

# “Standing Alone”

## Genesis 6, Unlocking the Old Testament

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**6** When people began to multiply on the face of the ground, and daughters were born to them, <sup>2</sup> the sons of God saw that they were fair; and they took wives for themselves of all that they chose. <sup>3</sup> Then the LORD said, “My spirit shall not abide<sup>a</sup> in mortals forever, for they are flesh; their days shall be one hundred twenty years.” <sup>4</sup> The Nephilim were on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God went in to the daughters of humans, who bore children to them. These were the heroes that were of old, warriors of renown.

<sup>5</sup> Then <sup>3</sup> the LORD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every <sup>g</sup>intent <sup>4</sup> of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil <sup>5</sup> continually. <sup>6</sup> And <sup>h</sup> the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and <sup>i</sup> He was grieved in His <sup>j</sup> heart. <sup>7</sup> So the LORD said, “I will <sup>k</sup> destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.” <sup>8</sup> But Noah <sup>l</sup> found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

<sup>9</sup> This is the genealogy of Noah. <sup>m</sup> Noah was a just man, <sup>6</sup> perfect in his generations. Noah <sup>n</sup> walked with God. <sup>10</sup> And Noah begot three sons: <sup>o</sup> Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

<sup>11</sup> The earth also was corrupt <sup>p</sup> before God, and the earth was <sup>q</sup> filled with violence. <sup>12</sup> So God <sup>r</sup> looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for <sup>s</sup> all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.

<sup>13</sup> And God said to Noah, <sup>t</sup> “The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; <sup>u</sup> and behold, <sup>v</sup> I will destroy them with the earth. <sup>14</sup> Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make <sup>7</sup> rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. <sup>15</sup> And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark *shall be* three hundred <sup>8</sup> cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. <sup>16</sup> You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it *with* lower, second, and third *decks*. <sup>17</sup> And behold, I Myself am bringing <sup>x</sup> floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which *is* the breath of life; everything that *is* on the earth shall <sup>y</sup> die. <sup>18</sup> But I will establish My <sup>z</sup> covenant with you; and <sup>a</sup> you shall go into the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons’ wives with you. <sup>19</sup> And of every living thing of all flesh you shall bring <sup>b</sup> two of every *sort* into the ark, to keep *them* alive with you; they shall be male and female. <sup>20</sup> Of the birds after their kind, of animals after their kind, and of every creeping thing of the earth after its kind, two of every *kind* <sup>c</sup> will come to you to keep *them* alive. <sup>21</sup> And you shall take for yourself of all food that is eaten, and you shall gather *it* to yourself; and it shall be food for you and for them.”

<sup>22</sup> <sup>d</sup> Thus Noah did; <sup>e</sup> according to all that <sup>f</sup> God commanded him, so he did.

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**1. The world was as bad, if not worse, in the time of Noah than it is now**

**2. The Attributes of God are further revealed in the story of Noah**

**a. Exhibits emotion – sorrow and anger**

**b. Saves people from themselves**

**c. Recognizes individual faithfulness**

**3. We need to exhibit radical faithfulness**

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<sup>a</sup> Meaning of Heb uncertain

<sup>3</sup> So with MT, Tg.; Vg. *God*; LXX *LORD God*

<sup>g</sup> Gen. 8:21; Ps. 14:1–3; Prov. 6:18; Matt. 15:19; Rom. 1:28–32

<sup>4</sup> thought

<sup>5</sup> all the day

<sup>h</sup> Gen. 6:7; 1 Sam. 15:11, 29; 2 Sam. 24:16; Jer. 18:7–10; Zech. 8:14

<sup>i</sup> Ps. 78:40; Is. 63:10; Eph. 4:30

<sup>j</sup> Mark 3:5

<sup>k</sup> Gen. 7:4, 23; Deut. 28:63; 29:20; Ps. 7:11

<sup>l</sup> Gen. 19:19; Ex. 33:12, 17; Luke 1:30; Acts 7:46

<sup>m</sup> Gen. 7:1; Ezek. 14:14, 20; Heb. 11:7; 2 Pet. 2:5

<sup>6</sup> blameless or *having integrity*

<sup>n</sup> Gen. 5:22, 24; 2 Kin. 23:3

<sup>o</sup> Gen. 5:32; 7:13

<sup>p</sup> Deut. 31:29; Judg. 2:19; Rom. 2:13

<sup>q</sup> Ezek. 8:17

<sup>r</sup> Ps. 14:2; 53:2, 3

<sup>s</sup> Ps. 14:1–3; Is. 28:8

<sup>t</sup> Is. 34:1–4; Jer. 51:13; Ezek. 7:2, 3; Amos 8:2; 1 Pet. 4:7

<sup>u</sup> Gen. 6:17

<sup>v</sup> 2 Pet. 2:4–10

<sup>7</sup> Lit. *compartments* or *nests*

<sup>8</sup> A cubit is about 18 inches.

<sup>x</sup> 2 Pet. 3:6

<sup>y</sup> Luke 16:22

<sup>z</sup> Gen. 8:20–9:17; 17:7

<sup>a</sup> Gen. 7:1, 7, 13; 1 Pet. 3:20; 2 Pet. 2:5

<sup>b</sup> Gen. 7:2, 8, 9, 14–16

<sup>c</sup> Gen. 7:9, 15

<sup>d</sup> Gen. 7:5; 12:4, 5; Heb. 11:7

<sup>f</sup> [1 John 5:3]