

Lesson 2

TWT BIBLE SCHOOL

STUDENTS' NOTES | ENGLISH



I. SIN SEPARATES MAN FROM GOD

A. Cain and Abel

Genesis 4:1-5 “Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, “I have acquired a man from the LORD.” ²Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. ³And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the LORD. ⁴Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected Abel and his offering, ⁵but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.”



1. These two brothers represent two kinds of people: ① those who totally trust and obey God like Abel, and ② those who believe in God, but think they can do things their own way.

Proverbs 16:25 “There is a way that seems right unto a man, But its end is the way of death.”

2. The brothers both believed in God; however, their life stories teach a very important principle.



1: We must approach God on _____ terms and not ours.

B. Cain's sacrifice was refused

1. He was angry, but God showed mercy. **Genesis 4:6-7** “So the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? 7If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it.”



2: Before God passes judgment, He will always extend _____.
(This gives us understanding about God’s character!)

2. Cain rejected God's mercy; in pride and disobedience, he kills his brother.

Genesis 4:8 "Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him."



3. The New Testament adds this insight into Cain's character.

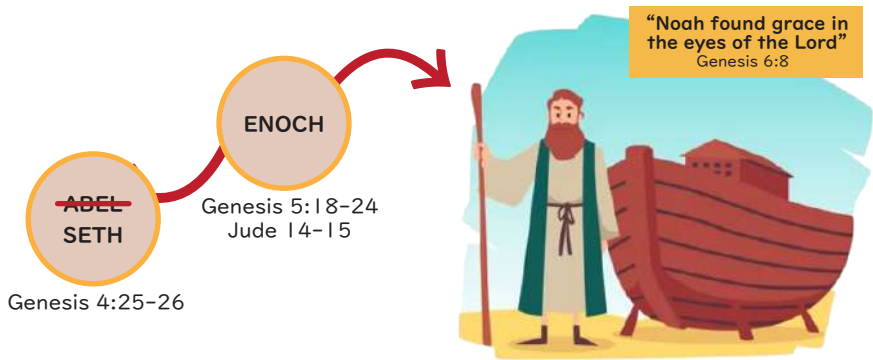
1 John 3:12 "not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous."

C. Cain's disrespectful and arrogant attitude towards God, and his punishment

Genesis 4:9-16 "Then the LORD said to Cain, Where is Abel your brother? He said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?" ¹⁰ And He said, What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground. ¹¹ "So now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹² When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth." ¹³ And Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear!" ¹⁴ Surely You have driven me out this day from the face of the ground; I shall be hidden from Your face; I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth, and it will happen that anyone who finds me will kill me." ¹⁵ And the LORD said to him, Therefore, whoever kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD set a mark on Cain, lest anyone finding him should kill him. ¹⁶ Then Cain went out from the presence of the LORD and dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Eden."

Very important: The principles of God will never change. He will always teach us the correct way while extending mercy, but **if we reject His mercy, we will one day live without God's presence forever**, like Cain."

II. MEN WHO WALKED WITH GOD



- A. Seth - Genesis 4:25-26** "And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and named him Seth, "For God has appointed another seed for me instead of Abel, whom Cain killed." ²⁶... Then men began to call upon the name of the Lord."
- B. Enoch - Genesis 5:24** "And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him."
- 1. Hebrews 11:5** "By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "and was not found, because God had taken him"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God."
- C. Noah - Genesis 6:8-9** "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. ⁹... Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God."
- Jesus gave us the warning:
Matthew 7:13-14 "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. ¹⁴Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it."
 - In Noah's time, people were extremely wicked and evil.
Genesis 6:5-8 "Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. ⁶ And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. ⁷ So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast,

creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.
⁸ But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD."

3. God told Noah that he is going to destroy the earth.

Genesis 6:11-13 "The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹²So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. ¹³And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth."

III. THE RIGHTEOUS FAMILY PRESERVED

A. God told Noah to build an ark

1. **Genesis 6:14-16** "Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. ¹⁵ And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. ¹⁶ You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it with lower, second, and third decks."
2. **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."
3. **2 Peter 2:5** "and 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;"
 - a. Many people say all we need is "faith" to be saved or "just believe". It is not God's way nor God's plan of salvation.

B. Everyone that believed God in the Bible obeyed Him.

Question: What saved Noah? ① Was it the grace of God forewarning Noah, or ② the fact that Noah built the ark?

Answer: _____.

 **# 3:** We receive God's gift of salvation by responding in faith and _____.

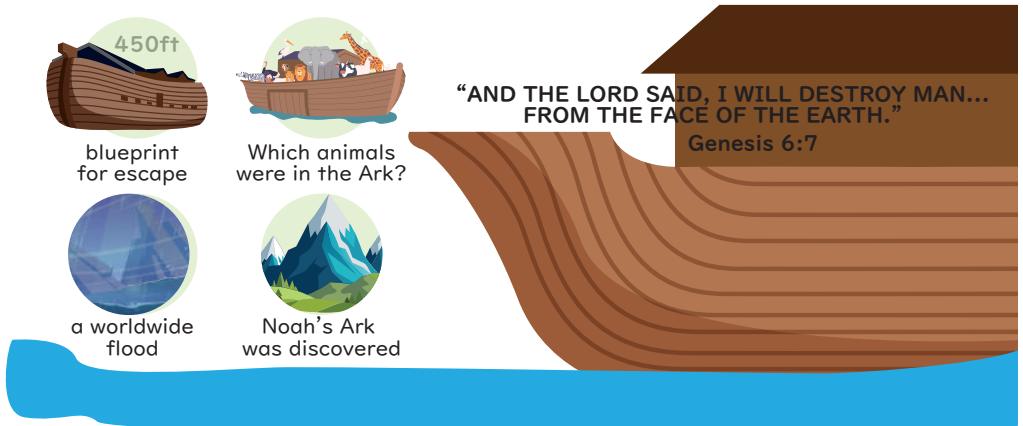
Note: We must have faith in God's plan by acting in obedience. Some say that baptism is not necessary for salvation, but baptism is faith in active obedience. (Mark 16:16, Acts 2:21, Acts 22:16)

C. True faith is obedience

1. Faith and action always go together in every biblical salvation plan.
 - a. **Hebrews 5:9** "And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,"
 - b. **James 2:14-20** "What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? ¹⁷Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. ¹⁸But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. ¹⁹You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe - and tremble! ²⁰But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?"
 - c. **James 2:24-26** "You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only. ²⁵Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out another way? ²⁶For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also."
 - d. **James 1:22** "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."

D. God destroys all life on the earth.

1. **Genesis 7:21-23** "And all flesh died that moved on the earth: birds and cattle and beasts and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every man. ²²All in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, all that was on the dry land, died. ²³So He destroyed all living things which were on the face of the ground: both man and cattle, creeping thing and bird of the air. They were destroyed from the earth. Only Noah and those who were with him in the ark remained alive."



2. Once God shut the door, no one else could enter the ark.

Genesis 7:16 “So those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the LORD shut him in.” Someday this ‘time period’ that we live in, the period of grace, will also end in judgment. God will shut the door and then it will be too late to receive salvation.

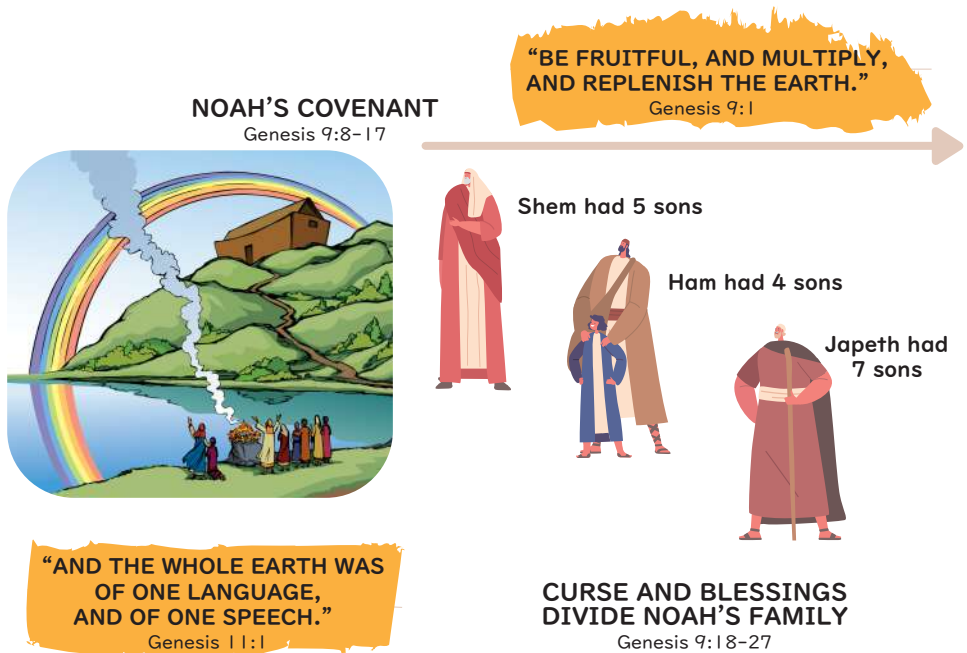
E. After the flood, God made a covenant with Noah.

1. **Genesis 9:12-17** “And God said: “This is the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: ¹³I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth.” ¹⁴It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud; ¹⁵and I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷And God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

 **# 4:** When God makes a covenant with man, there will always be a _____ sign.

2. Covenants always include a token or “sign” between God and man. These signs seal the agreement, covenant or testament.

3. God then told Noah's family to "multiply, and fill the earth." (Genesis 9:1)



IV. HUMANKIND JUDGED

A. Humanity will be judged again in a different manner.

- Each new covenant that God creates gives mankind greater levels of intimacy with Him. Each covenant is instituted only for a specific amount of time. During that 'time period' God extends His mercy and gives a plan of salvation to which man must believe and obey, for each time period always end in judgment.



5: Every time period in the Bible always ends in _____.

- 2 Peter 3:3-10** "knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, ⁴and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." ⁵For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, ⁶by which the world that then existed perished, being **flooded** with water. ⁷But the heavens and the earth which are now

preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. ⁸But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up."

3. **Malachi 4:1** "For behold, the day is coming, Burning like an oven, And all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up," Says the LORD of hosts, "That will leave them neither root nor branch."

B. Jesus said when he comes back it would be like in the days of Noah.

Matthew 24:37-39 "But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. ³⁸For 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, ³⁹and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be."

1. **Eating and drinking**

Matthew 24:44 says, "Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man (Jesus) is coming at an hour you do not expect."

2. **Marrying and giving in marriage**

3. **Violence.**

- C.** Jesus also said, "Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built. ²⁹but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. ³⁰Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed." - **Luke 17:28-30**

1. **Genesis 19:4-5** "Now before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both old and young, all the people from every quarter, surrounded the house. ⁵And they called to Lot and said to him, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may know them carnally."

2. **Jude 1:7** "as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire."
3. God in His mercy always takes His people out who love and obey Him before he sends His judgment.

#6: We need to _____ ourselves for coming judgment.

D. One last scripture in this lesson

1. **Genesis 11:1** "And the whole earth had one language, and one speech."
 - a. So where did all the different languages come from?

Let's find out in the Bible next lesson... **Lesson 3.**

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