

## E2E: Part 14a –The Ark

### Genesis 6 & 7

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1. The Bible makes it really clear that God does not change & does not adapt to cultural changes. What God said 8,000 years ago is just as true and relevant today. (Malachi 3:6, Isaiah 40:8, 1 Samuel 15:29)
2. When the sin of the humans reaches its high point, grace is on display. One family among all the families on the planet was righteous in God's eyes. (Genesis 6:8, 1 Peter 3:19, Genesis 7:1)
3. God's attributes are perfectly balanced. If He is not 100% love, He would not be God. If He is not 100% righteous wrath, He would not be God. (Psalm 45:7, Hebrews 1:9)
4. God's pronouncement to Noah is that it's a violent world. The only response through the entire account is Noah doing exactly what God tells him to do. In doing everything he's commanded; his life gives evidence of righteousness.
5. In your walk with God there are things He will call you to that surpass your capacity to grasp in the moment. There are circumstances we find ourselves in that are beyond our understanding.
6. The Bible identifies 2 specific sources for the water engulfing the planet.
  1. The fountains of the great deep burst open (Genesis 6:11)
  2. The floodgates of the sky were opened (Genesis 6:11)
7. The global flood essentially uncreates what was originally created.
8. The ark was God's provision. Before the flood came, before the ark was made, before a drop of rain ever fell, the method of escape already existed in the mind of God. (2 Peter 3:3-7)
9. Romans 1 speaks to the issue that if people persistently abandon God, God will abandon them. God made Himself known, but His ways have been rejected. (Romans 1:24-28)

# HEBREW WORDS

**Yetser** (yay'-tser) a form; conception (purpose):— thing framed, imagination, work

**Shachath** (shaw-khath'); to decay, (causatively) ruin :— corrupt(-er, thing), destroy(-er, -uction), x utterly waste

**Baqa'**, (baw-kah'); to cleave; to rend, break, rip or open:—make a breach, break forth - to burst, rend (asunder), rip up, tear

## QUOTES

"This was an age of heavy freighters capable of transporting bulky cargoes. They carried timber, livestock and agricultural produce, salt, wine and oil in large jars. Ugarit had grain-ships capable of carrying a hundred and fifty tons of grain" ~ **Dr. Margret S. Drower**

"The one who does not believe that God will punish sin, will not believe that He will pardon it through the atoning blood. He who does not believe that God will cast unbelievers into hell, will not be sure that He will take believers to heaven. If we doubt God's Word about one thing, we shall have small confidence in it upon another thing. Since faith in God must treat all God's Word alike; for the faith which accepts one word of God, and rejects another, is evidently not faith in God, but faith in our own judgment, faith in our own taste." ~ **Charles H Spurgeon -1870**

## DISCUSSION QUOTES

1. It's easy to see the darkness around us and in our world today and question God's goodness or fall into despair.

How does this passage help you with your perspective? What hope does it give you? What is the source of a Christians hope?

2. God knew that Noah was someone who had and would resist the evil in his culture and stand faithfully with and for him as his agent of truth and grace.

How do you feel about being called to do the same with your life? How does that look for you?

3. As Mark mentioned, God called Noah to build an ark long before He revealed to him why.

Is there anything in your life now that you know God has called you to, or allowed to come to you that you still don't know why He did? How have you been handling it? Does anything from this passage help you to handle it any better? How?

### **Additional Resources:**

<https://answersingenesis.org/noahs-ark/thinking-outside-the-box/>

The Genesis Flood (Morris & Whitcomb) Henry M. Morris and John C. Whitcomb - 1961