

## Message Six

**Noah—the Life and Work that can Change the Age**

Scripture reading: Gen 6:5-22; 7:13, 16; Heb. 11:7

**I. God showed Noah the true situation of the corrupt age, as the result of man's third fall, in which he lived—Gen 6:3, 5, 11, 13.**

A. In the third fall, Satan caused evil spirits, that is, the fallen angels, to mingle with man and to join with man through illegal marriage—v.1-4; cf. Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7; Jude 6-7.

1. The fallen angels committing fornication with different flesh set up an example for Sodom and Gomorrah—Jude 6-7.
2. The holy principle of human marriage was broken and the human race was polluted.
3. Mixture of human race with fallen spirits produced Nephilim—Gen. 6:4; Num. 13:32-33.

B. Man became flesh—the fallen man—Gen. 6:3.

1. Man's first fall was because man did not exercise his spirit—3:6.
2. Man's second fall was because man over-exercised his soul—4:3.
3. Man's third fall was because man abused the fallen body and became flesh—Rom. 7:5; 8:13; Gal. 3:3.

C. As a result God repented of ever creating mankind, withdrawing the Holy Spirit—Gen. 6:3, 7; cf. Gen 1:31.

D. As the second issue of man's fall, the judgement of Deluge came to execute the sentence of death upon fallen man—6:7, 17.

E. Characteristics of Noah's age, which are eating, drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, is a prefigure of the present age—cf. Matt 24: 37-39.

**II. Noah's Life was a life that changed the age; he walked with God—Gen. 6:9; cf. Phil. 1:19-21a.**

A. Noah's life always inherits the godly ways of the forefathers—Adam's way of salvation, Abel's way of offering, Enosh's way of calling, all the fathers' way of living and begetting, and Enoch's way of walking with God.

B. Noah found favor (grace) in the sight of Jehovah—Gen. 6:8; cf. Heb. 4:16.

1. When Satan has done his best to damage the situation, there have always been some who found grace in the eyes of God to become ones who turned the age—cf. Dan. 1:8; 9:23; 10:11, 19.

2. Grace is God Himself, the presence of God, enjoyed by us to be everything to us and to do everything in us, through us, and for us; grace is God coming to us to be our life supply, our strength, and our everything—John 1:14; 16-17; Rev. 22:21.
- C. Like his great-grandfather Enoch, Noah walked with God by faith, which was God's divine element transfused and infused into him to be his believing ability—Gen. 6:9; Heb. 11:7; cf. Gen. 5:22-24; Rom. 3:22.
- D. As a result, Noah became heir of God's righteousness and a herald of righteousness as a protest against the evil generation; Noah's righteousness strengthened God's standing to execute His judgement upon the ungodly generation—Ezek. 14:14; Heb. 11:7; cf. Rom. 4:3, 9; 2Pet. 2:5.
- E. The ark that Noah built is a type of the practical and present Christ as God's salvation; according to Philippians, building up the ark is to work out our own salvation—Phil. 2:12-13.

### **III. Noah's work was a work that changed the age—2Cor. 6:1; Matt. 16:18; 1Cor. 3:12a:**

- A. God gave Noah an all-inclusive revelation, a further revelation, the revelation to build the ark, which was the way that God would terminate the corrupted generation and bring in a new age.
1. Noah built the ark not according to his own imagination but absolutely according to God's revelation and divine instruction by faith—Gen. 6:15a; Heb. 11:6-7; cf. Exo. 25:9; 1Chron. 28:11-19; 1Cor. 3:10-12; Eph. 2:20a.
  2. The ark is a type of Christ—not only the individual Christ but also the corporate Christ, the church, which is the Body of Christ and the new man to consummate in the New Jerusalem—1Pet. 3:20-21; Matt. 16:18; 1Cor. 12:12; Eph. 2:15-16; Col. 3:10-11; Rev. 21:2.
- B. By building the ark and entering into it, Noah was not only saved from God's judgement on the evil generation through the flood but was also separated from that generation and ushered into a new age—Gen. 6:5-22.
- C. Likewise, by building the church and entering into the church life, we will be saved from God's judgement on today's evil generation through the great tribulation and will be separated from that generation to be ushered into a new age, the age of the millennium—Heb. 11:7; Matt. 24:37-39; Luke 17:26-27; 21:36; Rev. 3:10.
- D. The structure of the ark
1. The size of the ark (300\*50\*30 cubits) shows the mingling of the Triune God with man through His divine dispensing—Gen. 6:15; cf. Exo. 27; 2Cor. 13:14;

Eph. 4:4-6.

2. The ark was with three stories: the lower, the second, and the third—Gen. 6:16; cf. 1Cor. 2:9; 2Cor. 2:10; Exo. 33:11.
3. In the ark there was one opening toward the heavens for light—Gen. 6:16.
4. There was only one door, one entrance, into the ark; this one door is Christ—7:13, 16; John 10:9.
5. The ark was made of gopher wood, a kind of cypress, a resinous wood that can withstand the attack of water; this is the figure of the crucified Christ, who can withstand the waters of death—Gen. 6:14; Acts. 2:24.
6. The ark was covered within and without with pitch, a type of the redeeming blood of Christ, which covers God's building within and without—Gen. 6:14; Heb 9:14; Exo. 12:13.
7. The water through which Noah passed is a figure of the water of baptism—1Pet. 3:20-21.

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## Reference Scripture Verses:

**Gen 6:5-22.** 5 And Jehovah saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6 And Jehovah repented that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved Him in His heart. 7 And Jehovah said, I will blot out the man whom I have created from the surface of the ground, from man to beast to creeping things to the birds of heaven; for I repent that I have made them. 8 But Noah found favor in the sight of Jehovah. 9 These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generations; and Noah walked with God. 10 And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. 11 And the earth was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. 12 And God looked on the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted its way upon the earth. 13 And God said to Noah, The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; and now I am about to destroy them with the earth. 14 Make yourself an ark of gopher wood; you shall make rooms in the ark and shall cover it within and without with pitch. 15 And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. 16 You shall make an opening for light for the ark, and you shall finish it up to a cubit from the top; and you shall put the entrance of the ark in its side; you shall make it with lower, second, and third stories. 17 And now I am about to bring a flood of water upon the earth to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; 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 and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you. 19 And of every living thing, of all flesh, two of every kind you shall bring into the ark to preserve them alive with you; they shall be male and female. 20 Of the birds according to their kind and of the cattle according to their kind, of every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind, two of every kind will come to you in order to preserve them alive. 21 And for your part, take some of every kind of food that is edible, and gather it to yourself, and it will be for food for you and for them. 22 And Noah did this; according to all that God commanded him, **so he did.**

**Gen 7:13** On that very same day Noah and Shem and Ham and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them entered the ark, they and every animal according to its kind and all the cattle according to their kind and every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth according to its kind and every bird according to its kind – every bird, every winged creature. And they went into the ark to Noah, two by two of all flesh in which was the breath of life. And those who went in, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and Jehovah shut the door behind him.

**Gen 7:16** And those who went in, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and Jehovah shut the door behind him.

**Heb 11:7** By faith Noah, having been divinely instructed concerning things not yet seen and being moved by pious fear, prepared an ark for the salvation of his house, through which he condemned the world, and became heir of righteousness which is according to faith

**I.**

**Gen. 6:3** And Jehovah said, My Spirit will not strive with man forever, for he indeed is flesh; so his days will be one hundred twenty years.

**Gen. 6:5** And Jehovah saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

**Gen. 6:11** And the earth was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

**Gen. 6:13** And God said to Noah, The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; and now I am about to destroy them with the earth.

**I.A**

**Gen. 6:1-4. 1** And when men began to multiply on the surface of the ground, and daughters were born to them, **2** The sons of God saw that the daughters of men were fair; and they took wives for themselves from all whom they chose. **3** And Jehovah said, My Spirit will not strive with man forever, for he indeed is flesh; so his days will be one hundred twenty years. **4** The Nephilim were on the earth in those days - and also afterward - when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they gave birth to children to them; these were the mighty men who were of old the men of renown.

**Job 1:6** Then one day, when the sons of God came to present themselves before Jehovah, Satan also came among them.

**Job 2:1** Then one day, when the sons of God came to present themselves before Jehovah, Satan also came among them to present himself before Jehovah.

**Job 38:7** When the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

**Jude 6-7** And angels who did not keep their own principality but abandoned their own dwelling place, He has kept in eternal bonds under gloom for the judgment of the great day; How Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, who in like manner with these gave themselves over to fornication and went after different flesh, are set forth as an example, undergoing the penalty of eternal fire.

**Num 13:32-33** And they brought to the children of Israel an evil report of the land which they had spied out, saying, The land, through which we have go to spy it out, is a land that eats up its inhabitants; and all the people that we saw in it are men of great size. And there we saw the Nephilim (the descendants of Anak are part of the Nephilim); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.

**I.B**

**Gen 6:3** And Jehovah said, My Spirit will not strive with man forever, for he indeed is flesh; so his days will be one hundred twenty years.

**Gen 3:6** And the woman saw that the tree was good for food and it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make oneself wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband with her, and he ate.

**Gen 4:3** And in the course of time Cain brought an offering to Jehovah from the fruit of the ground.

**Rom 7:5** For when we were in the flesh, the passions for sins, which acted through the law, operated in our

members to bear fruit to death.

**Rom 8:13** For if you live according to the flesh, you must die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the practices of the body, you will live.

**Gal 3:3** Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?

### I.C

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**Gen 6:7** And Jehovah said, I will blot out the man whom I have created from the surface of the ground, from man to beast to creeping things to the birds of heaven; for I repent that I have made them.

**Gen 1:31** And God saw everything that He had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

### I.D

**Gen 6: 7** And Jehovah said, I will blot out the man whom I have created from the surface of the ground, from man to beast to creeping things to the birds of heaven; for I repent that I have made them.

**Gen 6:17** And now I am about to bring a flood of water upon the earth to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die.

### I.E

**Mat 24:37-39** For just as the days of Noah were, so will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as they were in those days before the flood, eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day in which Noah entered into the ark, and they did not know that judgment was coming until the flood came and took all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

## II.

**Gen 6:9** These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generations; and Noah walked with God.

**Phil 1:19-21a** For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ. According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, even not Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death. For to me, to live is Christ...

### II.B

**Gen 6:8** But Noah found favor (grace) in the sight of Jehovah

**Heb 4:16** Let us therefore come forward with boldness to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace for timely help.

**Dan. 1:8** But Daniel set his heart not to defile himself with the king's choice provision and with the wine that the

king drank, so he requested of the leader of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

**Dan 9:23** At the beginning of your supplications the command went forth, and I have come to tell you, for you are preciousness itself. There understand the matter, and consider the vision.

**Dan 10:11** And he said to me, Daniel, man of preciousness, understand the words that I am about to tell you and stand in your place, for I have now been sent to you. And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling.

**Dan 10:19** And he said, Do not be afraid, man of preciousness. Peace to you. Be strong, yes be strong. When he spoke to me, I received strength and said, Speak, sir, for you have strengthened me.

**John 1:14** And the Word became flesh and tabernacle among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.

**John 1:16-17** For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and reality came through Jesus Christ.

**Rev 22:21** The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

## II.C

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**Gen. 5:22-24** And Enoch walked with God after he had begotten Methuselah three hundred years, and he begot more sons and daughters. And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty-five years. And Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.

**Rom. 3:22** Even the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ to all those who believe, for there is no distinction.

## II.D

**Ezek 14:14** Though these three men, Noah, Daniel and Job, were in the midst of it, they would deliver only their own souls by their righteousness, declares the Lord Jehovah.

**Heb 11:7** By faith Noah, having been divinely instructed concerning things not yet seen and being moved by pious fear, prepared an ark for the salvation of his house, through which he condemned the world, and became heir of righteousness which is according to faith

**Rom. 4:3** For what does the Scripture say? "And Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him as righteousness.

**Rom 4:9** Is this blessing then upon the circumcision only, or also upon the uncircumcision? For we say, Faith was accounted to Abraham as righteousness.

**2Pet 2:5** And did not spare the ancient world but guarded Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly.

**II.E**

**Phil 2:12-13** So then, my beloved, even as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only but now much rather in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; For it is God who operates in you both the willing and the working for His good pleasure.

**III**

**2Cor 6:1** And working together with Him, we also entreat you not to receive the grace of God in vain;

**Matt 16:18** And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

**1Cor 3:12a** But if anyone builds upon the foundation...

**III.A**

**Gen 6:15a** And this is how you shall make it: ...

**Heb 11:6-7** But without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing to Him, for he who comes forward to God must believe that He is and the He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. By faith Noah, having been divinely instructed concerning things not yet seen and being moved by pious fear, prepared an ark for the salvation of his house, through which he condemned the world, and became heir of righteousness which is according to faith.

**Exo 25:9** According to all that I show you, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, even so shall you make it.

**1Chron 28:11-19** Then David gave Solomon his son the pattern of the portico of the temple and its buildings and its storehouses and its upper rooms and its inner rooms and the building for the expiation cover; and the pattern of all that he had by the Spirit, for the courts of the house of Jehovah, and for all the chambers around, and for the treasuries of the house of God, and for the treasuries of the dedicated gifts; And for the divisions of the priests and the Levites, and for all the work of the service of the house of Jehovah, and for all the vessels of the service of the house of Jehovah; And for the weight of the lampstands of the gold and their lamps of gold, by weight for each lampstand and its lamps; and for the weight of the lampstands of silver, by weight for the lampstand and its lamps, according to the service of each kind of lampstand. And for the gold, by weight for the tables of the rows of bread for each table, and for the silver for the tables of silver; And for the flesh hooks and the basins and the pitchers, of pure gold; and for the bowls of gold, by weight for each bowl; and for the bowls of silver, by weight for each bowl; And for the incense altar of refined gold, by weight; and gold for the figure of the chariot, that is, the cherubim, spreading out their wings and covering the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah. All this, said David, has He made clear by writing from the hand of Jehovah upon me, all the details of the pattern.

**1Cor 3:10-12** According to the grace of God given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid a foundation, and another builds upon it. But let each man take heed how he builds upon it. For another foundation no one is able to lay besides that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. But if anyone builds upon the foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood grass, stubble,

**Eph 2:20a** Being built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, ...

**1Pet 3:20-21** Who had formerly disobeyed when the long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while ark was being prepared, entering into which, a few, that is, eight souls, were brought safely through by water. Which water, as the antitype, also now saves you, that is, baptism, not a putting away of the filth of the flesh but the appeal of a good conscience unto God, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

**Matt 16:18** And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

**1Cor 12:12** For even as the body is one and has many members, yet all the members of the body, being many, are one body, so also is the Christ.

**Eph 2:15-16** Abolishing in His flesh the law of commandments in ordinances, that He might create the two in Himself into one new man, so making peace, and might reconcile both in one Body to God through the cross, having slain enmity by it.

**Col 3:10-11** And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.

**Rev 21:2** And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

### III.C

**Heb 11:7** By faith Noah, having been divinely instructed concerning things not yet seen and being moved by pious fear, prepared an ark for the salvation of his house, through which he condemned the world, and became heir of righteousness which is according to faith

**Mat 24:37-39** For just as the days of Noah were, so will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as they were in those days before the flood, eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day in which Noah entered into the ark, and they did not know that judgment was coming until the flood came and took all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

**Luk 17:26-27** And even as it happened in the days of Noah, so will it be also in the days of the Son of Man: They were eating, they were drinking, there were marrying, there were being given in marriage, until the day in which Noah entered into the ark and the flood came and destroyed them all.

**Luk 21:36** But be watchful at every time, beseeching that you would prevail to escape all these things which are about to happen and stand before the Son of Man.

**Rev 3:10** Because you have kept the word of My endurance, I also will keep you out of the hour of trial, which is about to come on the whole inhabited earth, to try them who dwell on the earth.

### III.D

**Gen 6:15** And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits.

**2Cor 13:14** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with

you all.

**Eph 4:4-6** One Body and one Spirit, even as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

**Gen 6:16** You shall make an opening for light for the ark, and you shall finish it up to a cubit from the top; and you shall put the entrance of the ark in its side; you shall make it with lower, second and third stories.

**1Cor 2:9** But as it is written, “Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard and which have not come up in man’s heart, things which God has prepared for those who love Him”.

**2Cor 2:10** But whom you forgive anything, I also forgive; for also what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, it is for your sake in the person of Christ.

**Exo 33:11** And Jehovah would speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his companion. And Moses would return to the camp, but his attendant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart out of the tent.

**Gen 7:13** On that very same day Noah and Shem and Ham and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah’s wife and the three wives of his sons with them entered the ark

**Gen 7:16** And those who went in, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and Jehovah shut the door behind him.

**John 10:9** I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he shall be saved and shall go in and go out and shall find pasture.

**Gen 6:14** Make yourself an ark of gopher wood; you shall make rooms in the ark and shall cover it within and without with pitch.

**Acts 2:24** Whom God has raised up, having loosed the pangs of death, since it was not possible for Him to be held by it.

**Heb 9:14** How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

**Exo 12:13** And the blood shall be a sign for you upon the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and there will be no plague upon you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

**1Pet 3:20-21** Who had formerly disobeyed when the long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while ark was being prepared, entering into which, a few, that is, eight souls, were brought safely through by water. Which water, as the antitype, also now saves you, that is, baptism, not a putting away of the filth of the flesh but the appeal of a good conscience unto God, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,