

Community Bible Church

The Book of Genesis

Chapters 6-8

The book of **Genesis** consists of two sections. **Chapters 1-11** tell of four main events in world history, while **chapters 12-50** describe the lives of four men and their families. The four events include **Creation, Fall, Flood, and Dispersion**. This week's lesson will cover the details of the great flood in the time of Noah and the role he played during this catastrophic event. The details are described in Genesis **chapters 6-8**.

The story of Noah continues through **chapters 9-10**, and this will be our study next week. While the Old Testament story of Noah and the Ark is a familiar one, it is important to carefully read all three chapters this week which reveal much about God's grief with man as well as God's grace for man as He deals with sinful humanity in a historical context. This week's lesson can be outlined as follows:

The Preparation for the Flood	Genesis 6
The Protection during the Flood	Genesis 7
The Particulars after the Flood	Genesis 8

1. Read **6:1-8**. (**Note:** There has been some debate regarding the interpretation of these verses. Some see the "*sons of God*" and the "*daughters of men*" in **6:2, 4** as being the offspring of the godly line of Seth and the ungodly line of Cain. Others see (from **6:4**) the "*sons of God*" as being a wicked class of prideful and powerful rulers intent on fame and control). Regardless of the interpretation, how does God view the situation on earth in **6:5-7**, and what does He plan to do?
2. What does it mean that God was "*sorry*" (Hebrew *naham* is grieved, sorrowful, or pained) in **6:6-7**. What is the attribute of God known as **immutability**? From these verses, did God change His mind in this situation?
3. How is Noah portrayed in the eyes of God in **6:8-10**?
4. The narrative in **6:11-22** describes God's very words to Noah. Read this passage and write a brief summary statement of this dialogue.

5. The ark described by God was around 450 feet in length, 85 feet in width and 45 feet in height. How would you describe the size of the ark to someone using items, objects, or comparisons with which they might be familiar (**6:15-16**)?

6. **Genesis chapter 7** describes both the preparation in the ark for the flood, as well as details of the flood itself. For each section below, write your own summary of the events.

(a) Instructions for preparing and boarding the ark in **7:1-9** and **7:13-16**.

(b) Description of the nature and extent of the flood in **7:10-12** and **7:17-2**.

7. From the following verses in **chapter 6** and **7**, what did you learn about Noah?

6:3

6:8-9

6:22

7:1

7:5-6

8. From **8:1-5**, what happened five months after the beginning of the flood? After ten months into the flood?

9. Read **8:6-12**. After ten months in the ark, what did Noah do and why?

10. A chronology of the flood indicates that Noah and his family were in the ark for one year and seventeen days. Read **8:20-21**. What did Noah do in **8:20**, and what did God do in **8:21**?