



Genesis 6 is the account of the world leading to the flood.

The class of people who had surnamed themselves by the name God, or in Hebrew '*Elohim*', which means Mighty Ones, began to marry the daughters of Cain. The separation of those who served God and those who did not was lost, and great leaders began to emerge who did not serve God.

From this account God cares about what people think and do.

Genesis 6

(1) And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth¹, and daughters were born unto them,

(2) That the sons of God² saw the daughters of men³ that they were good⁴; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

(3) And the LORD⁵ said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years⁶.

(4) There were tyrants⁷ in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty⁸ men which were of old, men of renown.

(5) And the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

(6) And it repented⁹ the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved¹⁰ him at his heart.

(7) And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repents me that I have made them.

(8) But Noah found grace¹¹ in the eyes of the LORD.

(9) These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect¹² in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

(10) And Noah fathered three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

(11) The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

(12) And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

(13) And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

(14) Make thee an ark¹³ of gopher¹⁴ wood; rooms shall thou make in the ark, and shall pitch it within and without with pitch.

(15) And this is the fashion which thou shall make it of: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits¹⁵, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.

(16) A window shall thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shall thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shall thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shall thou make it.

(17) And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die.

(18) But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shall come into the ark, thou,

and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

(19) And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shall thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female.

(20) Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive.

(21) And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shall gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them.

(22) Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

(King James Version updated with reference to the Hebrew text)

- 1 Hebrew *adamah*: the red earth
- 2 In chapter 4:26 the sons of Enos began to identify themselves by the name of *Elohim*, Mighty Ones, calling themselves the sons of *Elohim*, or in other words they surnamed themselves with the name of God. They differentiated themselves from the sons of Cain.
- 3 This Hebrew word for man is related to Adam, meaning red flesh.
- 4 In some translations 'fair'. The Hebrew *tob* means 'good' in all senses including beautiful
- 5 In Hebrew the name can be translated "He who will be".
- 6 The long life spans would be reduced. About 120 years is possible today.
- 7 From the Hebrew word for felling trees, a maker of fugitives, or one that casts down others and walks over them.
- 8 Hebrew *gibbor* means also warrior
- 9 To sigh, to be sorry
- 10 The Hebrew implies a strong emotion as something 'carved'
- 11 Favour, he was seen as morally beautiful to God
- 12 Noah had integrity
- 13 Hebrew *têbâh* literally a box – the box may have been just that not 'boat' shaped at all.
- 14 Mostly likely Cypress which is a very hard durable softwood but it would require waterproofing
- 15 There are many cubit measures but most are about 0.5m, about 150m long [for more see](#)