

God's Story, Our Story

Lesson 10: Noah

God Renews His Covenant with Mankind
(Gen 4-11)



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Deut 30:19-20

Gen 4:1-2

Gen 4: 3-12

Gen 4:17-26, 5

Gen 6:5-7

Gen 7:1-5

Gen 7:21-22
Gen 7:24

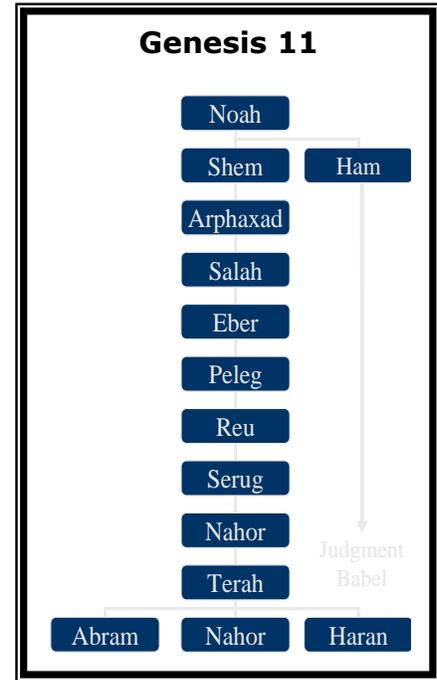
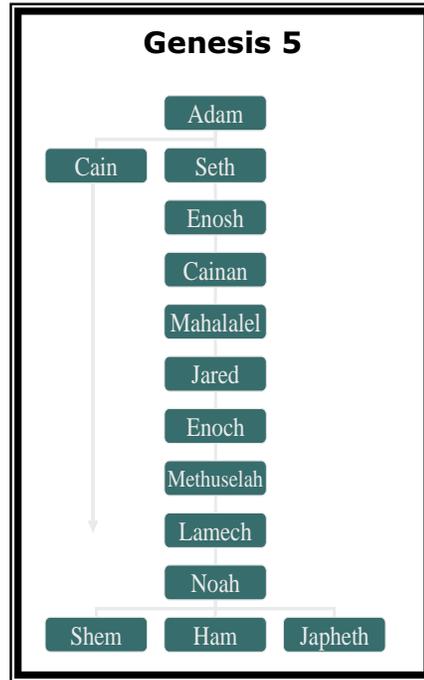
Gen 9:9,13

Gen 9:22

Gen 11:4
Gen 11:6-8

1. Adam and Eve were cast out of Eden because they broke God's law - they sinned. As a result, their friendship with God was broken, and they lost God's supernatural life (original holiness).
2. Throughout history, God has made covenants with lines from one family.
3. Adam and Eve begot Cain and Abel.
4. Cain becomes jealous of his brother Abel and kills him. God banishes Cain, making him a fugitive and a wanderer, and branding him with a mark.
5. Two lineages emerge. Cain's lineage is wicked, while God's covenant family begins with Seth.
6. The Sethites are called "Sons of God". When the "Sons of God" marry "Daughters of Men" (from the line of Cain) God's judgment comes upon them.
7. Noah and his sons are the faithful remnant. God commands Noah to make an ark, and bring into it a pair of each animal (seven of every clean animal).
8. Is the flood and the Ark a legend or historical fact? The measurements of the Ark would make it more than large enough to house all the animals. Some people believe that remains of Noah's Ark can be found near Mt. Ararat in Turkey.
9. When the flood came it rained for 40 days; every man and animal that dwelled on earth died, and the waters prevailed on the earth for 150 days.
10. There are other non-biblical ancient accounts of a worldwide flood. (e.g. the epic of Gilgamesh)
11. God renews the creation covenant with Noah. The sign of the new covenant is the rainbow.
12. Noah's three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, form the nations of the earth: One day, when Noah was drunk, Ham "saw the nakedness of his father". This probably means that Ham committed maternal incest, and the fruit of that union was Canaan. Noah curses Canaan, pointing to Israel's future conquest of Canaan.
13. At the Tower of Babel men rise up against God, trying to make "a name for themselves". God confuses their languages and scatters them across the earth.

14. Through Abraham (Abram), God promises that He will bless all the families of the earth.



Questions for Discussion

1. What was the damage done by the sin of Adam and Eve?
2. How did the faithfulness of Noah repair this damage?
3. What caused the Sethites to be judged?
4. What can we make of Noah's Ark? Legend or Fact?
5. After the flood there was a "New Creation". How was the "New Creation" a renewal of the first Creation?
6. Why did God scatter the builders of the Tower of Babel?

Creation	The flood (a new creation)	Baptism (our own new creation)
	40 days and 40 nights of rain prepare for a new creation.	40 days and 40 nights of fasting and penance prepare for our new creation.
Creation begins with water.	The new creation begins with water.	Our new creation begins with water.
God's spirit moves across the waters.	God's spirit moves across the waters.	God's spirit comes to us with the water.
God tells the first people to "be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth."	God tells Noah and his family to "be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth." (Gen 9:1)	God tells us to "make disciples of all nations."