



Part 2: Noah and the Ark

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Noah's Story: Genesis 6:9-7:10

⁹ This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God. ¹⁰ Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth.

¹¹ Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. ¹² God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways.

¹³ So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth." ¹⁴ So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. ¹⁵ This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be three hundred cubits long, fifty cubits wide and thirty cubits high. ¹⁶ Make a roof for it, leaving below the roof an opening one cubit high all around. Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks. ¹⁷ I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish. ¹⁸ But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark —you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁹ You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. ²⁰ Two of every kind of bird, of every kind

of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. ²¹ You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them."

²² Noah did everything just as God commanded him.

^{7:1} The Lord then said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because I have found you righteous in this generation. ² Take with you seven pairs of every kind of clean animal, a male and its mate, and one pair of every kind of unclean animal, a male and its mate, ³ and also seven pairs of every kind of bird, male and female, to keep their various kinds alive throughout the earth. ⁴ Seven days from now I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and I will wipe from the face of the earth every living creature I have made."

⁵ And Noah did all that the Lord commanded him.

⁶ Noah was six hundred years old when the floodwaters came on the earth. ⁷ And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives entered the ark to escape the waters of the flood. ⁸ Pairs of clean and unclean animals, of birds and of all creatures that move along the ground, ⁹ male and female, came to Noah and entered the ark, as God had commanded Noah. ¹⁰ And after the seven days the floodwaters came on the earth.

Our Modern Problems with This Story

- Noah's life span
- God's justice
- A worldwide flood
- Animals filing onto an ark
- Actually living on an ark for a year

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What's the point of the story?

Faith is the currency of walking with God.

Faith is:

Understanding

Conviction

Commitment

What does living by faith look like in your life?

Next Steps

Baptism (*Bellingham Campus Only*)

If you've accepted Jesus as your Savior but haven't yet been baptized, we encourage you to make that decision today, attend a baptism class next weekend (July 7 or 8), and be baptized in one of the services on July 14 or 15 (except 8:30 AM). Details are on today's program insert and you can sign up at the Connection Point today.

Small Group Questions

- 1) Read Genesis 6:5-8:22. What hits you about Noah's Story? Why?
- 2) One of the difficulties of living by faith that God's desires may push back on cultural norms. Where do you see that happening today?
- 3) Noah was challenged by God to do something that was very unusual. Have you ever felt like God called you to something unconventional? What happened?
- 4) Do a brief inventory of your life right now. Where do you have stress, conflict, difficulty, or strain? Write it down.
- 5) Have you invited God into that aspect of your life? How, in faith, could you follow God in your chaos? Discuss with each other...
- 6) Pray for each other that faithfulness would be your desire and delight!