

# DESCENT

A STUDY OF GENESIS 4-11

The Flood  
Genesis 7:1-24  
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They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him. And the LORD shut him in.  
- Genesis 7:15-16

## I. THE RAIN CAME DOWN AND THE FLOOD CAME UP

- Noah's righteousness is reaffirmed by God's own statement, and his obedience is again underscored (7:1, 5; cf. 6:9).
- God now gives more detail to his call to Noah. Many types and varieties of animals will come to him, both clean and unclean (Vss. 2-5).
- Seven final days before the judgment are allowed. Future displays of 7 in relation to judgment may harken back to this first closing of the day of God's grace (Vs. 10; Dan. 9:27; Matt. 18:21-22; Luke 17:4; Heb. 11:30; Rev. 8).
- Rain fell and "all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, until the mountains were covered (Vs. 20).
- The verdict is incontestable: no part of the sinful world could remain. And so it was (Gen. 6:7, 6:13, 6:17; 7:4, 7:21-23).
- The precise dating recorded, with its lack of obvious symbolism, bears the mark of a plain factual account well remembered (7:11; 8:13-14).
- There are no biblical or historical reasons to doubt the veracity of the flood narrative as it stands (Matt. 24:36-39; Heb. 11:7; 1 Peter 3:18-20; 2 Peter 2:5).

## II. SHUT IN BY THE GRACE OF GOD

- God initiates the final act of grace prior to the outpouring of his wrath. Noah and his family are shut into the ark (Vs. 16).
- As the floods and rains raged, Noah and his family were safe from the storm (Ps. 46:1-3; Matt. 7:24-27).
- As Noah and his family were hidden in the ark, so God invites us to hide our lives in Christ (Col. 3:1-17).

**KNOW:** God saves through judgment. Humankind is rightfully blotted out, but not without hope for a future.

**DO:** Be shut in to the grace of God.

### Suggested Reading:

#### **For Children:**

*Noah, The Rescue Plan* (BibleWise) by Carine MacKenzie

#### **For Adults:**

*\*The Genesis Flood: The Biblical Record and Its Scientific Implications* by John C. Whitcomb and Henry Morris (Global flood perspective)

*\*The Lost World of the Flood: Mythology, Theology, and the Deluge Debate* by Tremper Longman III and John Walton (Regional flood perspective)

\*Pastor Jym does not endorse everything discussed in this book.

### Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

#### **Please Read Genesis 7:1-24**

1. What does this passage tell us about God?
2. What does this passage tell us about Noah?
3. What does this passage tell us about the effects of the flood?
4. God destroys every living thing that breathes air other than those in the ark. Why?
5. Some have compared the church (universal) to the ark. Talk about that. In what ways does the church of Christ relate to the ark?
6. What are some of your takeaways from the passage and the message from Sunday?