

Series: Beginnings, Betrayal, Blessings

Title: Promise and Judgement: Things Forgotten

Text: Genesis 6-9:17

The Story

- Wickedness in the world to the point that God has had enough.
- He does find one man who still reveres Him and has found favor in the Lord.
- The Lord comes to Noah and tells him his intent that in 120 years he will destroy it all.
- He gives instructions to Noah to build an ark. He gives him detailed measurements.
- And Noah obeys it all.
- God brings the animals in and seals the door
- 40 days and 40 nights then 150 days the door opens
- One year and ten days later the waters are subsided to the point they can come off the ark
- Noah offers an sacrifice to the Lord
- God promises never to destroy the earth again on the account of man
- God tells them to be fruitful and multiply
- God sets a covenant with Noah
 - Animals will dread men
 - Men can now eat animals
 - No blood
- God sets a covenant with ALL living things
 - God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”
 - Never again destroy by flood
 - Sets rainbow as a reminder

If I were to outline this text it would be this:

Genesis 6:1-8 The State of the Planet and the Status of One Man

Genesis 6:9-22 God’s Intent / Instructions / and Noah’s obedience

Genesis 7:1-8: 19 The Flood Account

Genesis 8:20-22 God’s Covenant

Genesis 6:5-6

⁵ *The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.* ⁶ *And the LORD regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart.*

Verses 2-4 give the account of Sons of God and daughters of Eve producing Nephilim (giants who were mighty men and men of renown)

- This is a fascinating study about who the sons of God are and whether they are of the line of Seth or if they are fallen angels as alluded to 1 Peter and Jude.
- This and the beginning of giants are really some of the things that got me studying the Bible in my teen years.
- But the main point here is that God saw wickedness and the continued evil. That wickedness is regarding occult, evil, sexual debauchery and continued evil.
- God grieved over making His creation and regretted to the point that HE DESTROYED IT ALL!

⁸ *But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.*

6:9-22 – God’s Intent / Instructions / and Noah’s obedience

Intent – Genesis 6:13

I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

Instruction – Genesis 6:14, 17-18

- **Build an Ark** - ¹⁴ *Make yourself an ark of gopher wood*
- **Make it rain** - ¹⁷ *For behold, I will bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life under heaven. Everything that is on the earth shall die.*
- **Promises a covenant** – you and your family will be saved.

¹⁸ *But I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you.*

- He promises a covenant with Noah and his sons

Noah’s obedience – Genesis 6:22

Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

Genesis 7:1 - 8:19 - The Flood

Genesis 7:16

And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him. And the LORD shut him in.

Whole planet covered – not local

Genesis 7:19-20

¹⁹ *And the waters prevailed so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered. ²⁰ The waters prevailed above the mountains, covering them fifteen cubits deep.*

Ararat height - 16,854'

15 cubits over – 22.5 feet

Highest mountain – Everest - 29,032'

29,032' plus 22.5 feet – **29, 061.5'**

- 99 years after the flood - Peleg – the year the earth divided – so Everest may not have even been there.
- Pangaea – one continent
 - **The rock formations of eastern North America, Western Europe, and northwestern Africa** were later found to have a common origin, and they overlapped in time with the presence of Gondwanaland. Together, these discoveries supported the existence of Pangea.
 - It's now widely accepted that the formation of supercontinents like Pangea can be explained by **plate tectonics**

Psalm 104:5-9

*He set the earth on its foundations,
so that it should never be moved.*

⁶ *You covered it with the deep as with a garment;
the waters stood above the mountains.*

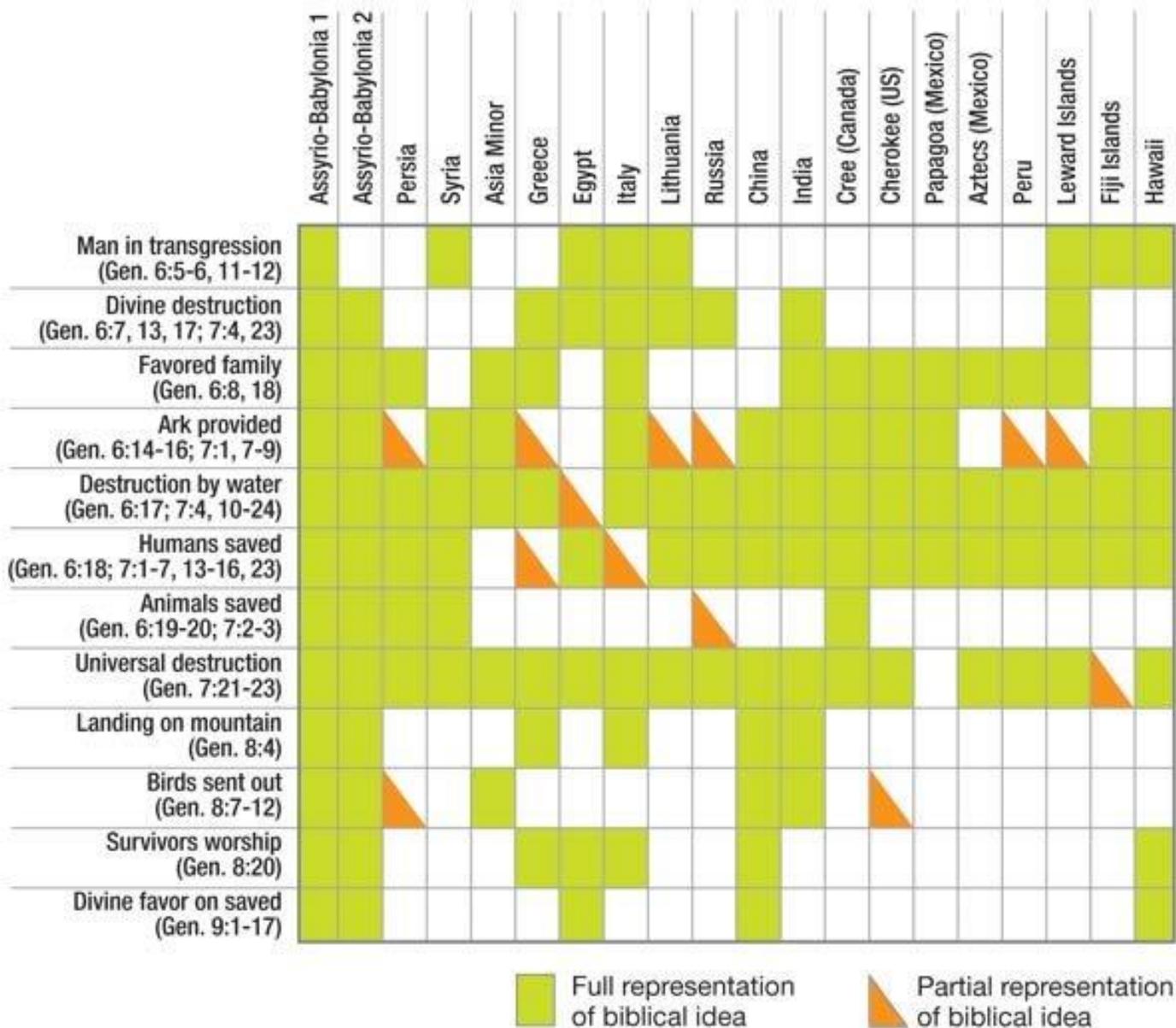
⁷ *At your rebuke they fled;
at the sound of your thunder they took to flight.*

⁸ *The mountains rose, the valleys sank down
to the place that you appointed for them.*

⁹ *You set a boundary that they may not pass,
so that they might not again cover the earth.*

Global accounts: 270 stories globally

<http://www.talkorigins.org/faqs/flood-myths.html#Maung>



Everything died – on the entire planet

Genesis 7:21-23

²¹ And all flesh died that moved on the earth, birds, livestock, beasts, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all mankind. ²² Everything on the dry land in whose nostrils was the breath of life died. ²³ He blotted out every living thing that was on the face of the ground,

man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens. They were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those who were with him in the ark.

NOT AN ALLEGORY

One year and 10 days - DETAILED

- **17th day of the second month** - rainfall
- (40 and 40) – rains
- 150 days - begins to subside – Ark lands on Ararat
- (40 days till raven sent)
- Sends a raven
- Sends a dove – no (how long?)
- Waits 7 days – send a dove – returns with olive branch (How long?)
- - Waits 7 days – sends a dove – no return
 - He waits 4 months
 - – opens the door
- One month later
- **27th day of the second month – the earth was dried enough**

Genesis 8:20-9:17 – God’s covenant

We need to be like Noah and obey God and receive His deliverance and covenant

- The message is about the offering and promise of salvation for those who follow and are obedient to God
- They are blessed
- God gives the sign of the rainbow to all living things that he will not destroy by flood again. **The rainbow.**
 - How interesting that that symbol has been reapplied to a life that is opposed to God’s design and creation.

WHEN WE THINK ABOUT THIS STORY IT SEEMS SO HARSH TO SEE ALL THINGS DESTROYED.

In the last days it will be just like the times of NOAH and then the end comes.

June sent me a link of a message delivered by Francis Chan. The message spoke to me as I was preparing for today. I want to relay some points and Scriptures from that message that are essential for all who would listen and hear.

HIS THOUGHTS ARE NOT OUR THOUGHTS

Isaiah 55:8-9

⁸*For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.*

⁹*For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

- His thoughts are not our thoughts
- Our thoughts are all over the internet
- We think we have all knowledge and our wisdom is greater than God's wisdom

Isaiah 66:2

*All these things my hand has made,
and so all these things came to be,
declares the LORD.*

*But this is the one to whom I will look:
he who is humble and contrite in spirit
and trembles at my word.*

he who listens to ---he who trembles at his word

Ecclesiastes 5:1-2

¹*Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. To draw near to listen is better than to offer the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they are doing evil. ²Be not rash with your mouth, nor let your heart be hasty to utter a word before God, for God is in heaven and you are on earth.*

Therefore, let your words be few.

The Question of the Day: "How could a loving God punish?"

- Maybe Christians are ashamed of the wrath of God
- Do not talk about hell
- Do not bring up sin
 - It won't attract a crowd
- Preachers do not want to talk about hell
 - We think there is no judgement
 - When I was a child
 - Talking about hell was normal
 - Talking about correction was the rule

- Now... there is a war against correction and against the Rule of Law

We gloss over the stories in the Bible that address God's wrath

- Children's wall – Noah – mom made an ark and it had animals in it
- But we jumped over the fact that millions were drowning in the water under the ark.
 - He was grieved that he would ever make them
- God regretted making it all and destroyed it all.

Prophets had two jobs

- If you obey him you are blessed
- If you disobey Him you will be punished
- If you disobey him, yet repent, then there is forgiveness

The great shunning of the "hellfire and Brimstone"

Not popular – we are addicted to popularity

- Twitter measured by followers
- Prophets were not popular

600 passages on Wrath in OT

Nahum 1:2-3, 6

² *The LORD is a jealous and avenging God; the LORD is avenging and wrathful; the LORD takes vengeance on his adversaries and keeps wrath for his enemies.* ³ *The LORD is slow to anger and great in power, and the LORD will by no means clear the guilty.*

⁶ *Who can stand before his indignation? Who can endure the heat of his anger? His wrath is poured out like fire, and the rocks are broken into pieces by him.*

Zeph. 1:14-18

¹⁴ *The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there.*

¹⁵ *A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness,* ¹⁶ *a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.* ¹⁷ *I will bring distress on mankind, so that they shall walk like the blind, because they have sinned against the LORD; their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.* ¹⁸ *Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them on the day of the wrath of the LORD. In the fire of his jealousy, all the earth shall be consumed; for a full and sudden end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.*

In the Gospels, Jesus spoke on hell more than any other topic.

- He doesn't take pleasure in the death of the wicked.
- But we must be prepared for wrath.
- Separation of wheat and chaff
- The great chasm where one would long for just a drop of water on their tongue

Matthew 25:41

"Depart from me, ye cursed, into EVERLASTING FIRE, prepared for the devil and his angels."

Matthew 13:42

Jesus says: "And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth."

In the NT writings

2 Thess. 1:6-10

⁶ since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, ⁷ and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels ⁸ in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹ They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, ¹⁰ when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.

Revelation is full of Wrath

- The angels will be worshipping Him as He pours out His wrath
 - Trumpets of His revelation
 - Seals of judgment
 - Bowls of wrath

Rev. 21:6-8

⁶ And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷ The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. ⁸ But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers,

idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”

His Wrath is Coming

He is HolyMy thoughts are not holy

- I would not come up with this judgment
- I would also not come up with the sacrifice of my own Son for anyone!!!

His thoughts are above yours

- Reading the Case for Faith and evidence demands a verdict- I used to read and be amazed how God kept his prophecies and confirmed them.
- I heard in the 70s that His coming was soon
 - It was the turning toward sexual permissiveness in open and the renewal of occult practices and the shameless openness of it.
 - Evil continually
 - Every commercial
 - Every tv show
 - Every movie
 - Every news article
 - Every conversation in the schools
 - We are now in the times of Noah coming out again

Now I see:

- **China facial recognition** attached to credit score and who you are linked to.
 - Mark of the beast – buying and selling
- **Bible translation** will be in every language in next several years
 - The Gospel will be to every nation
- **Cell phone** to show the globe an event in an instant
- **The division of the empires** into nations again
- **Russia in Syria**
- **The demise of Damascus**

Romans 2:3-8

³ Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God? ⁴ Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? ⁵ But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.

⁶ He will render to each one according to his works: ⁷ to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; ⁸ but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury.

- God has been patient
- The kindness of the Lord should lead you to repentance
 - We love that verse
- But because of your hard and unrepentant heart
 - You are storing up wrath upon yourself
- If you turn – you will be forgiven. That is the goal of God from the beginning

We could be Generation Z – the last letter

- Do not know the day or the hour
- But God confronts us because we are supposed to see the seasons of the end

Jesus said whoever is ashamed of me and of my words... I will be ashamed of them before my father and the angels

JUDGMENT IS COMING, YET MERCY IS AVAILABLE

Noah – righteous and obedient

NT – repentance and obedience

Forgiveness in Christ through the Cross

THAT IS THE PROMISE THAT GOES FROM GENESIS 1 THROUGH REVELATION 21

Ephesians 1:7

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

For Jesus, forgiveness is of paramount importance.

- It is the flip side of the love coin.
- Love ranks first, the top side, heads.
- Jesus wants us to love one another as he has loved us, and he explained that the way that people will know that we are his disciples is by the love that we have for one another (Jn 15:12,15; 13:35).

But our love is imperfect.

- We damage our relationship with God and neighbor when we sin, the coin flips, tails.
- To remain in sin and alienation is to be in a tailspin.
- Forgiveness is the way to turn the coin back to heads and return to love.

Jesus often spoke about forgiveness,

- He forgave those who sinned against others, forgave those who sinned against him, and asked the Church to continue his healing ministry.
- Jesus taught, "If you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you" (Mt 6:14).
- Peter asked Jesus how often it is necessary to forgive, and Jesus replied, "Seventy-seven times" (Mt 18:22), a number to be taken symbolically, not literally, for the never-ending way that we ought to forgive.

Jesus was extremely kind and merciful in the way that he forgave those who sinned against others.

- Jesus told the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven" (Mk 2:5);
- when a sinful woman bathed Jesus' feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair, Jesus said, "Your sins are forgiven" (Lk 7:48);
- when a woman caught in adultery was brought before him, he said, "I do not condemn you" (Jn 8:11);
- And as Jesus hung on the cross he told the repentant criminal, "Today you will be with me in paradise" (Lk 23:43).

Even more compelling is the way that Jesus forgave those who sinned against him directly.

- For Jesus, forgiveness was not an automatic, but an intentional, a conscious choice.

- After the Roman soldiers had scourged and nailed him, Jesus prayed, “Father, forgive them” (Lk 23:34).
- After the resurrection Jesus had every right to be furious.
 - Peter had denied him. The others had deserted him. When he entered the Upper Room, they deserved a severe reprimand, but instead, with divine compassion Jesus said not once but three times, **“Peace be with you”** (Jn 20:19,21,26).

WHAT ABOUT SIN AFTER SALVATION?

2 Chronicles 7:14

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Joel 2:13

*Rend your heart
and not your garments.
Return to the Lord your God,
for he is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and abounding in love,
and he relents from sending calamity.*

Ezekiel 18:32

For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign Lord. Repent and live!

Acts 3:19

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

2 Chronicles 30:9b

For the Lord your God is gracious and compassionate. He will not turn his face from you if you return to him.

Hear and turn and respond to this Loving and Kind and patient God.

His Wrath is COMING!!!! His Salvation is HERE!!