

GOD'S GREAT DECISION CONCERNING MANKIND

Genesis 6:1-18

As time passed following the day of Cain and Seth, a definite trend could be seen in the behavior of mankind. Read below about this trend, and its results:

A. Conditions on Earth at This Time: Read Genesis 6:1-4

1. What began to happen to men at this time? Genesis 6:1

2. What did some of the sons of God do? Genesis 6:2

3. What two things were the basis for their choices? Genesis 6:2a, 2b

4. Did God approve of their actions? Genesis 6:3a and *THINK!*

5. Since they were sons of God, what should have been the basis for their choices? (See Revelation 4:11; 2 Corinthians 6:14-18; Deuteronomy 7:3, 4)

6. What did God do to try to get them not to do evil? Genesis 6:3a and *THINK!*

7. When they refused to heed God, how long did God say He would yet allow men to live on the earth? Genesis 6:3b

8. What two kinds of men lived on the earth at this time? Genesis 6:4a, b

B. God's Decision Concerning the Earth: Read Genesis 6:5-7

1. As time passed, what did God notice concerning the outward deeds of men on the earth? Genesis 6:5a

2. What was true of their inward thoughts? Genesis 6:5b

3. How did God feel about these conditions? Genesis 6:6a, b
a. _____
b. _____
4. What did God decide to do in view of these conditions? Genesis 6:7

C. God's Provision For the Few: Read Genesis 6:8-18

1. Who alone found grace in the eyes of the Lord? Genesis 6:8

2. Why was this true? Find three words and a clause that describe Noah in Genesis 6:9, 7:1b

3. By contrast, what two things were true of others in the world? Genesis 6:11

4. Who knew all that was going on in the earth? Genesis 6:12

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5. To whom did God make known His plan concerning the earth? Genesis 6:13

6. What did He tell Noah to do? Genesis 6:14a

NOTE: The word ark has two basic meanings: (1) a chest or coffer; and (2) a place of refuge. Noah's ark was the second kind. Later in this series, you will study about the first kind of ark.

7. What size was the ark to be? Genesis 6:15

Length, _____ cubits; breadth, _____ cubits; height, _____ cubits.

NOTE: A cubit is a measure of length, originally the length of the forearm from the elbow to the end of the middle finger; in English measure, nearly 18 inches or 1 1/2 feet. Therefore the ark would have been about _____ feet long.

8. What do you know that is approximately this size? (*THINK!*)

NOTE: The ark was exactly six times as long as it was wide. This is the identical proportions used in constructing our large naval vessels today.

9. How was the ark to be made waterproof? Genesis 6:14c

10. How was it to be ventilated? Genesis 6:16a

11. How many stories were to be in the ark? Genesis 6:16b

12. Into what was each of these stories to be divided? Genesis 6:14b

13. How was God going to destroy the earth? Genesis 6:17a

14. What would happen to all flesh which lived upon the earth? Genesis 6:17b

15. But what would God do with Noah? Genesis 6:18a

NOTE: A covenant is an agreement between persons or parties. Here it refers to God's promise to mankind.

16. What would Noah be able to do? Genesis 6:18b

17. Who else would also be allowed to do this? Genesis 6:18c

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Was God fair in planning to condemn the world, and yet spare Noah and his family? (See Genesis 6:5 and 9)

2. If I had lived in Noah's day, which side would I have been on if God looked at my deeds and thoughts? Are they deserving of judgment because they are evil or would I have been like Noah? (See 2 Peter 3:6, 7,10; Hebrews 9:27)
