

Notes for Genesis 6-9

Isaiah 54:8-9

- 8 With a little wrath I hid My face from you for a moment;
But with everlasting kindness I will have mercy on you,”
Says the Lord, your Redeemer.
- 9 “For this is like **the waters of Noah** to Me;
For as I have sworn
That the waters of Noah would no longer cover the earth,
So have I sworn
That I would not be angry with you, nor rebuke you.

Ezekiel 14:12-20 The word of the Lord came again to me, saying: 13“Son of man, when a land sins against Me by persistent unfaithfulness, I will stretch out My hand against it; I will cut off its supply of bread, send famine on it, and cut off man and beast from it.

14“**Even if these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it**, they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness,” says the Lord God.

15“If I cause wild beasts to pass through the land, and they empty it, and make it so desolate that no man may pass through because of the beasts, 16“even though these three men were in it, as I live,” says the Lord God, “they would deliver neither sons nor daughters; only they would be delivered, and the land would be desolate.

17“Or if I bring a sword on that land, and say, ‘Sword, go through the land,’ and I cut off man and beast from it, 18“even though these three men were in it, as I live,” says the Lord God, “they would deliver neither sons nor daughters, but only they themselves would be delivered.

19“Or if I send a pestilence into that land and pour out My fury on it in blood, and cut off from it man and beast, 20“**even though Noah, Daniel, and Job were in it**, as I live,” says the Lord God, “they would deliver neither son nor daughter; they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness.”

Matthew 24:36-39 But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. 37“**But as the days of Noah** were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 38“For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that **Noah** entered the ark, 39“and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Luke 17:26-27 And as it was **in the days of Noah**, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: 27“**They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage,** until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

Hebrews 11:7 **By faith Noah**, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

1 Peter 3:18-22 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, ¹⁹by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited **in the days of Noah**, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. ²¹There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.

2 Peter 2:4-10a For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; ⁵and did not spare the ancient world, **but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly**; ⁶and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; ⁷and delivered righteous Lot, who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked ⁸(for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds)— ⁹then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment, ¹⁰and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority.

Key Bible texts on Birth Order:

1. "Also to Shem, the father of all the children of Eber, and **the older brother of Japheth**, children were born." (Genesis 10:21, MT)
2. "And to Shem were born children, even to him, the father of all the sons of Eber, the **brother of Japheth the great**." (Genesis 10:21, LXX)
3. "Noah was five hundred years old, and Noah became the father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth." (Genesis 5:32, MT, LXX)
4. "These are the records of the generations of Shem. Shem was one hundred years old, and became the father of Arpachshad two years after the flood;" (Genesis 11:10, MT, LXX)
5. "When Noah awoke from his wine, he knew what **his youngest son [Ham]** had done to him." (Genesis 9:24)

"The birth order is not given in Genesis 5:32 (Shem, Ham, Japheth). Shem is listed first because he is in the Messianic line. The same goes for Abraham in Gen 11:26, who was not born when Terah was 70, but 130. This repetition creates a literary inclusio between 5:32 and 11:26 in the primeval history. Moses is making a theological point in both verses, while also giving a chronological referent. The son who was born in the 500th year of Noah's life is Japheth. Shem is born when Noah is 502, and Ham is the youngest (the superlative translation of "youngest" in 9:24, ὁ νεώτερος , is almost certainly correct). In Gen 11:26, the genitive τοῦ μείζονος makes Japheth the elder brother of Shem. This is also the Masoretes' understanding of the Hebrew, as the accentuation shows." (Henry Smith, Oct. 2017)