Supplemental Notes:

The Flood of Noah

The Days of Noah

Why did God bring such a devastating judgment upon the Earth? Why were only eight people saved?

Just who were the “Nephilim”? What did Jesus mean when He said, “As the days of Noah were, so shall the days of the coming of the Son of Man be”?

The Flood of Noah

Was there a universal flood? Could an ark contain all of the animals? What are the prophetic implications of the Genesis account?
The Days of Noah

Names Have Meaning

Eve = Life-giver; Mother of all living Gen 3:20
Cain = Acquired Gen 4:4
Seth = Appointed Gen 4:25
Abraham = Father of many nations Gen 17:5
Enoch = Teaching; Initiation; Commencement

First presentation of the Gospel in Old Testament:

Genealogy from Chapter 5

Adam Man
Seth Appointed
Enosh Mortal
Kenan Sorrow
Mahalalel The Blessed God
Jared Shall come down
Enoch Teaching
Methuselah His Death shall bring
Lamech The Despairing
Noah Rest, Comfort

Apostasy begins in Gen 4:26: “Then men began to profane the name of the Lord” (“call something by the name of the Lord…”)

Targum of Onkelos: “…desisted from praying in the name…”
Targum of Jonathan: “surnamed their idols in the name…”
Kimchi, Rashi, & other ancient Jewish commentators agree. Jerome indicates this opinion of many Jews of his day.
Maimonides, Commentary on the Mishna (a constituent part of the Talmud), a.d. 1168, ascribes the origin of idolatry to the days of Enoch.

Four generations of prophets/preachers: Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, and Noah.

Prophecy before the Flood Jude 14,15: “Maranatha”: the Lord cometh!

Four Facts emphasized by Enoch’s Prophecy:
1) We know the Lord’s coming is sure.
2) We know who will accompany the Lord.
3) We know the purpose of His coming.
4) We know the result of the Lord’s coming.

Enoch translated midway between Adam and Abraham; Elijah, midway between Abraham and Christ; both ministered in times of deep apostasy.

Enoch’s earliest prophecy not these words in Jude, but the name of his son (Noah’s grandfather), Enoch “walked with God” after he begat:

Methuselah Gen 5:21-24
Muth = “to die” (100’s in OT; 8X in Gen 5)
Shalak = “to send forth” (60X: send judgment on the earth, plagues of Egypt, famine, fire pestilence of prophets, etc.)
When Methuselah died, judgment was sent. The oldest man in the Bible: 969 yrs (Gen 5:27). God is not willing that any perish (2 Pet 3:8, 9).

Noah “Walked with God.” Heb 11:7
Pedigree: 54X “without blemish”; uncontaminated.

Genesis 6: 1 - 4:
LXX: B’nai Elohim = “Angels of God”
Direct creations of God: 4X in OT: Job 1:6; 2:1 38:7 (shouted for joy at creation)
US: John 1:11, 12
4X + Adam + Christ
“Lines of Seth...”:
- Enosh (“incurable”) of line of Seth
- Separation doctrine later
- Daughters undifferentiated
- All lost in flood... 2 Pet 2:5
- No unnatural offspring from mixed marriages!

Early church viewed B'nai Elohim as angels until late 14th century; Justin, Athenagoras, Cyprian, Eusebius, et al. (also Josephus Philo, Judeaus, & the Apocrypha).

Julius Africanus (contemporary of Origen): introduced “Sethite theory”; Celsus & Julian the Apostate used older common belief to attack Christianity; Cyril of Alexandria in his reply repudiated orthodox position. Sethite notion prevails in the Middle Ages.

No indication that Sethites were distinguished for piety; they were not exempted from the charge of general wickedness which brought on the flood.

Nephilim = “fallen ones.” Progeny were monstrous. Naphal = to fall; LXX: “Gigantes” “earth-born” [NOT giants!] Ancient mythology also records similar events. *Fallen Angels and the Heroes of Mythology*, by John Fleming.

Titans: origin = partly terrestrial, partly celestial. Rebellied against their father Uranus (heaven); after prolonged contest were defeated by Zeus and condemned into Tartarus.

Titan (Gr.) = Sheitan (Chaldean) = Satan (Hebrew)

Anakim “...and also after that...” Num 13:33. Bedstead of one of them = 13 ft long (Deut 3:11). Men of Israel “as grasshoppers” (Num 13:33; Amos 2:9).

[Why does Israel refer to their 2nd appearance as Nephilim (= “fallen ones”)?] Goliath + 4 brothers: 2 Sam 21:15-22.

II Peter 2:4: Tartarus. Pit of Darkness in unseen world; Greek term for dark abode of woe. Homer’s Iliad: “as far below Hades as the earth is below Heaven...”

Jude 6: The Angels that Sinned: Language of Jude 7 seems to require same view of Jude 6: “strange flesh....”

Nature of Angels

Appear in human form: Gen 19:5, 10, 16.
Spoke as men, took men by hand, even ate men’s food: Gen 18:8; 19:3, 16.
Capable of direct physical combat: Death of the First-born in Egypt; Exodus 12; Sodom & Gomorrah; Genesis 19; 185,000 troops slaughtered; 2 Kings 19:35.
Behind world powers: Daniel 10.

Scripture warns against meddling with the spirit world. Punishment overtaking the angels that sinned is to emphasize the serious nature of apostasy: beings of a higher order than ours have been hurled down into a dark place of confinement where they have remained for thousands of years.

God has not changed His attitude toward them; time has not mitigated the seriousness of their sin. False teachers are prewritten into condemnation.

The Future?

“As the days of Noah were...” Luke 17:26 [Demons? UFO’s?] Armor: Ephesians 6: 10-17.

Misc. Parallels: 8 = new beginning: Come: (1st mention). Door open to all? God closed the door of the ark: security!
Ark: rooms = “nests”
kapher = “pitch” here only; 70+X: “atonement”
Why at 16,946 ft alt.?

“Grace”: 1st mention; unmerited; justified by faith.
(Rom 5:9): Good because he was righteous; not righteous because he was good.

Noah as a “Type” or Representation

Name means “rest”: Isa 11:10 Matt 11:28
Grace first appears: Matt 3:17
Just Man: Centurion at the Cross
Perfect in his generations:
Walked with God: Luke 2:42,44
Onerous work to do...himself, alone: Lev 16:17
Saving of his house; every living thing: Rom 8:21
Animals subject to him:
Given all things:
Food provided: Lev 24
Noah was obedient:
Lost none of them: John 18:9
Altar:
Sons blessed:
Everlasting covenant given:

Ark as a “Type”

Divinely provided:
Design revealed in advance:
Kapher wood—atonement; tabernacle: death of a tree; root out of a dry ground: Isa 53
Only refuge from judgement; arguments end at door of ark!
Man was invited; first “come”: “Come unto me and I will give you (Noah)”
Security in ark is absolute: Every living thing made it through the year.

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**Genesis 8:4:** “Seventh month, 17th day of the month”

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Passover: 14th of Nisan (1st month of the religious year; 7th month of the civil year.)
Resurrection, new beginning: 14 + 3 days = 17 Nisan

**Rapture Models in the Old Testament**

Three groups of people:
Those that perished in the judgment;
Noah’s Ark, preserved through judgment;
Enoch’s translation before promised judgment.
Lot’s deliverance from Sodom prior to judgment (Gen 19).
Daniel’s fiery furnace: Daniel 3 (Where was Daniel?)
Israel & Church: “mutually exclusive” (Daniel 9).
Ruth at Boaz’s feet during thrashing floor (Ruth 3).
Explicit OT ref’s: Isaiah 26:19-21; Zephaniah 2:3.
Willingly ignorant: 2 Peter 3:3-6.
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