

# **The Gospel in the Old Testament**

**Grace in the Eyes of the LORD**

**Lesson 3**

**Genesis 6-9**

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# Salvation and the Gospel

- ▶ Salvation is 100% a work by God
  - The cross
  - The new creation
  - The exaltation of the Son of God in the Kingdom of Heaven in creation
- ▶ The Gospel is 100% an announcement by man
  - The proclamation of good news
  - The call to salvation – to call upon the name of the LORD (Hebrews 11:6)
  - The power of God for salvation (Romans 1:16)

# The Gospel in the Old Testament

- ▶ What was the Gospel message in the Old Testament?
- ▶ A progressive revelation of the work of salvation
- ▶ A term project: Write out the Gospel message

# The Gospel in the Old Testament

- ▶ Lesson 1: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth
  - A revelation of God – His incomparable power and wisdom
  - Man (male and female) created in God's image to rule creation
  - Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, subdue the earth, rule the earth
  - Duty to God: trust in Him and not yourself (Prov 3:5-6)
  
- ▶ Lesson 2: Sin entered the world
  - A good environment and a good union – a trial of faith
  - Unbelief caused sin
  - The wages of sin and the curse of God
  - Hints of hope:
    - The protevangelium – first Gospel
    - Garments of skin – substitution for temporal blessing
    - No access to the Tree of Life

# The Gospel in the Old Testament

- ▶ The first 1700 years (Genesis 4-5)
  - The family of Cain – the horrendous escalation of sin (4)
  - The family of Seth – in the likeness of Adam – all died (5)
    - Men began to call upon the name of the LORD in the days of Enosh
    - Enoch walked with God
    - Lamech looked for relief from the curse through Noah

# The Days of Noah (Gen. 6:1-10)

- ▶ The sons of God married the daughters of men – corruption of life
  - Angels married human wives (Job 1:6; 38:7; 1 Pet 3:19–20; 2 Pet 2:4; Jude 6)
  - Believing men married pagan wives (Ex 4:22; Deut 7:3-4; 2 Cor 6:14)
- ▶ Hostility to God (Gal 5:17)
- ▶ The Nephilim – mighty men of renown (Matt 24:37-39)
- ▶ Great wickedness; every intent of the thoughts of the heart only evil (6:5)
- ▶ The LORD was grieved and resolved to “blot out man”
- ▶ Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD – looked on Noah with favor (6:8)
  - Righteous
  - Blameless
  - Walked with God

# God's Wrath and Mercy (6:11-22)

- ▶ Habakkuk 3:1 - "In wrath remember mercy."
- ▶ The wrath of God – destroy flesh and the earth by a flood
- ▶ The mercy of God – an ark for Noah, his family, and animals
- ▶ The governing plan – "My Covenant"
  - First mention of God's Covenant in the Bible
  - Hosea 6:7 – Adam transgressed the Covenant by unbelief
  - The Everlasting Covenant established before creation (Heb 13:20-21; Eph 1:4)
  - The plan explains the preparation of the ark to preserve man and animals
- ▶ Noah did all that God commanded him
  - Noah's reverence and faith (Heb 11:7)

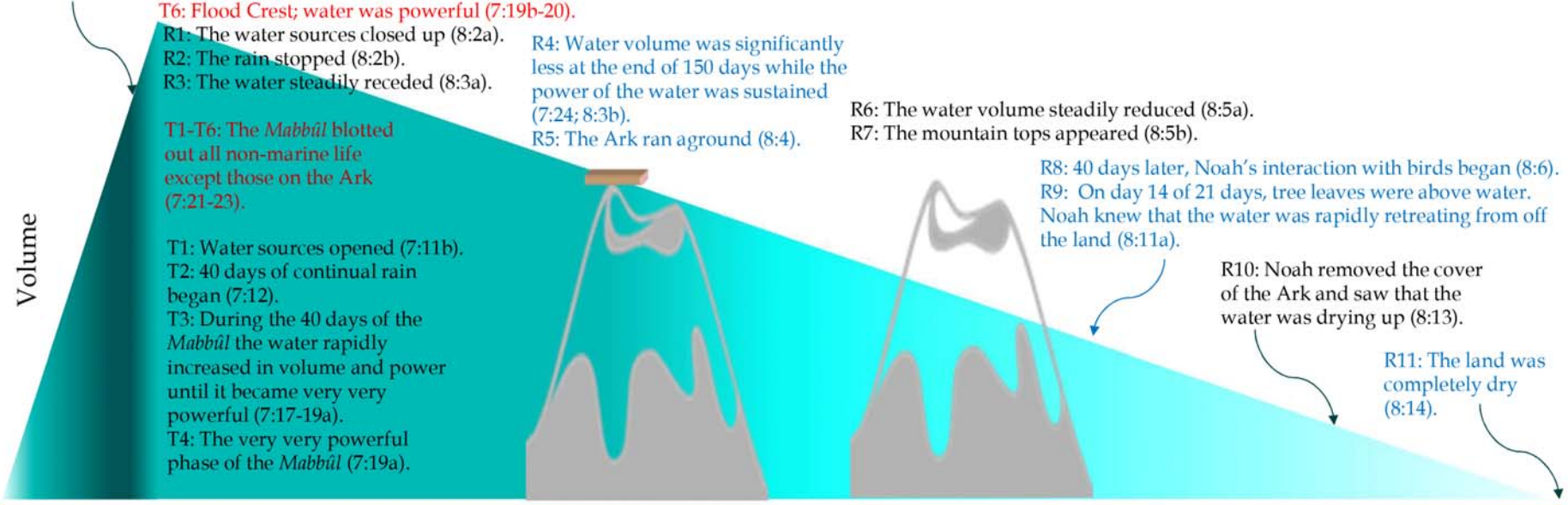
# The Flood (7:1-8:14)

- ▶ Time to enter the ark . . . and Noah did all that the LORD commanded
- ▶ Noah's age – 600 years – dating system for the flood
- ▶ MABBUL – Hebrew word for the flood in Genesis
- ▶ MABBUL only found outside of Genesis 7-11 once: Psalm 29:7  
The LORD sat as King at the flood;  
Yes, the LORD sits as King forever.



# Deluge Time Line

T5: God caused a wind to pass over the earth (8:1a), which reduced the power of the water (7:20a; 8:1b).



Darkness of Color  
Indicates Power

Time

# A New Beginning (8:15-9:7)

- ▶ Noah told to evacuate the ark after 57 days . . . and he obeyed
- ▶ Noah built an altar and offered burnt offerings of every clean animal
  - An offering for sins
  - Entire sacrificial animal burned up
  - A sweet aroma to God
- ▶ Post flood assessment:
  - the heart of man unchanged
  - the LORD will never again destroy every living thing
  - natural order in the universe to continue
- ▶ Renewal and additions to the creation mandate (9:1-7)
  - Be fruitful, multiply and fill the earth
  - Rule animal life . . . by fear
  - Meat added to the diet
  - Capital punishment for murder
  - Be fruitful and multiply; populate the earth abundantly and multiply in it

# A New Covenant Revelation (9:8-17)

- ▶ An Everlasting Covenant (9:12, 16)
- ▶ Established – revealed to Noah that he was included
- ▶ The participants in the Covenant
  - God – “My Covenant” (9:9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17)
  - Noah, his sons, and his descendants (9:9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17)
  - Every living creature with him (9:10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17)
  - The earth (9:13)
- ▶ The terms of the Covenant
  - Never cut off all flesh by a flood (9:11, 15)
  - The final fire and new creation (2 Peter 3:10-13; Rev 21:1; 1 Cor 3:15; 2 Cor 5:17)

# A New Covenant Revelation (9:8-17)

- ▶ The sign of the Covenant
  - The sign is the rainbow – sun shining through clouds
  - This is God's reminder to Himself of His promise (9:14-16; cf. 8:1)
- ▶ The good news
  - The LORD brought relief from the curse through Noah and the ark
  - The heart of man still wicked, but will not lead to annihilation of all living flesh
  - The effect of God's grace: righteous, blameless, walk with God
  - Faith manifested by obedience to God
  - The means by which the blessing is secured remains to be revealed

# The God of Shem (9:18-29)

- ▶ The disgraceful conduct of Noah and Ham
- ▶ Shem and Japheth honor their father
- ▶ Ham's sin led to the curse on Canaan.
- ▶ It will be through Shem's family that the blessing of the LORD will come

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- ▶ God is angry with sin in His creation – demands wrath
- ▶ The work of salvation
  - The LORD is directed by the Everlasting Covenant
  - The LORD graciously preserves Noah through wrath
  - Noah walked with Him in righteousness and was blameless before men
  - The LORD is pleased with burnt offerings
  - The protevangelium from Genesis 3:15
- ▶ The Gospel message . . . in Noah's day?
  - Call upon the name of the LORD
  - All depends upon sovereign grace
    - God acts contrary to what is deserved
    - God opens eyes and enables faith
  - A call to trust in God as He reveals Himself