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Church on the Water

Genesis 6:9 - 7:24

⁹*These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God.* ¹⁰*And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.*



-Review of what was said at the end of chapter 5. What does it mean to walk with God?

¹¹*Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence.* ¹²*And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.* ¹³*And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth."*

- 11 Recall our discussion of the Nephilim/Fallen Ones
- 12 How was all flesh corrupted? (hint: Gen 6:2)
- 13 Discuss God's justice and God's love.

¹⁴*Make yourself an ark of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch.* ¹⁵*This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark 300 cubits, its breadth 50 cubits, and its height 30 cubits.* ¹⁶*Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above, and set the door of the ark in its side. Make it with lower, second, and third decks.* ¹⁷*For behold, I will bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life under heaven. Everything that is on the earth shall die.* ¹⁸*But I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you.* ¹⁹*And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every sort into the ark to keep them alive with you. They shall be male and female.* ²⁰*Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground, according to its kind, two of every sort shall come in to you to keep them alive.* ²¹*Also take with you every sort of food that is eaten, and store it up. It shall serve as food for you and for them."* ²²*Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.*

- 14 Ark- a word only occurring here and in Ex 2:3,5
- 14-16 The Bible's description of the Ark is the only sea-worthy vessel when compared to other ancient Flood stories. AND! The Israelites in Moses' day and beyond were **not** a sea-fairing people. This is not mythology, allegory, or fairy tale.
- 17 Why a flood? Why not something else?
- 18 1st Covenant! It will be established in Gen 9:9
- 19 Is the Ark a floating Eden/Temple?
Discuss: The Church as a Ship
- 22 the verse seems Works Righteous, Hebrews 11:7 "by faith"

¹*Then YHWH said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you are righteous before me in this generation.* ²*Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and his mate, and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and his mate,* ³*and seven pairs of the birds of the heavens also, male and female, to keep their offspring alive on the face of all the earth.* ⁴*For in seven days I will send rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground."* ⁵*And Noah did all that YHWH had commanded him.*

- 1 Noah's generation did not repent, he and his family were alone
- 2 Clean and Unclean- will be clarified later in Leviticus, already had the concept though

2-4 #s 2, 7, 40. 2= the number necessary to become 1 (multiply)
 7= the number of the first creation, 1 week
 40= Critical periods in the history of salvation are marked
 with this length of time.
 5 Once more, the actions proceed from faith (Heb 11:7)

⁶Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters came upon the earth. ⁷And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him went into the ark to escape the waters of the flood. ⁸Of clean animals, and of animals that are not clean, and of birds, and of everything that creeps on the ground, ⁹two by two, male and female, went into the ark with Noah, as God had commanded Noah.

8-9 "Of clean animals... two and two"- a contradiction with verse 2? nope

¹⁰And after seven days the waters of the flood came upon the earth.

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

¹²And rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights. ¹³On the very same day Noah and his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them entered the ark, ¹⁴they and every beast, according to its kind, and all the livestock according to their kinds, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, according to its kind, and every bird, according to its kind, every winged creature. ¹⁵They went into the ark with Noah, two by two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. ¹⁶And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him. And YHWH shut him in.

11 "The fountains of the great deep burst forth"- Gen 2:6
 "windows of the heavens"- Holy Scripture adopts the reader's worldview
 12 "rain fell upon the earth"- first time rain is mentioned
 16 "YHWH shut him in"- protection for Noah and judgment on outsiders

Read Genesis 7:17-24

23 "He blotted out every living thing"- this is God's wrath!

While we do take this as a historical event, just like Creation (Gen 1-2), God has ordered history and recorded it in Scripture to teach us about His divine means of salvation: Jesus Christ. What does the Great Flood have to do with salvation in Jesus Christ, the sacraments, the Church, and the End Times?
 Matthew 24:36-42, 1 Peter 3:18-22, 2 Peter 2:4-10

Psalm 29

M: ¹Ascribe to YHWH, O heavenly beings,
 W: ascribe to YHWH glory and strength.
 M: ²Ascribe to YHWH the glory due his name;
 W: worship YHWH in the splendor of holiness.
 M: ³The voice of YHWH is over the waters;
 W: the God of glory thunders,
 M: YHWH, over many waters.
 W: ⁴The voice of YHWH is powerful;
 M: the voice of YHWH is full of majesty.
 W: ⁵The voice of YHWH breaks the cedars;
 M: YHWH breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
 W: ⁶He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,
 M: and Sirion like a young wild ox.
 W: ⁷The voice of YHWH flashes forth flames of fire.

M: ⁸The voice of YHWH shakes the wilderness;
 W: YHWH shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
 M: ⁹The voice of YHWH makes the deer give birth
 W: and strips the forests bare,
 M: and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
 W: ¹⁰YHWH sits enthroned over the flood;
 M: YHWH sits enthroned as king forever.
 W: ¹¹May YHWH give strength to his people!
 M: May YHWH bless his people with peace!
ALL: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
And to the Holy Spirit
As it was in the beginning
Is now and will be forever. Amen