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Genesis 6-9 – Part 1

Era	Characters	Chapters
In the beginning	God create world	Gen 1
Before 4000 BC	Adam Eve	Gen 1~5 ?
Before 3000 BC	Cain Abel Seth	Gen 4~5 ?
Before 2500 BC	Noah	Gen 5~10 ?

Summary

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Noah's righteousness and faith in building an ark to prepare for the flood.
Five frequently asked questions about the flood and the ark.

Transcript

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We now come to the story of the flood. Everybody knows the story, in fact every culture has a story of a flood. Is this a fairy tale that cultures propagate? The Bible story is definitely not a fairy tale, fairy tales are vague on details. They say once upon a time, long long ago, far far away, in a never neverland. But the story of a flood gives specific details of the people with genealogies, very specific dates, locations. Fairy tales don't give details.

Why was Noah chosen? The Bible says in Genesis he was a righteous man “in the midst of all this horrible evil, there was one righteous man.” But in New Testament, it says something else about Noah. He is found in Hebrews 11. Hebrews 11, I would say the hero's Hall of faith. All the men of faith are in this chapter. Noah is found in Hebrews 11:7. And it says Noah “being warned of God of things not yet seen as yet.” What does this mean? See, Noah was warned by God about a coming rain and flood. But Noah had never seen rain. Up to this point as I said earlier, the world had water below or the canopy up there. This massive canopy of water up there, and the world was watered by this mist, like a hot house. Beautiful, perfect growing environment. But the Bible tells us God warned him ‘I am going to bring rain and flood’ and Noah probably said What is rain? What is a flood? So when God told him to build the ark, he built it by faith, never seen it, just believed God.

In the New Testament, it actually says we all know Noah as a builder of an ark. But the New Testament it doesn't mention that at

all. It says in II Peter 2:5, it says “he was a preacher of righteousness. Noah was not known as a naval architect or enabled builder but a preacher of righteousness. What was he doing during this time - just building the ark? No, no, no. He was preaching to the people. You say “What do you mean?” Imagine Noah building this massive thing. It takes a very long time. People actually don't have to calculate how long it takes. It varies from one year to many years, it doesn't matter, takes a long time to build in those days. Nobody had the equipment, the massive structure, and these people came and said, “What are you doing Noah?” And Noah said, “I'm preparing for God's judgment”, “What? What are you talking about?” And then he preached to them that God would judge the world because of their evil. He was a preacher of righteousness. So basically, the ark was his pulpit. The ark was like, I would say, an attraction to draw people in. It was like Universal Studios or Disney at their time. Everybody said, “Have you been there? Have you seen this amazing structure?” Everybody would come and see, what is this guy doing and he just preached and preached. So it's probably the biggest pulpit, the longest sermon, to the largest number of people in the world at that time. So, here we have God warning the people as long as it took to build this ark and God use this preacher of righteousness.

Now there're several frequently asked questions, maybe about five about the ark.

No 1 is How is it possible to flood the whole world with rain? 40 days of rain. It rains 40 days you can't cover the whole world. Well, the Bible explains it very, very plainly. It says that the windows of heaven were broken. This huge canopy was now released, the water was released like a dam. You know, when you open a dam, the flood gate, the water comes out not like rain, but a flood of water. Except this time the flood doesn't come from a dam, it

comes from heaven this way. So imagine God punctures the dam at different places, and water didn't come down by drops, it came down as a mass of water. Secondly, the Bible says the great fountains of the deep were broken up. We all know today there's a lot of water underground if you ask any farmer he knows, no rain, dig deep. Wells will provide water. So there's a lot of water underground. In fact, scientists now say that subterranean water may be more than the water in the sea. So those were broken up, so water comes out from here, water comes out from here and literally covers the ground.

No 2, How do you cover the whole earth? He said whole Earth was covered. You know how high Mount Everest is? 29,000 feet. Well, the geologists believed the world was much flatter at the time before the tectonic plates met each other and formed mountains and valleys. The world was more rounded in lesser ups and downs. And so literally the world was easily covered at that time, there were not high peaks and valleys. So that's question number two.

How do you put so many animals in the ark, the sizes given very, very clearly the sizes stated very clearly 300 cubits long, 50 cubits wide, and 30 cubits high. If people calculated using the cubit, using the measurement that this size can hold 70,000 animals of average size, I'll explain that later what you mean by average size. But first I want you to see the dimensions of this ark. It's very interesting. 300 long, 50 wide, six times longer than the width. Most modern ships have the same dimension, unless it's specially built ships, normal ships are six times longer in length than the width. 300 length, 30 height, 10 times longer than the height. You can almost picture in your mind. That's a modern naval architects standard measurement for a boat. They had many other stories of a flood. For example, the Babylonian story, the Ark was a cube. A perfect

cube. When there's a current the cube would go round and round. For 150 days the animals will totally dizzy with vertigo and so would Noah. So obviously, the measurement was big enough for 70,000 animals.

Now next question, How come? Do you know how big Tyrannosaurus is? Or you say an average size animal? Tyrannosaurus is so big. Let me ask you another question. Do you know how small a baby Tyrannosaurus is? Why did he lower them to bring the giants in? You seen dinosaur eggs? I've seen them in museums that big when a dinosaur comes out it's not that big. The reason why dinosaurs grow that big is because they live long. Reptiles don't have a cut off growth time, like us, at 18 we stop growing. Reptiles just keep growing. So Tyrannosaurs live long and get huge. crocodiles get huge, but a baby Tyrannosaurus very small. So no big deal on that again.

Next one. You know how many animals, types of animals there are? Just cattle alone there are 1000 species. Now when talking about species, we're talking about genus. In science there are families: canine family, equine family for horses, bovine family for cattle, the genus of the bovine family. The genes in one papa and mama can produce all kinds of cattle, 1000 species, but Noah didn't bring the species and he brought the genus. He brought the original the ones who could produce all kinds of species and subspecies. So basically, when you come to the genus like canine, feline, equine, it's not that many.

Lastly, how did they have enough food? Let me teach you something about science. And I think most of you know - almost all can hibernate. Hibernation! Humans cannot hibernate. After a few hours, you have to get up. Animals have ability to tune down

their bodies. Slower heart rates, slower breathing, and they literally go to sleep and don't eat. Bears don't eat for 100 days, no problem. Snakes don't eat for one year, no problem. All animals can hibernate. So don't worry about the food issue. It's a non-issue. So I hope this helps you answer questions that you are going to hear from sceptics.