

#### **Study #4 Bible Reading: Genesis 6:5-21, 7:15-17, 21- 23**

6:5 The LORD saw that the people on earth were very wicked and in their hearts were always thinking only evil. 6 Then the LORD was sorry He made people on the earth, and He was grieved at heart. 7 “I will wipe off the ground the people I created,” the LORD said, “people, cattle, creeping things, and birds of the air, because I’m sorry I made them.” 8 But the LORD was gracious to Noah.

9 This is the history of Noah. Noah was altogether righteous among the people of his time. Noah walked with God. 10 And Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. 11 But the world was getting worse and worse in God’s sight and was filled with crime. 12 And God saw the world was corrupt because everybody on earth was living a rotten life.

13 So God said to Noah: “I have decided all people must die because they’ve filled the world with crime, and now I’m going to destroy them and the world. 14 Make yourself an ark of cypress wood. Make rooms in the ark. And cover it inside and outside with pitch. 15 This is how you should make it: The ark should be 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high. 16 Make an opening for light in the ark, extending 18 inches from the top. Put the door in the side of the ark. Build it with lower, second, and third decks. 17 I’m going to bring a flood on the earth to destroy every being that breathes and lives under the sky. Every being on earth must die.

18 But I will make My covenant with you. You will go into the ark, and your sons, your wife, and your sons’ wives will go with you. 19 Take two of every kind of living being, of every animal, into the ark to keep them alive with you; they must be a male and a female. 20 Two of every kind of bird, every kind of animal, and every kind of creature moving on the ground will come to you to be kept alive. 21 And get every kind of food to be eaten, and gather it for yourself and for them to eat.”

7:15 Two by two they came to Noah into the ark, everything that had in it the breath of life. 16 Those that came in were male and female; some of every kind of animal came as God had ordered him. Then the LORD closed the door behind him. 17 For 40 days the flood came on the earth, and the waters increased and raised the ark so that it rose high above the ground.

21 Every living thing that moved on earth died, birds, tame and wild animals, everything that swarms over the earth, and all the people. 22 Everything that had in its nostrils the breath of life and that was on dry land died. 23 He [God] wiped out everything that lived on the earth – men, animals, creeping things, and birds in the air; they were wiped off the earth. Only Noah and those with him in the ark stayed alive.