The Flood
PART I
Genesis 6:1-8

Main Thought The epic story of the flood is told by EXPLAINING (6:1-8), INTRODUCING (6:9-10), WARNING (6:11-13), PREPARING (6:14-22), ENTERING (7:1-9), WAITING (7:10-16), REMAINING (7:17-24), REMEMBERING (8:1a), RECEDING (8:1b-5), TESTING (8:6-14), EXITING (8:15-19), WORSHIPING (8:20), and REASSURING (8:21-22).

EXPLAINING (6:1-8)

EXTREME SIN (1-2).
- The SONS OF GOD (Deut. 32:8; Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7; Psa. 82:1, 6; 89:6) have been thought to be the corrupt descendants of Cain intermarrying with the daughters of Seth (CALVIN & LUTHER). But more recently (THE UNSEEN REALM, by Michael Heiser) with the rediscovery of 1 Enoch (4th century BC), they were fallen divine beings (like fallen angels but of a higher class) who incarnated themselves (like Jesus and some angels – 18:2; 19:1; Heb. 13:2).
- These divine SONS OF GOD were created to serve God in his divine assembly (Psa. 82:1, 6). But like some angels, they rebelled (becoming demons – Deut. 32:17) as evidenced in this great sin.
- “How could this be” (Luke 1:34)? The Holy Spirit (a divine being) overshadowed Mary (Luke 1:34) and Jesus (a divine being) became incarnate. It can and did happen but will not in the age to come (Matt. 22:30).
- This was the view of Peter (2 Pet. 2:4-5) and Jude (6-7). Jude (Jude 14) even quotes from 1 Enoch (1:9) revealing NT thinking and influences.

EXTREME GIANTS (4).
- The offspring of this extreme sin were the NEPHILIM (HEB=fallen). They were large (Num. 13:32-33; Deut. 3:11 – King Og’s bed was 13’ x 6’; 1 Sam. 17:4 – Goliath was 9’4” tall), violent men (11) of renown. 1 Enoch (7:3-5) says they began to kill people and drink their blood.
- This sin was repeated after the flood (AFTERWARD) until Goliath – the last.

EXTREME GRIEF (3, 5-7).
- The Spirit of God, the life giving and sustaining force, will not endlessly permit evil doers to live. Life can be given and taken away (Psa. 104:29-30).
- The 120 year clock began to tick when God would judge in the flood. This is when Noah began to build the ark and preach (Heb. 11:7; 2 Pet. 2:5).
- My how things have changed: The Lord originally saw good (1:31) but now evil – every inclination, all the time, since childhood (8:21). So it will be in the last days (Luke 17:26; 18:8; 2 Tim. 3:1-5).
- It grieved and pained God so much that he will destroy them (Jer. 18:5-11).

EXTREME GRACE (8). But Noah, who would bring comfort (5:29; Isa. 40:1), found grace from God – not his own righteousness, but from God (Eph. 2:8-9).