

Just Judgement

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Selected Scriptures (Genesis 6 & 7)

I. The “Toledoths” of Genesis

- A. The Meaning – A “toledoth” is a literary formula used as a structural device in Genesis. It simply means, “The are the generations/descendants of ...”¹
- B. The Toledoths
 - 1. **Genesis 2:4**, *These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.*
 - a) **Toledoths are statements of development rather than to origin.**
 - 2. **Genesis 5:1**, *This is the book of the generations of Adam. When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God.*
 - 3. **Genesis 6:9**, *These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God.*
 - 4. **Genesis 10:1**, *These are the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Sons were born to them after the flood. the table of nations (Shem, Ham, and Japheth)*
 - 5. **Genesis 11:10**, *These are the generations of Shem. When Shem was 100 years old, he fathered Arpachshad two years after the flood. **Genesis 11:27**, Now these are the generations of Terah. Terah fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran fathered Lot.*
 - 6. **Genesis 25:12**, *These are the generations of Ishmael, Abraham’s son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah’s servant, bore to Abraham.*
 - 7. **Genesis 25:19**, *These are the generations of Isaac, Abraham’s son: Abraham fathered Isaac,*
 - 8. **Genesis 36:1, 9** *These are the generations of Esau (that is, Edom). (9) These are the generations of Esau the father of the Edomites in the hill country of Seir.*
 - 9. **Genesis 37:2**, *These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was pasturing the flock with his brothers. He was a boy with the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father’s wives. And Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father.*
 - 10. **Matthew 1:1**, *The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.*

II. Who was Noah?

- A. His Parentage (See figure 1 on page 3)
 - 1. Noah was the grandson of Methuselah and the great-grandson of Enoch (translated to heaven).
 - 2. Noah was the son of Lamech (a descendant of Seth; 7th from Adam)
 - a) **Genesis 5:28–29**, *When Lamech had lived 182 years, he fathered a son **29** and called his name Noah, saying, “Out of the ground that the Lord has cursed, this one shall bring us relief from our work and from the painful toil of our hands.”*
 - b) Lamech credited his “toil” with the condition of the ground the Lord had cursed because of the fall.
 - c) Lamech seemed to have something revealed of the future purposes of Noah (“relief,” “comfort”)
- B. His Times
 - 1. **Genesis 1:31**, *And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.*
 - 2. **Genesis 6:5–7**, *The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. **6** And the Lord regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. **7** So the Lord said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them.”*
- C. His Testimony (**Genesis 6:8**, *But Noah found favor [grace] in the eyes of the Lord.*) (found – Ex 33:12-13, 16, 17)

¹ Mangum, Douglas. *The Lexham Glossary of Theology*. Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2014.

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- D. His Character (**Genesis 6:9**, *These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God.*)
1. Just (Romans 5:9, 5:1, Hebrews 11)
 - a) **Romans 5:1**, *Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*
 - b) **Romans 5:9**, *Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.*
 2. Perfect – without blemish “Tamim” – Uncontaminated (Genesis 6:1-8).
 3. Walked with God (**Hebrews 11:7**, *By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.*)
 - a) His Grounds for faith (being warned of God; God’s Word)
 - b) His Sphere of Faith (events yet unseen)
 - c) His Character of Faith (moved with fear)
 - d) His Evidence of Faith (constructed an ark)
 - e) His Issue of Faith (To the saving of his house)
 - f) His Witness of Faith (by which he condemned the world)
 - g) His Reward of Faith (heir of righteousness)

III. The Flood.

- A. God’s Mercy PORTRAYED (see figure 1 – on page 3)
1. As Adam’s descendant, Noah could only receive what was transmitted to him (Adam-Seth, Genesis 5:3, depraved, sin nature)
 2. Enoch – Pleased God and Walked with God (Hebrews 11:5, Fathered Methuselah (means *-his death sends a dart; when he is dead it shall be sent*). Possibly, this was a forewarning given to Enoch as he walked with God.) (Genesis 5:21)
 - a) **Hebrews 11:5**, *By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God.*
 3. Jude draws on this account in Jude 14-15.
 - a) **Jude 14–15**, *It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, “Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones, **15** to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him.”*
 4. Methuselah lived the longest recorded life in the Bible, 969 years. A testimony to the grace and mercy of God.
- B. God’s Judgement PROVOKED
1. God had been long-suffering and now continued wait **1 Peter 3:20**, *Because they formerly did not obey, when God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.*
 2. Patience – long suffering of God. This speaks to God’s mercy for 969 years.
 - a) They had the light of nature (Romans 1:19-20)
 - b) They had the testimony of conscience (Romans 2:14-15)
 - c) They possessed the light of Divine revelation.
 - (1) The Promise of a Redeemer (Genesis 3:15)
 - (2) The Example of blood sacrifices to approach God (Adam&Eve, Abel, Noah Gen 8:20)
 - (3) The Mark of God upon Cain (Genesis 4:15) as a reminder of his moral failure.
 - (4) The institution of a divine Sabbath (Genesis 4:3)
 - (5) The longevity of human life. (Two lives spanned the time from the beginning to the deluge of the flood (Adam and Methuselah) Adam lived 930 years.
 - (6) The Preaching of Enoch (Jude 14-15)
 - (7) The Translation of Enoch
 - (8) The Preaching of Noah (2 Peter 2:5)
 - (9) The Ministry of the Holy Spirit (Genesis 6:3)

figure 1

