

Session 10: Noah and the Flood

Is Noah the Promised Seed?

Noah, however, found favor in the sight of the LORD. - Genesis 6:8

Will Noah be the promised seed?

There is a word play with Noah's name. His name, meaning "rest/comfort," is the inversion of the Hebrew word that means "favor/grace." Genesis 6 is drawing the reader's attention to Noah as being the potential redeeming seed.

- **We now must ask the questions:**

- Is Noah righteous?
- Did Noah receive a blessing?
- Did Noah fall?
- Will Noah be the promised seed?



In contrast to Noah, *"the earth was filled with wickedness"* - Genesis 6:11

The Flood as a Reverse Creation

"Whereas man's mandate in the creation account was to 'fill' the earth, now we find by contrast that the earth was 'filled,' but with violence." - Keathley and Rooker

The flood account is a reverse creation account.

"In contrast to the creation week where the waters were divided and the surface of the ground appeared (Gen. 1:6-13), the separated waters will now be rejoined for the purpose of destruction. The waters above and below the firmament are united again (Gen. 6:11) as if to reverse the work of creation in Genesis 1." - Keathley and Rooker

The Animals

- Adam - Asked to name the animals
 - Genesis 2:19
 - Birds, animals, humans
- Noah - Asked to protect the animals
 - Genesis 7:15
 - Humans, animals, birds
 - Creation in reverse

God hit the reset button.

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God's Promise and a Glimmer of Hope

“Just as the primordial state was described as a watery chaos with the spirit of God hovering over the waters, so too in the flood account Noah's ark floating on the surface of the waters offers a glimmer of hope.” - Keathley and Rooker

I will never again curse the ground because of man, even though man's inclination is evil from his youth. And I will never again strike down every living thing as I have done. - Genesis 8:21

Noah's Fall

And Noah, a man of the soil, began to plant a vineyard. And he drank from the wine and became drunk and he uncovered himself in the midst of his tent. - Genesis 9:20-21

“Just as Adam and his family fell and brought on themselves a curse (3:17), so Noah and his family fell and brought on themselves a curse (9:25). It appears that the two stories are being case as “fall” narratives” - John Sailhamer

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