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)
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- 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
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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
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- 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).

T6: Flood Crest; water was powerful (7:19b-20).
R1: The water sources closed up (8:2a).
R2: The rain stopped (8:2b).
R3: The water steadily receded (8:3a).

R4: Water volume was significantly less at the end of 150 days while the power of the water was sustained (7:24; 8:3b).
R5: The Ark ran aground (8:4).

R6: The water volume steadily reduced (8:5a).
R7: The mountain tops appeared (8:5b).

R8: 40 days later, Noah’s interaction with birds began (8:6).
R9: On day 14 of 21 days, tree leaves were above water. Noah knew that the water was rapidly retreating from off the land (8:11a).

R10: Noah removed the cover of the Ark and saw that the water was drying up (8:13).
R11: The land was completely dry (8:14).

40 days (7:4, 12, 17)
very very powerful (7:19a)
powerful for 150 days (7:18a, 20a, 24)

600/2/17 (Mabbil began) 600/7/17 (Ark ran aground) 600/10/1 (mountain tops appeared) 601/1/1 (water drying up) 601/2/27 (End of the Flood)

Darkness of Color
Indicates Power
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)
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- 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