

## ONE STORY | ONE SAVIOR - UNIT 1 | LESSON 05b

### The Pentateuch – The Promise Given Through the Royal Gift Covenant

#### God is a PROMISE Making God

God 1) **CREATES** a place where 2) He will **MEET** with his People 3) for their **JOY**. 4) His People reject Him. 5) God binds Himself through **PROMISE (i.e. The Royal Gift Covenant)** to 6) **RESCUE** His people from their sin and 7) **RESTORE** them to Himself for their **JOY**.

**ILLUSTRATION** – Name some make believe book characters? Peter Pan or Curious George or the Berenstain Bears or the Grinch in The Grinch Who Stole Christmas. All of them are not real characters. Even comic book superheroes like Superman and Batman. But when we read the Bible and it tells us of Noah and his enormous Ark, we are reading a real Story. When it speaks of the animals going in two by two as unclean and seven animals of the clean, we are reading a story that REALLY happened.

But what is also true and truly terrible is how everyone except Noah, his wife and their three sons and their wives, were destroyed by the flood. Yet, why did God do what He did? This lesson seeks to explain why there was a flood and what God accomplished in the flood.

Noah, SADDLEBACK KIDS, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wbfp7fzhj4Y>



Superbook - Noah and the Ark - Season 2 Episode 9 - Full Episode (Official HD Version)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=83-JGTJAXCI>


## “The Flood”

### The Promise Preserved and a Counterfeit Seed.

### Genesis 6:5-22; 9:1-11

Gen. 8:21 “And when the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, the LORD said in his heart, “I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man's heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done.”

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|  | <p>THE HEAD - To Know how the Bible records the evil [insidious] assault by the serpent against the Woman’s Seed. The assault and victory are terrible [horrific] in their magnitude.</p> <p>Q – After looking at this Lesson, “Has anything changed concerning your thinking?” What do you now know that you might not have known?</p> |
|  | <p>THE HEART - To Choose the biblical record as to the magnitude of the assault and God’s promise to preserve His Seed.</p> <p>Q – After looking at this Lesson, “How does it make you feel?” What emotional response does this truth solicit / produce in you?</p>   |

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|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For example: “<sup>22</sup>love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control [Gal. 5:22, 23 NLT].</li> </ul>   |
|  | <p>THE HAND - To Pray we will obey all that God has said.</p> <p>Q – After looking at this Lesson, “What might you begin to do differently?” Is there something because of what you know that you might need to start doing or perhaps even stop doing?</p> |

## EMPHASIS

Chapter 4 watched sin’s catastrophic impact on Adam and Eve’s descendants when Cain killed Abel. In addition, we watched God’s continued faithfulness to fulfill His promise by providing offspring in Seth. The serpent, however, does not rest. Chapters six through nine provides a complete frontal assault by the serpent against the purity of the promised seed.

The sin of Adam and Eve has impacted their entire offspring. The serpent takes advantage of this darkness and the entire earth is corrupted. The serpent’s purpose is to stop God’s SEED PROMISE and BLOOD PICTURE from coming to pass. God will step in and save His people in an ARK and destroy His enemies with a FLOOD.

The godly line of Seth is corrupted by the serpent’s seed. God will preserve the SEED PROMISE by defeating the devil with a global flood. The number of clean animals (7) speaks to God’s continued desire to move the BLOOD PICTURE forward.

God preserves the SEED PROMISE from the SERPENT’S ASSAULT.

The sin of Adam and Eve and their offspring is so severe and dark that God will destroy the entire earth in order to preserve the SEED PROMISE.

1. There are a lot of interesting thoughts concerning the ARK and the gathering of the animals. There is a lot of material on the existence of the ARK and its final resting place.
2. How many people perished and the enormity of the flood and the structure often capture our imagination.
3. But these ideas, although necessary to the *Story*, are not the *Story*.
4. The issue, as always, is about the faithfulness of God to bring to completion His *Story* and what will one do with the Promise. God preserves the Seed Promise for the ultimate fulfillment of the Blood Picture.

## LITERARY CONTEXT

In Genesis 3, Adam and Eve sin and thrust all of humanity under a curse of death. Yet, God makes a promise that one will come to redeem humanity from this curse (i.e. the Seed Promise found in 3:15) and then demonstrates that this will require a blood sacrifice (i.e. the Seed Picture found in 3:21).

What follows are three pictures of Satan's attempts to thwart God's promise. The Seed Promise comes under assault:

- Genesis 4: Cain and Abel – The promise pictured and a Counterfeit Gospel
- **Genesis 6-9: The Flood – The promise preserved and a Counterfeit Seed**
- Genesis 11: Tower of Babel – The promise protected and a Counterfeit Garden

In Chapter 12, God's plan is narrowed to Abraham and his seed.

## HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Did this story actually happen? First Chronicles 1:4 opens with a genealogy including Noah and his three sons Shem, Ham, and Japheth tracing the SEED PROMISE. God through the Prophet Isaiah cites this event in his words to the Nation of Israel.

- Isaiah 54:6-10  
<sup>6</sup> "For the LORD has called you, like a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, even like a wife of one's youth when she is rejected," Says your God. <sup>7</sup> For a brief moment I forsook you, but with great compassion I will gather you. <sup>8</sup> In an outburst of anger I hid My face from you for a moment, but with everlasting lovingkindness I will have compassion on you," says the LORD your Redeemer. <sup>9</sup> **"For this is like the days of Noah to Me, When I swore that the waters of Noah Would not flood the earth again; So I have sworn that I will not be angry with you Nor will I rebuke you.** <sup>10</sup> For the mountains may be removed and the hills may shake, But My lovingkindness will not be removed from you, And My covenant of peace will not be shaken," says the LORD who has compassion on you.

The Prophet Ezekiel references Noah as one of three righteous individuals. Not only does Ezekiel verify the historicity of Noah, but also Daniel and Job!

- Ezek. 14:14 even though these three men, Noah, Daniel and Job were in its midst, by their own righteousness they could only deliver themselves," declares the Lord GOD.
- Ezek. 14:20 even though Noah, Daniel and Job were in its midst, as I live," declares the Lord GOD, "they could not deliver either their son or their daughter. They would deliver only themselves by their righteousness."

Our Lord Jesus also cites Noah as a historical figure (Matt. 24:37, 38; Luke 17:26, 27).

Without being exact, the dates of the passages range from @1000BC [Chronicles], @700BC [Isaiah], @500BC [Ezekiel], and finally, "0" BC|AD [Jesus]. And the reference point happened thousands of years before its recording.

## BIBLICAL CONTEXT

In the above material [Historical Context] the using of Noah is in the context of impending [looming] judgment. It is also interesting to note the word "righteousness" in association with Noah. **Noah was God's means of preserving the Seed Promise.**

- Heb 11:7 By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.
- 1 Pet 3:20 who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through the water.
- 2 Pet 2:5 and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;

Again, **Noah was God's means of preserving the Seed Promise.**

## STRUCTURE

- I. The Serpent seeks to stop God's PROMISE by corrupting His people (Gen. 6:1-8)
  - Regardless of who [or what] the sons of God are, the intent was an assault against the SEED PROMISE to provide a counterfeit seed.
  - The Serpent's desire was to stop the promise from being fulfilled.
  - The Serpent failed and God won.

**ILLUSTRATION** – How many of you like Mosquitos? Mosquitos are problematic if you wish to play outside. They are also persistent. They never relent. They are always trying to bite you! The only way to live with Mosquitos is to kill them. Similar to the Mosquito, the great Satan is a problem AND he is persistent. He does not quit and the only way to rid oneself of his attacks is to kill him. This is what Jesus will do at the cross. But until then, God preserves His people by building an ARK.

- II. God preserves His people by building an ARK (Gen. 6:9ff)

The ARK is God's means of preserving the Seed Promise thereby fulfilling the Blood Picture.

**ILLUSTRATION** – How many of you have ever seen TUPPERWARE? Often when you eat a meal at home, you mom or dad will put the leftovers in some TUPPERWARE. The TUBBERWARE preserves the food item from harm and decay. Well, the ARK was like a big piece of TUPPERWARE protecting Noah and his family from the flood waters.

- III. God destroys His enemies with a FLOOD and delivers His people with an ARK (Gen. 7:1ff; vv. 22-24)

The acts of God in delivering His people often has a “dark” side to them. All who refuse to listen to God will perish. All who choose to obey God will live. Jesus speaks of this duality between saved and judgment in His conversation with Nicodemus in John 3.

- John 3:16-21

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. <sup>18</sup> He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. <sup>19</sup> This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God."

In our story, if you are not in God’s TUPPERWARE, you will perish in the flood waters.

## **JESUS IN THE TEXT**

The Flood Story only makes sense inside of the larger Story begun in Genesis 1 and following. There is a natural structural link and thematic link beginning in Genesis 1 and continuing in the Flood Story. It is through the fulfillment of the SEED PROMISE that the BLOOD PICTURE will be completed whereby saving humanity from sin and death and for joy and glory. God graciously preserves the SEED PROMISE from the corrupting attack by the serpent’s seed. In all of this, God wins.

## **APPLICATION**

God has made promises to deliver His people from sin and death. That promise demands that His people get on the ARK of His provision. JESUS is God’s ultimate ARK of deliverance.

There are two families at play. One aligns with the WOMAN’S SEED and the other aligns with the SERPENT’S SEED. Whose family do you align with? Those who know God get into His ARK. Such actions and choices are a result of the JESUS SEED. When we believe God’s promises [our justification] we do what God calls us to [our sanctification]. Noah believed God and as a result of his faith, he obeyed God

and went into the ARK. Those who do not obey God do not know God. Those who perished in the floodwaters did not know God and refused to believe God's promise. Those of us who believe God obey God by getting into His ARK, Jesus Christ, the means He provided for salvation.

## **VISUALS**

## **MEMORY VERSE**

Genesis 8:21

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## **RESOURCES**