

Gleanings from the Pentateuch

The Kingdom Lost: "Life in Exile"
(Genesis 4-11)

Life in Exile

Two Themes:

1. The progression of sin and alienation from God met by His judgment
2. The preservation of the line of the promised "seed" of the woman

Noah and the Flood

Sin's Consequence

1. God's assessment
 - the great depth of man's depravity
 - He is "sorry" and "grieved" in His heart
 - He decides to blot out man and all living things from the face of the land

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Sin's Consequence

2. Execution of Judgment
 - He causes a flood to destroy all life
 - Why a flood?
 - a reversal of creation – the return to a watery state with no life
 - the complete removal of the land

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Sin's Consequence

1. Tremble at the truth that sin ultimately meets with the judgment and wrath of God
2. Marvel at God's freedom, sovereignty and power to undo all creation

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"For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah.

For as in those days which were before the flood they were eating and drinking, they were marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah enter the ark,

and they did not understand until the flood came and took them away; so shall the coming of the Son of Man be."
(Matthew 24:37-39)

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Noah's Preservation

1. The Reason

- he was a "righteous man"; he "walked with God"
- seen in his trust in God's provision and obedience to God's commands

Amplifies the lesson of Enoch:
Life comes through walking with God

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Noah's Preservation

"By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became the heir of the righteousness which is according to faith." (Hebrews 11:7)

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Noah's Preservation

2. The Means

- God's provision of an ark – foreshadows the tabernacle
- God "remembered" Noah and caused the waters to subside
- Picture – patient waiting by the righteous for God's prolonged deliverance

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Noah's Preservation

3. The Outcome

- the renewal of creation – the beginning of a new era
- differences: lack of harmony
 - terror on the animals
 - provision to kill and eat animals
 - capital punishment for murder

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God's Covenant

1. The Content

- a promise never to destroy the earth again by a flood of water
- not a promise of restoration of the kingdom, but preservation of the earth

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God's Covenant

2. The Reason

- Because of man's continued corruption and rebellion
- God chooses to exercise His longsuffering toward sinful man

This demands explanation! – hinted at by Noah's sacrifice

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Conclusion

- 1. We live in an age of God's longsuffering that leads us to repentance (2 Pet. 3:3-9)**
- 2. The basis of God's longsuffering and forgiveness is the sacrifice of Jesus (Romans 3:25-26)**