

Lesson V.

THE FLOOD

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Genesis 6 : 9-12 ; 7 : 11-24. Study Genesis 6 : 9-22 ; 7 : 11-24—Memory Verses, ch. 7 : 12-14.

Golden Text—The wages of sin is death ; but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.—Romans 6 : 23.

9 These are the generations of No'ah : No'ah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and No'ah walked with God.

10 And No'ah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Ja'pheth.

11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt ; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

Ch. 7 : 11 In the six hundredth year of No'ah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.

12 And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights.

13 In the selfsame day entered No'ah, and Shem, and Ham, and Ja'pheth, the sons of No'ah, and No'ah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark ;

14 They, and every beast after his kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird of every sort.

15 And they went in unto No'ah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life.

16 And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him : and the Lord shut him in.

17 And the flood was forty days upon the earth ; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth.

18 And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth ; and the ark went upon the face of the waters.

19 And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth ; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered.

20 Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail ; and the mountains were covered.

21 And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man :

22 All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died.

23 And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven ; and they were destroyed from the earth ; and No'ah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark.

24 And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Many hundred years had passed since God made the world, and it was now filled with people. But they were not good : they forgot God and did so many evil things that God said, "I will destroy all these people with a great flood because of their wickedness."

But there was one man named Noah, who still loved and served God. He had a wife and three sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth, and God told him that although all the bad people on the earth must be punished He would save him and his family. So He told him to make a great ark or vessel of wood, and when it was finished he was to take two of every kind of animal that lived on the earth and go in himself and his family and shut the door. Then God would send a great long rain or flood upon the earth and all

the bad people would be drowned, but Noah and his family and the animals in the ark would be saved.

It must have seemed strange to Noah to build that great boat on dry land while the sky was bright and there was no sign of rain. But Noah trusted and obeyed God, and so he was saved when the day of flood came.

At last the ark was finished, and Noah did as God had said and took with him into it, besides his wife and his three sons and their wives and families, two of every kind of animal that lived on the earth.

Then the Lord shut the door of the great ark. Soon the rain began to fall—not a soft summer rain, but great sheets of water as if the windows of heaven had been opened and it had been poured out. And thus it rained for forty long days and nights till even the