

Study Guide for January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Impending...destruction and deliverance. Gen. 6:1-8

Introduction: When have you been aware of an impending disaster?

What actions did you take to avoid catastrophic loss?

What was the aftermath?

I. The BAD guys. (Gen. 6:1-4)

A. A report of multiplying sinners.

- 1) When does the account take place? (vs. 1)
- 2) What did the sons of God do? (vs. 2)
- 3) How did the Lord react? (vs. 3)                      What judgment is announced? (vs. 3)
- 4) What does Numb. 13:31-33 further tell us about the Nephilim?

B. How shall we understand this? Which view seems to best interpret Gen. 6:1-4 . . .

- 1) The angel theory: Sons of God are fallen angels who have sexual union with human woman to produce a line of super sinners which caused sin to escalate.
- 2) The mixed race theory: Sons of God are the descendants of Seth who marry with the daughters of men (ungodly) – Cain. Now even the remnant is sinful.
- 3) The sociological mixed race theory: Sons of God are rulers who take many wives (polygamy) and gain power to increase injustice and violence.

C. How do the following N.T. texts support or refute the views above?

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| 1) Matt. 22:30:   | 2) I Pet. 3:18-20: |
| 3) II Pet. 2:4-5: | 4) Jude 6-7:       |

D. Write out Matt. 23:12 and relate it to this section of Scripture and your life.

II. The JUDGE. (Gen. 6:5-7)

A. A report of a holy judge:

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| 1) What did the Lord see? (vs. 5)       | What does this imply about His character? |
| 2) What did the Lord feel? (vs. 6)      | What does this imply about His heart?     |
| 3) What did the Lord determine? (vs. 7) | What should we learn from this?           |

B. How do we understand this report in light of following Scripture passages . . .

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| 1) Ex. 32:14:   | 2) I Sam: 15:11, 29: |
| 3) Jer. 26:1-20 | 4) Jonah 3:1-10:     |

III. The GOOD guy. (Gen. 6:8)

A. What is said about Noah? (v. 8)

What will God do through him?

B. Summarize Heb. 11:7 and II Chron.16:9a.

What applications can you make?