

# The Bible - From Beginning to End Using the Twenty C's

## 3 – Catastrophe

<b>Scriptures:</b>	Genesis 6-10
<b>Focal Point:</b>	The Great Flood
<b>Principal Characters:</b>	Noah, Shem, Ham, Japheth
<b>Primary Events:</b>	The Wickedness of Man Building of the Ark The Great Flood The Condemnation of All Things

1. The earth's corruption prior to the Flood.
  - A great population explosion took place. 6:1
  - There was an outpouring of satanic activity. 6:2, 4
    - The term “*sons of God*” denotes different beings than that of the human race. This term is used in the Old Testament as a reference to angels.  
**Job 1:6, 2:1, 38:7**
    - While it is true that the Bible declares that marriage is unknown to the angels (**Matthew 22:30**), they can assume fleshly bodies, and always appear as young men in Scripture.
    - **Jude 6-7** speaks of a group of angels that “*kept not their first estate,*” but left their own habitation. The sin of fornication is implied in the text, and **2 Peter 2:4-9** places the time as right before the Flood.
    - This unholy sexual union produced giants. 6:4
  - All humanity had become wicked and violent. 6:5, 11-12
    - Remember, there was no written Word during this time.
    - Mankind was responsible to follow the promptings of his conscience.  
**Romans 2:14-15**
    - Conscience gives us a knowledge of good and evil, but certainly imparts no power in deliverance over sin.
  - God revealed His decision to destroy mankind in 120 years. 6:3, 6-7, 13
2. The deliverance of Noah through the Flood.
  - Noah found “*grace in the eyes of the Lord.*” 6:8; **Hebrews 11:7**
    - Today, we live in the marvelous dispensation of grace (**Ephesians 3:2**). In other words, God is dealing with the world primarily on the basis of His grace today.
    - But God’s grace can be seen throughout the Bible from beginning to end.
  - God informed Noah of His decision to destroy the earth. 6:13
  - God commissioned Noah to construct a 450’ X 75’ X 45’ floating body.
    - He was to cover it with pitch (every other place it is translated “atonement.”)

- To atone is to cover with blood. As only pitch protected the Ark from the Flood judgment, so the blood of Christ protects the believer from the sin judgment.
  - Noah gathered a male and female of all earth's animals (seven pairs of clean animals). 6:19-22
  - Noah, his wife, his three sons, and their wives boarded the Ark.
    - This is the first place we see the word “come.” Final reference – **Revelation 22:17**
    - God “*remembered*” Noah during the Flood. 8:1-2
    - Noah preached 120 years and converted only his family. **2 Peter 2:5**
  - The Flood passed and the Ark rested upon the mountains of Ararat. Noah was told to “*be fruitful, and multiply.*” 8:15-17, 9:1
  - God established a rainbow covenant with Noah.
    - God made a covenant with Noah that He would never again destroy the earth and mankind through a flood. 9:9-17
    - The rainbow is a sign of that covenant.
    - God will, in fact, destroy the earth again one day in the future, but it will not be by a flood, but rather through a fire. 2 Peter 3
3. The tragedy following the Flood.
- Noah became drunk from his own vineyard and exposed himself within his tent. 9:20-23
  - During this turn of events, Noah's son and grandson committed a wicked sin and were judged. 9:24-25
  - Noah died at the age of 950. 9:28-29
    - The ultimate tragedy in his life may be seen by the fact that no spiritual accomplishments whatsoever are recorded during his final 350 years of life.