

# Voyage In The Zoo

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**BEHOLD, I, EVEN I AM BRINGING THE FLOOD OF WATER UPON THE EARTH, TO DESTROY ALL FLESH IN WHICH IS THE BREATH OF LIFE, FROM UNDER HEAVEN; EVERYTHING THAT IS ON THE EARTH SHALL PERISH. BUT I WILL ESTABLISH MY COVENANT WITH YOU; AND YOU SHALL ENTER THE ARK—YOU AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR WIFE, AND YOUR SONS' WIVES WITH YOU.  
~GENESIS 6:17-18 (NASB)**

## **1) Hearts Of Darkness**

- A) As mankind grew (Genesis 6:1), their wicked acts multiplied. There is a foreboding sense of doom because of mankind's sin, only 120 years away (6:3).
  
- B) As an example of human wickedness, there were sexual relationships between "the sons of God" and the "daughters of men" (6:2 & 4).
  
- C) The identity of "sons of God" is obscure (cf. 2 Peter 2:4-5, Jude 6; see chart #1 for further development), but it is the sinfulness of the union which is in view here.

- D) It was these unions which led to the rampant spread of wickedness on earth (Genesis 6:5). The evil of mankind was so dramatic, God was "sorry" (6:6) He created mankind!

## **2) Noah, A Righteous Man**

- A) God chooses to wipe out mankind with a flood (6:13 & 17). There is a "cleansing" of wickedness in mind (6:11-12) with the flood, and it is unique because of the 'terrarium effect' which existed on the earth (cf. Genesis 2:6).
- B) In the midst of the judgement Noah, a righteous man (6:8-9), finds favor with God. God tells Noah to build an "ark" (6:15-16) and fill it with "pairs" of land animals (6:19-20). There are to be seven pairs of "clean animals," and two pairs of "unclean" animals (7:2-3).
- C) Noah and his sons built the ark in about 100 years (cf. Genesis 5:32, 7:6), when the flood came. God brought all the animals to Noah for loading (7:13-16), and God closed the door Himself (7:16).

## **3) The Flood Account**

- A) Rain came for "forty days and forty nights" (7:12). Water burst from beneath the earth (7:11) and from the sky (7:11). "All flesh" (cf. wickedness) was wiped out (7:21-23).
- B) For 150 days, the ark floated on the surface of the water (7:24). From when the flood began, the ark came to rest on Mt. Ararat (or the "mountains" of Ararat), 150 days after the rain began (8:4).