

As we have read through the Book of Genesis, we've watched a tragic spiral unfold. In Genesis chapter three, we saw the entrance of sin through the Fall. In Genesis chapter four, we saw that sin bear its violent fruit as Cain murdered his brother Abel. Then in Genesis chapter five, we walked through the somber genealogy of Adam, hearing that heavy refrain ringing out like a funeral bell: "and he died... and he died."

Now, as we step into Genesis chapter six, we come to a critical turning point in human history—a time when the world had become so thoroughly saturated with rebellion that the Creator Himself determined to intervene and bring a holy reset to the earth.

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In Genesis chapter six, we are going to look closely at three major themes that emerge from this passage:

First, we will examine The Corruption of the Earth and the Heart of God, looking at the deep spiritual darkness that covered the world, how God shortened man's lifespan, and what the Scriptures mean when they describe the grief in the Lord's heart over human sin.

Second, we will behold The Evidence of the Flood and the Faith of Noah, examining the physical and historical realities of this global event—from the testimony of the earth to the precise naval design of the Ark—and learning what it looks like to walk by faith and build a testimony of obedience against the prevailing culture of our day.

Finally, we will look at The Door of the Ark and the Gracious Way Out, seeing how that single door in the side of Noah's boat points directly to Jesus Christ, who took the full storm of God's judgment for us on the cross and invites every seeking heart to enter into His eternal salvation.

God's Word is alive, and His warning and His mercy are just as urgent for our lives today as they were in the days of Noah.

The Days of Noah: A Divine Warning and a Gracious Way Out

Open your Bible with me to Genesis chapter six. We are looking at a pivotal moment in human history—a time when the world had become so saturated with sin that the Creator Himself determined to hit the "reset" button.

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The Corruption of the Earth

In Genesis 6:1-4, we see a strange and dark scene. The "sons of God"—which in the Old Testament refers to angelic beings (as seen in Job 1:6)—began to intermingle with the "daughters of men." Now,

there is much debate here, but the result was a disruption of the human race and a spread of wickedness that was absolute.

The Lord says in Genesis 6:3 (NKJV):

"And the LORD said, 'My Spirit shall not always strive with man, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.'"

God was limiting the lifespan of man. Before the flood, men lived nine hundred years, but their longevity only gave them more time to perfect their rebellion. God, in His mercy, shortened the fuse. Many believe the "canopy" of water mentioned in Genesis 1 was removed during the flood, exposing the earth to cosmic radiation—neutrinos and ultraviolet rays—that accelerate aging and mutation.

The Heart of God and the State of Man

Look at the description of the world in Genesis 6:5 (NKJV):

"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."

This is the diagnosis of the Great Physician. The world wasn't just "off track"; it was "only evil continually." It says it "repented" the Lord or "grieved Him at His heart." Now, we know from Numbers 23:19 that God is not a man that He should repent or change His mind. He is omniscient; He knew this would happen. But because we are limited to human language, the Bible uses "anthropopathisms"—describing God's holy reaction to sin in terms we can feel. It hurt the heart of God to see what sin had done to His creation.

The Evidence of the Flood

There are those today who scoff at the idea of a global flood. But as Second Peter 3:5-6 tells us, they are "willingly ignorant." The physical evidence is everywhere:

- Marine fossils on mountaintops: You can find whale skeletons and sea shells in the Himalayas and the Andes, thousands of feet above sea level.
- The "Hopeful Monster" Fallacy: Evolutionists struggle with the "geological column" because there are no transitional forms. They've had to invent theories like "Punctuated Equilibrium"—basically saying a lizard laid an egg and a bird flew out. It takes more "faith" to believe that than to believe "In the beginning, God."
- The Ark's Design: The dimensions God gave Noah (300 x 50 x 30 cubits) yield a 6-to-1 ratio. This is the exact ratio used by modern naval architects for maximum stability in rough seas.

Practical Application: Walking Against the Current

The Bible says in Genesis 6:8 (NKJV), "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD." Noah wasn't saved because he was perfect; he was saved because he walked with God. In a world filled with violence and corruption, Noah stood alone.

1. Obedience over Understanding: Noah built a boat on dry land, likely before it had ever rained. He obeyed the Word of God even when it didn't "make sense" to the world.

2. A Testimony of Preparation: Every strike of Noah's hammer was a sermon to his neighbors. He was a "preacher of righteousness" (Second Peter 2:5).

A Challenge for Believers: Are you willing to be a "Noah" in your workplace, your school, or your neighborhood? The world today looks very much like the "days of Noah." Violence is increasing, and God is being excluded from every sphere of life. My challenge to you is to walk so closely with Jesus that your life becomes a sanctuary for others. Build your "ark" of testimony today.

The Invitation

If you are reading this and you don't know Jesus, I want you to look at the Ark. There was only one door into that boat. Not two, not three. Just one.

Jesus said, "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved" (John 10:9 NKJV). The flood of judgment is coming—not of water this time, but a final accounting before a Holy God. But God has provided a Way of escape.

Jesus Christ took the "storm" of God's judgment for you. When He shed His blood on the cross, He was paying the penalty for your "continually evil" thoughts and actions. He died in your place, and three days later He rose again! The resurrection is the receipt—it proves the check cleared. It declares that He is God, Savior, and Lord.

The door to the Ark is still open, but one day, God Himself will shut it. Don't wait.

- Acknowledge you are a sinner.
- Believe that Jesus died for you and rose again.
- Commit your life to Him today.

It is the most important decision you will ever make, and I am so glad the Holy Spirit is tugging at your heart.

You can pray a prayer like this right now, right where you are. Remember, it's not "magic words" that save you; it's the faith in your heart and the turning of your life toward Jesus.

A Simple Prayer of Faith

"Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that You are the Son of God and that You shed Your precious blood on the cross to pay for my sins. I believe You rose from the grave to give me life. I open the door of my heart and I ask You to come in. Be my Savior and be my Lord. Help me to walk with You from this day forward. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Verses to Hold On To

If you just prayed that, here are three things the Word of God promises you:

1. You are Forgiven: "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (Ephesians 1:7 NKJV).

2. You are a New Creation: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV).
3. You are Secure: Jesus said, "And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand" (John 10:28 NKJV).

Praise the Lord! There is rejoicing in heaven over one soul that repents. Since you are now a new creation in Christ, the best thing you can do is "feed" your new spiritual life with the Word of God.

I recommend starting with a reading plan that focuses on the Person of Jesus and the basics of your new life:

A Recommended 21-Day Start-Up Plan

Week	Where to Read	Why This Book?
Week 1	The Gospel of John	To fall in love with Jesus. It shows us His heart, His miracles, and His divinity.
Week 2	The Book of Romans	To understand the "mechanics" of salvation—how God's grace works and how we are justified by faith.
Week 3	The First Epistle of John	To get "assurance." This letter was written so that you may know that you have eternal life (1 John 5:13 NKJV).