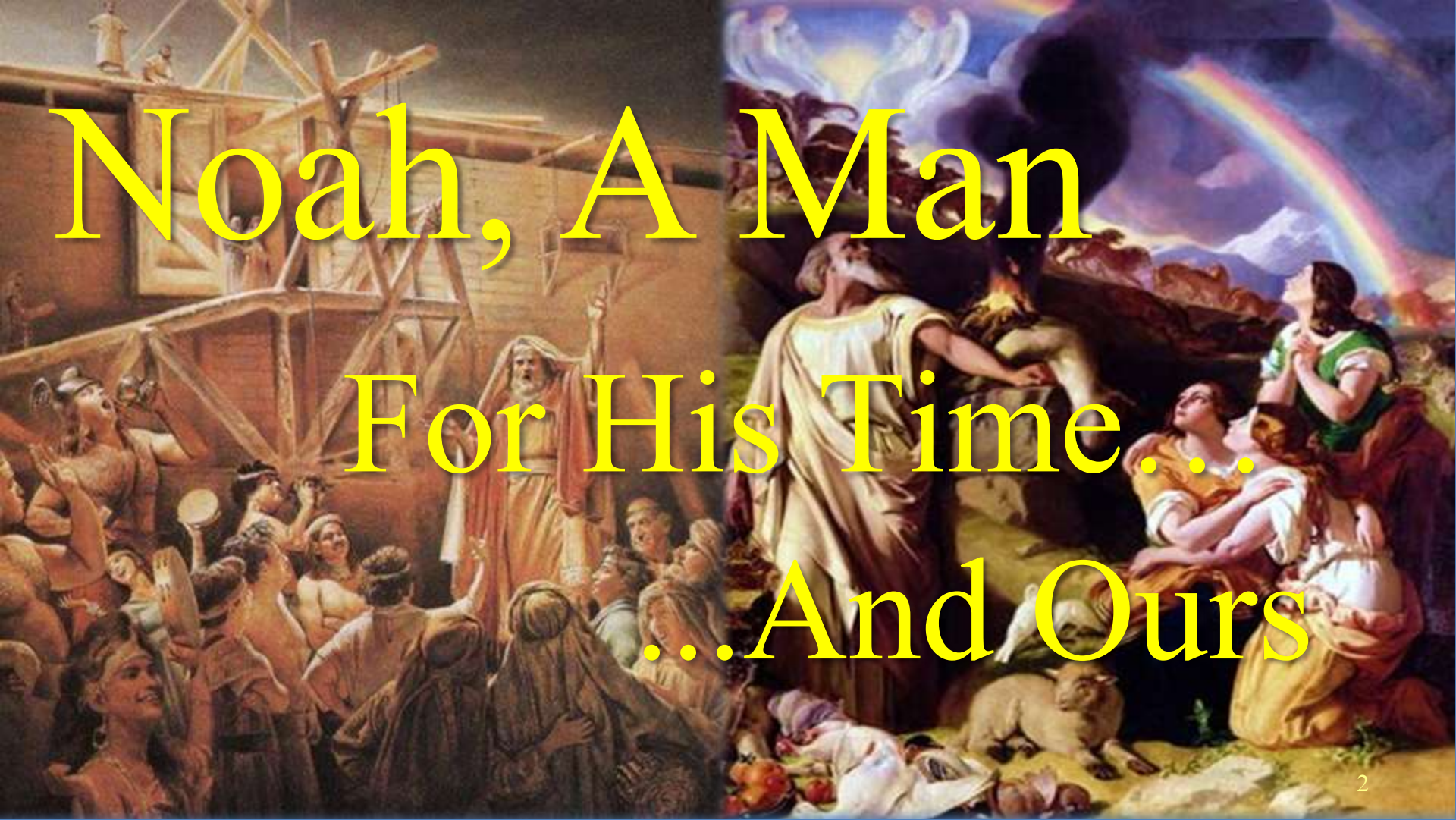




Genesis

The Story of God And Humanity



Noah, A Man

For His Time... ..

..And Ours

Why A Flood And Why An Ark?

Genesis 6:1-4 (NIV)

When men began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them, the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose. Then the LORD said, “My Spirit will not contend with man forever, for he is mortal; his days will be a hundred and twenty years.”

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The Cast In This Drama?

Cain's Family Line

“Sons of God”

“Daughters of Men”

“Nephilim”

Seth's Family Line

Leading To – ↓

Noah's Family

The Sons of God And The Nephilim?????

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 - Offspring in the lineage of Seth
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Genesis 6:4

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If the “*Nephilim*” were the offspring of the “*sons of God*”, the line of Seth and the “*daughters of men*”, the line of Cain, they would NOT exist after the flood.
Only the line of Seth survived.

The Israelite Spies in Numbers 13:33 reported:
“*We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them.*”

Who Are The Fallen Angels/Lesser Gods?

Paul speaks to this spiritual reality in Ephesians 6:12

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

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Other Support For This View

1. The Septuagint seems to take this view.
2. Jude 6 and 2 Peter 2:4 can be consistent with this.
3. Though Matt. 22:29-30 says that Angels do not marry, that is a post-resurrection reality in heaven. It does not limit past realities on earth.
4. If one questions the possibility of a spirit being uniting with a physical being, remember Mary.

All This Leads To
Genesis 6:5 And Beyond,
Including The Flood.

Genesis 6:5-8 (NIV)

The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. The LORD was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain. So the LORD said, "I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth--men and animals, and creatures that move along the ground, and birds of the air--for I am grieved that I have made them."

But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

Enter

Noah!

A Major Player In God's Dramatic Rescue
Of Humanity,
He's Mentioned 50 Times In 10 Books.

Genesis 6:9-22 (NIV)

This is the account of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God. Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth. Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them.

I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet high. Make a roof for it and finish the ark to within 18 inches of the top. Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks. I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish.

But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark--you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you. You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them."

Noah did everything just as God commanded him.

What Do We Know About Noah?

“Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord”

Genesis. 6:8

Breathe a sigh of relief!
The LORD has not given up.
He will never give up!
He is a gracious God!

Noah Was A Man Who Lived By Faith.

Hebrews 11:7 (NLT2)

It was by faith that Noah built a large boat to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God, who warned him about things that had never happened before. By his faith Noah condemned the rest of the world, and he received the righteousness that comes by faith.

“Noah was a righteous man”

Genesis 6:9,

“...you alone are righteous”

Genesis 7:1,

*“...he received the righteousness that
comes by faith.”*

Heb. 11:7

Noah Was “A Preacher Of Righteousness”

2 Peter 2:4-6 (NIV)

For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them into gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment; if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others;.. what is going to happen to the ungodly;

Noah Was A Blameless Man

*“Noah was...
...blameless among the people of his time...”*

Genesis 6:9 (NIV)

*Blameless: “having integrity, whole,
unblemished.”*

Noah “Walked With God.” Gen. 6:9

- Noah was the great-grandson of Enoch, of whom it was said, he “*walked with God*” and was rescued from death.
- Noah “*walked with God*” and was rescued from the judgment that destroyed all with the breath of life.
 - To “walk” means to “live” a particular way.

We Too Are Told How To “Walk”.

“walk/live in love”

Eph. 5:2

“walk/live as children of light”

Ephesians 5:8

“walk in/live by the Spirit”

Galatians 5:16, 25

“Be very careful, then, how you live/walk...”

Ephesians 5:15

Noah Was An Obedient Man.

“Noah did everything just as God commanded him..”

Genesis 6:22 (NIV)

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock."

Matthew 7:24 (NIV)

Noah's "House" Was An Ark.

How Do We Compare With Noah?

- Living By Faith
 - Being Righteous Before God
- Being Considered Blameless Among People
 - Walking With God
 - Obeying God's Commands

Are we resisting both the “powers of this dark world” and ever-present peer pressure?