

MESSIAH IN THE OT

JROC/Week 16 – Gen. 6:8-Gen. 12:3

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Gen. 6:8 - *Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.*

While the flood was indeed intended for the destruction of mankind, the ark was designed to save Noah and his family and to ensure the fulfillment of God's purpose for the creation, and God's promise of salvation.

Moses summarized the righteousness of Noah by writing, "Noah walked with God" (Genesis 6:9).

Heb. 11:7 - *By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household....*

Gen. 6:9-10, 13-14 - *This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect (in God's eyes) in his generations. Noah walked with God. ¹⁰ And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth...¹³ And God said to Noah, ... ¹⁴ Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch.*

God judged the world in righteousness – because ALL God's works are righteous (Deut. 32:4....). God showed MERCY at the same time (saving Noah and his family). The flood was God's instrument of judgment. The ark was God's means of RESCUE!

I Peter 3:20-22 - *...the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water (Noah and his family were kept out of the water. Being IN the ark foreshadows being IN Christ [I Thess. 4:16 – *the dead in Christ will rise first....*]). ²¹ There is also an antitype...the RESURRECTION of Jesus Christ.*

Noah's ark is a type of Jesus. The ark FORESHADOWS Jesus. The ark foreshadows an aspect of Jesus' work.

The ark is a type of Jesus

Gen. 6:14 – the ark was made watertight with pitch inside and out. The judgment of the flood waters did not touch the eight persons nor the animals in the ark. "Pitch" in the Hebrew is *kaphar* which means to cover/purge/make atonement/make reconciliation (between parties [Biblically - between God and man]). God's plan is to reconcile man with Himself. *Kaphar* is used 70 times in the Bible to mean atonement as it relates to blood sacrifice. In Gen. 6 it means "price of a life/ransom"! The pitch inside and outside served as the ransom – the payment provided to save Noah and his family! The pitch speaks to the ransom price Jesus paid in His redemption for us!

Gen. 6:16 – *you shall...set the door of the ark in its side* There was only one way to enter the vessel of deliverance. The ark furnished one door. John 10:9 - *I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved....*

Gen. 7:16 - *So those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the LORD shut him in (to deliver up)*

Gen. 7:17-19 - *Now the flood was on the earth forty days. The waters increased and lifted up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. ¹⁸ The waters prevailed and greatly*

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increased on the earth, and the ark moved about on the surface of the waters. ¹⁹ And the waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth, and all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered.

Gen. 7:24 - *And the waters prevailed on the earth one hundred and fifty days*

Gen. 8:1-4 - *Then God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided. ² The fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were also stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained. ³ And the waters receded continually from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters decreased. ⁴ Then the ark rested in the seventh month, the seventeenth day of the month, on the mountains of Ararat.*

The ark is a type of Jesus. Jesus is represented by the ark – His work is represented by the ark.

The ark rested on a specific date. We read of dates throughout Scripture. God is a God of DETAIL! And, what is significant about resting?

Gen. 2:1-2 - *Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. ² And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.*

The work of the ark was finished and it rested.

Whom does the ark represent?

John 17:4 - *I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.*

The waters receded and the ark touched down on the mountains – the ark rested on the mountains of Ararat on the 17th day of the 7th month.

REMEMBER, the Apostle Peter, in I Pet. 3:20-22, connects the ark with... JESUS' RESURRECTION!

What's significant about the 17th day of the 7th month?

In Exodus 12 God changed the calendar for the Jewish people. They had been following a civil calendar which was for mankind. In Exodus 12, God gave the Feast of Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. God gave the Jewish people a religious calendar based on their Feasts.

In Gen. 8:4 the civil calendar is referenced - the 17th day of the 7th month. When God changed the calendar in Ex. 12...that 17th day of the SEVENTH month on the civil calendar became the 17th day of the FIRST month, Nisan, on the religious calendar.

What happened during the month of Nisan during Jesus' last days on earth?

On the 14th day of Nisan Jesus was crucified – on Passover.

On the 15th day of Nisan, the Feast of Unleavened Bread, Jesus was buried in the tomb. The first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread was always a “high Sabbath” – no customary work was allowed (Lev. 23:7).

On the 16th day of Nisan the year Jesus was crucified the Jewish people celebrated the regular weekly Sabbath (no work).

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The day following the regular weekly Sabbath was the 17th of Nisan/the first month on the religious calendar (having been the 17th day of the seventh month on the civil calendar).

On the 17th day of the 1st month (7th month on the civil calendar) Jesus ROSE FROM THE DEAD – HE RESURRECTED – Jesus rested from His work!!!!

The ark that rescued Noah and his family – the ark that foreshadows Jesus' work – rested on Mount Ararat on the day that looked forward to the resurrection of the “Seed of the Woman” – when Jesus rested from His work!

Gen. 8:4 looks forward to the resurrection of the “Seed of the woman”!!!

The sin of man continues...

Gen. 8:21 - *...the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth*

Genesis 9 speaks of Noah's three sons through whom the world would be populated: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And, in Gen. 9 we read that Noah blessed Shem. We observe that God, Elohim, the one true God, is proclaimed to be the God specifically of Shem. So what?

Gen. 9:26-27 - *26 And he (Noah) said: 'Blessed be the LORD, the God of Shem, and may Canaan be his servant. 27 May God enlarge Japheth, and may he dwell in the tents of Shem....'* The GOD of Shem is the focus. We read of God choosing to dwell among the Shemites (later Gk form – Semites). Semites - peoples who speak or spoke a Semitic language, including in particular the Jews and Arabs. As the plan of redemption unfolds, God is further proclaiming that He, God, would dwell among men. Consider the glory of God filling the tabernacle!

At this point in the OT...

- we've read that God promises to come through the line of a woman (Gen. 3:15), mostly focusing on the human side of messianic redemption (yet noting the supernatural as well; a supernatural birth is strongly suggested in Gen. 3:15),

- God continues to judge sinful man and saves some in His grace and mercy.
- In Gen. 9, God come to dwell among the people of Shem (Gen. 9:27). John 1:14 - *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*

Genesis 10 - we read of Noah's descendants through his three sons – 70 nations! Does 70 sound familiar? 70 children of Israel going down to Egypt. (Gen. 46:27; Ex. 1:5) In Deut. 32:8-9 – we read of God setting the boundaries of the 70 nations according to the number of the children of Israel (70). God ordained a plan whereby the nations (70) and Israel would be connected (Gen. 12:3 – all the families of the earth will be blessed through the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Gen. 18:18 – instrument of blessing for the world; Isa. 43:10 – God's witness people)

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Notice in Gen. 10 that the sons of Shem, Ham, and Japheth took up residence in their lands and nations according to their languages and families.

Genesis 11:1-9 - anything wrong with this picture?

GLOBALISM – ONE WORLD!??

The whole earth had one language?

Didn't we read in Gen. 10 that the 70 nations comprised different people groups/nations/languages?

Didn't we read in Gen. 1 that God told man to *be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it* (Gen. 1:28).

Gen. 11:5-9 - *But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. ⁶ And the LORD said, "Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. ⁷ Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." ⁸ So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. ⁹ Therefore its name*

is called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

God came down.... Adam's lineage: picking up with Mahalalel – the blessed God; Jared – shall come down; Enoch – teaching; Methusaleh – His death shall bring; Lamech – (to the) despairing; Noah – rest.

Chronologically – Gen. 11:1-9, re: the Tower of Babel, when man had one language, occurs BEFORE Gen. 10. And, Gen. 11:10ff is connected to the genealogy found in Gen. 10. In Gen. 11:10ff we read of the descendants of Shem – to whom God will come – among whom God will personally dwell. Read Gen. 11:10-26...

Gen. 11:26 – something different is happening. Gen. 11:27-32 –

Why is there a focus on Terah's family?

We're reading of God calling out Abram from the nation of Ur of the Chaldees – a Gentile nation – and directing him to travel to the land He, God, would show him. Beginning in Gen. 12 going through Malachi, we read of God dealing with Israel. (God created Israel from Jacob – Isa. 43:1)

After 2,000 years of dealing with MANKIND – no Jews or Gentile, just MANKIND – God called Abram from one of the Gentile nations. Abram's father, Terah, was a pagan who served other gods (Josh. 24:2)! Abram was a Gentile.

God cut a covenant with Abram and his physical descendants. The covenant is goes on forever, it is unilateral, and unconditional

Forever (Jer. 7:7; Jer. 25:5; Isa. 66:22)

Unilateral – one-sided – God-sided (Heb. 6:13)

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Unconditional – the outcome of this agreement rests upon ONE PARTY – GOD!

The fulfillment of what was promised depends upon GOD solely.

God carries out the workings of the Abrahamic covenant REGARDLESS of what Abraham and his descendants do. Israel's obedience or disobedience does not impact the fulfillment.

Deut. 28; Lev. 26 – Israel's obedience will bring blessings upon them; their disobedience will result in curses.

And in Gen. 12 God promised Abram:

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SEED – collective – descendants; singular – the Messiah Who will reign forever

BLESSING/SALVATION – The Jewish Messiah would offer salvation to the world.