

## “Promise of Judgment & Deliverance”

Genesis 6:9-22

### CONTEXT: THE FLOOD OF NOAH'S DAY

1. The record of this judgment and the deliverance of Noah and his family takes 3+ chapters of Genesis.
  - 6:9-22: The coming judgment of the Flood and plan for deliverance
  - 7:1-24: Noah and his family enter the Ark and are protected from God's judgment
  - 8:1-22: The flood subsides. Noah and his family empty the ark and worship God.
  - 9:1-17: God speaks blessing & instruction to Noah and all his descendants (including us!)
2. Verse 9 serves as a heading/introduction for a new section of Genesis. v.9a Ref. 2:4; 5:1

### THE WARNING OF GOD'S COMING JUDGMENT. v.9-13

1. Noah, the man. v.9b-10
  - Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation.
  - Noah walked with God. (Adam, Lamech, Noah...)
  - Noah had a family: 3 sons. v.10
2. The world in Noah's day. v.11-13
  - The earth was corrupt and filled with violence. v.11-12
  - God pronounced His coming judgment. v.13 → What's on your account?

### SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ARK. v.14-17

1. Use gopher wood and cover inside and out with pitch. v.14
2. Specific dimensions and building instructions. v.15-16
  - cubit is the distance from a man's elbow to the end of his hand. Approx. 18 inches.
  - 450 ft. long, 75 feet wide, 45 feet high; roof with a space of 1 cubit between; 3 levels
3. God will bring a great flood on the earth. v.17
  - God now reveals how he will bring this destruction: a flood of waters.
  - This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> time God pronounces that judgment is coming.  
-Shows CERTAINTY and that God is MERCIFUL. (1 Pet. 3:20: God's patience waited in the days of Noah)

### GOD'S PROMISE TO DELIVER NOAH AND HIS FAMILY. v.18-22

- A flood of judgment is coming, BUT... I will preserve you.
1. Deliverance comes to Noah and his descendants (including us!) in the form of a covenant. v.18
    - A covenant is a special relationship; a binding agreement between two parties and includes obligations and sanctions. Palmer Robertson: A covenant is a bond in blood, sovereignly administered.
  2. Specific instructions for the preservation of Noah and the animals. v.19-21
    - To keep them alive... male and female; all kinds of animals. v.19-20
    - Bring food for Noah's family and the animals. v.21
  3. Noah did all that God commanded him. v.22

→ **Noah obeyed by faith.** Hebrews 11:7: *By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.*

→ **Noah preached righteousness in a corrupt and violent world.** 2 Peter 2:4-5: *For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, held for judgment;<sup>5</sup> and did not spare the ancient world, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly.*

→ **The flood in Noah's day is a merciful warning to us.** Matthew 24:36-39: *But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.<sup>37</sup> For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.<sup>38</sup> For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark,<sup>39</sup> and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.*