this promise on a large scale. He used rain (a new phenomenon for Noah and his family) and light refraction to draw beautiful colorful arches.**

**This is a unique and unbreakable covenant. Its sign will last as long as Earth does.**



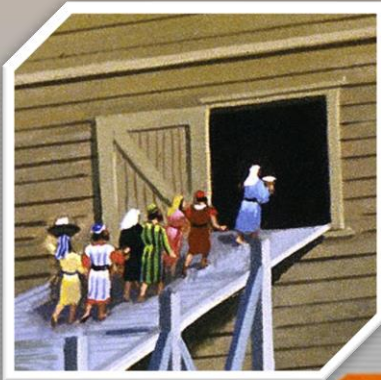
# THE REMNANT

“He destroyed all living things which were on the face of the ground [...] Only Noah and those who were with him in the ark remained alive.” (Genesis 7:23)



The verb “to remain” is closely related to the concept of “remnant” (something that is left) [e.g. see Ezra 9:8, Isaiah 4:3, Jeremiah 42:2, Ezekiel 14:22; Zechariah 9:7; Romans 11:5].

God judged the antediluvian world and condemned them to destruction for their wickedness. But He made a covenant with the remnant, with those willing to accept God and His “preacher of righteousness” (2P. 2:5).



God is judging the world again. His Covenant is still available to all willing to accept it. There is still a “little flock”, a faithful remnant. They are not better than others, they just love God and accept His grace. Are you part of this remnant?





**“Once again, before the great destruction of the world by fire, there is granted a period of test and trial. Men are given opportunity to show whether or not they will be loyal to God [...]**

**As God’s witnesses, we have a message to bear to all the world. The Lord has many children who have never heard the truth for this time. God’s servants must give them the final warning.”**

E.G.W. (The Upward Look, March 15)