

Jesus in Genesis 3: Noah

Intro: I am going to date both myself and a number of you as well...Who recognizes THIS? ("Etch-a-Sketch)
For those who have never seen it...you can draw...and if you don't like it...shake...start all over!
When I was a kid two older brothers...start a wonderful drawing...school...or come by...twist handle Mess it up!

That is the story of Noah in a nutshell. Gen 1-5 God is creating his world...mankind (us) mess it up...he starts over!
***if that happened...Evidence: Over 200 Cultures 95% Universal, 70% Boat saved 57% Landed on Mountain

Gen 6ff

It is easy to get lost in the weeks with this account and start talking about mechanics rather than meaning!
Today I want to focus with you on the WHY...and not so much the WHAT! I believe in a universal flood...WHY???

2 Biblical Certainties that Are Highlighted in this Account

1. God ALWAYS Judges Sin Because Sin is a Personal Offence to Him.

Gen 6:1-13

- Look at the words and concepts used to describe what is going on
~Wicked: Lit = generic term: *Harm, evil, mischief, misery, immorality*
~Thoughts of heart: Lit = *planning, plotting, workings, imaginations(also includes purposes and desires)*
From one sunset to the other!
~Grieved Him: Lit = *to cause to sigh in consternation, pain or perplexity; to take a deep breath*
~Heart in pain: Lit = *to cause pain or displeasure or hurt, to vex or cause to grieve at loss*
*anthropomorphism: Anthros(man) + morphe(Form)
Ascribing human form or attributes to a being or thing that isn't human, esp God
- We tend to think of "sin" in an abstract kind of "I did something wrong kind of way," Sorry (Fonz)
~to God our sin is a Personal affront

Illus: We have taken something (His creation, People made in HIS image, Ourselves sometimes) we have perverted it!
We twist, turn, hurt, fall short, miss the mark, we destroy, harm

Sex: We take what is supposed to be the most intimate and personal connection of man and woman,
Designed by God to illustrate the intimacy He wants with us and His Son, that "Oneness"
We reduce it from a spiritual and emotion and relational thing of beauty and turn it into a selfish physical act

Creation: Take this beautiful world that He gave us to steward...and we use it us, pollute it, mark it selfish gain

Relationships: Designed to build up, encourage, support and strengthen, We buy and sell and use and devalue people
We sink to the place where we buy and sell unborn human parts like buicks...and defend doing so!

- God has entrusted all of His creation to us...and we use, abuse, mistreat and marginalize it for pure selfishness
And THEN wonder WHY God is offended...stand before Him, shake our fist and say...I haven't done anything wrong!

Illus: Sin is a PERSONAL AFFRONT to God

Have you ever done that...offended someone so egregiously that there is no excuse....All you can do is say, I'm sorry?

Millie Poole: Dear Sweet woman...75 or so...I was 24...She teased about her wrinkles, (defence)

Stairwell, Give me a hug...I don't want to hug an old wrinkled woman!

Never forgotten the look on her face...my sin was a PERSONAL AFFRONT...Grieved her heart

2. In His Judgment God ALWAYS has a Remnant!

Gen 6:8-7:5

God' Justice, Holiness, Righteousness demand judgment, and are PERFECTLY balanced w/Mercy, Compassion, Forgiveness
God ALWAYS has a remnant: Elijah: 7000; Israel in Captivity; Jesus: Thousands to 125 Tested by Fire... Greatly Used!

- Noah and his family are the remnant: Etch a Sketch starting over! (Not perfect...but Godly)
~vs 8: Found Favor: Lit = *grace, kindness, favor!*
~vs 9: Righteous: Lit = *to be just, lawful or righteous*
~Blameless: Lit = *integrity, truth, sincerity, without spot or blemish*
~Walked with God: Lit = *to go about with, to travel with, to walk alongside with Less than a handful of people walked*
~Obedient: 6:22; 7:5 Lit = *Noah did (accomplished, fulfilled) everything God told him to do!*

Lam 3:22-23 Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.

Illus: Whenever God brings judgment He LOOKS for those seeking righteousness, justice, those w/sincere, seeking hearts
He preserves them for a reason:
When they have come through the fire...walked through the flood...overcome the adversity
THEN they are a people committed to Him, regardless of cost. Price already paid. Incredible Instruments in his hand
The adversity, the fire, the flood, the pain...Separates the wheat from the chaff...those left...powerful tools

Remember: The world was changed by the early church...125 gather in the upper room...huddled in fear...Remnant
Thousands followed Jesus during His earthly ministry, but when the fire and flood of adversity came

**And THAT is where we find Jesus in Genesis: Right in the Heart of the Flood of Judgment
Because you see, in the midst of Judgment God provided a place of protection, preservation and safety**

Ark is what is called a TYPE of Christ: or a Foreshadowing...

Noah: Ark

You and I: Christ

- **6:4: Prepared a Place of Refuge and Safety: God gives a warning! Turn to me!
Only ONE place of safety then...and Now!**
- **7:1: Go into the Ark Time has come!**
- **7:16 Then the Lord Shut Him In! *To close up, to deliver over to; to shut in*
God did for NOAH what He could not do for himself...total safety
God does for US what we cannot do for ourselves!**
- **8:1: God Remembered Noah!
All of creation is suffering judgment, Every living breathing thing destroyed...and yet
In the midst of judgment...God remembers Noah!**

CONCL:

**Today it may feel like God has forgotten you
It may feel like your world is falling down around you...and it in fact may be
But I want to tell you on the truth of the word of God...He has not forgotten you...nor will He EVER!
As surely as God remembered Noah, God remembers YOU as well
He will NEVER leave you or forsake you if you are His Child, His Remnant**

Luke 17:26-33

- **Some things never change: Noah, Lot, NOW!**
- **God is doing with us through Jesus what he did with Noah
~Giving a Warning....
~Providing a place of safety and protection
~Offering His provision and it ONLY Comes through Jesus
~God REMEMBERS You...Brought you hear today to hear his offer of Hope, Salvation ONE more time
Today, if you hear his voice....don't harden your heart**

Jesus tells us:

John 10:9 "I am the door!" Come in and be saved!

John 6:37 Everyone that comes to me I will keep 39: I will not lose a single one!

John 28:29 No one can take from MY hand...or FATHERS hand!