



## **NOAH AND THE FLOOD**



**GENESIS 6:9-22, 7:1-16, 8:1**

**9** This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God. **10** Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth. **11** Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. **12** God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways.

**13** So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth.

**14** So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out.

**15** This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be three hundred cubits long, fifty cubits wide and thirty cubits high.

**16** Make a roof for it, leaving below the roof an opening one cubit high all around. Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks.

**17** I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish.

**18** But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you.

**19** You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you.

**20** Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive.

**21** You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them."

**22** Noah did everything just as God commanded him.

**7 :1** The LORD then said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because I have found you righteous in this generation.

**2** Take with you seven pairs of every kind of clean animal, a male and its mate, and one



pair of every kind of unclean animal, a male and its mate,  
3 and also seven pairs of every kind of bird, male and female, to keep their various  
kinds alive throughout the earth.

4 Seven days from now I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights,  
and I will wipe from the face of the earth every living creature I have made.”

5 And Noah did all that the LORD commanded him.

6 Noah was six hundred years old when the floodwaters came on the earth.

7 And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives entered the ark to escape  
the waters of the flood.

8 Pairs of clean and unclean animals, of birds and of all creatures that move along the  
ground,

9 male and female, came to Noah and entered the ark, as God had commanded Noah.

10 And after the seven days the floodwaters came on the earth.

11 In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, on the seventeenth day of the second  
month—on that day all the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates  
of the heavens were opened.

12 And rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights.

13 On that very day Noah and his sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth, together with his  
wife and the wives of his three sons, entered the ark.

14 They had with them every wild animal according to its kind, all livestock according  
to their kinds, every creature that moves along the ground according to its kind and  
every bird according to its kind, everything with wings.

15 Pairs of all creatures that have the breath of life in them came to Noah and entered  
the ark.

16 The animals going in were male and female of every living thing, as God had com-  
manded Noah. Then the LORD shut him in.

8 :1 But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and the livestock that were  
with him in the ark, and he sent a wind over the earth, and the waters receded.  
The Flood marked the end of an age. Here God is using the relationship between man  
and animals to show that now life is going to be dominated by fear.

The whole essence of today’s sermon is for us Wildlife Stewards to appreciate that  
God when he thought of destroying the whole universe, he had to ask a righteous  
person in Noah to serve the remnant of human kind and animals.

Noah had the impetus to deal with the issue and the grace of God was upon him

This is expected of us even today as we have oversight role in the Parks Estate.  
Responsible people are called for such a time as this with full understanding and  
there is need for recommitment to what God preserved.

We are accountable to this noble cause which was started by God himself from the  
beginning. Here we have a moral dimension to the upkeep of Wildlife Management it  
has Biblical roots.