

# Genesis Bible Study (Worldview)

## Noah and the Rainbow (Genesis 8-9)

### I. Introduction

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#### C. We ended our study last week with Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark, floating above the mountains. What will the floodwaters, Noah, and God do next? Why do rainbows form? Let's see:

### II. Discuss (please read the verses for this lesson here: <https://tinyurl.com/tst8eku>)

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#### B. God and Noah

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2. "So N, along with his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives, c o." Genesis 8:18
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4. "When the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, he said to himself, "I will never again c the ground because of human beings, even though the inclination of the human heart is e from youth onward. And I will never again strike down every living thing a l h d." Genesis 8:21

### C. The Rainbow

1. "And God said, "This is the s\_\_\_\_\_ of the c\_\_\_\_\_ I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all future generations: I have placed my b\_\_\_\_\_ in the clouds, . Whenever I form clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant between me and you and all the living creatures: w\_\_\_\_\_ will never again become a f\_\_\_\_\_ to d\_\_\_\_\_ every creature." Genesis 9:12-15
  - a) God promised Noah that he would never again destroy every creature with a flood. Do you remember why God sent the flood? It was because people were sinful and wicked. Do you think everything got better after the flood? Unfortunately, not. If you look around today (and if you look inside yourself) you will see that people today are just as bad as those in Noah's day. God cannot allow sin in His presence because he is h\_\_\_\_\_. Although God promised to never destroy the world with another flood, we find later in the Bible that God still intends to judge sinful people, just in a different way next time. Here's what the Bible says about a future judgment:

### D. Fire

1. "Above all, be aware of this: S\_\_\_\_\_ will come in the last days scoffing and following their own e\_\_\_\_\_ d\_\_\_\_\_, saying, "Where is his 'coming' that he promised? Ever since our ancestors fell asleep, all things continue as they have been since the beginning of creation." They deliberately overlook this: By the word of God the heavens came into being long ago and the earth was brought about from water and through water. Through these the world of that time p\_\_\_\_\_ when it was f\_\_\_\_\_. By the same word, the p\_\_\_\_\_ heavens and e\_\_\_\_\_ are stored up for f\_\_\_\_\_, being kept for the day of j\_\_\_\_\_ and destruction of the ungodly." 2 Peter 3:3-7
  - a) God says that one day he is going to destroy the earth again, not with water, but with fire. That's intense! If that's true, then wouldn't it be wise to prepare for it? Of course! But what does it look like to prepare for demolition by fire? Read on...
2. "Therefore, having overlooked the times of ignorance, God now commands all people everywhere to r\_\_\_\_\_, because he has set a day when he is going to judge the world in righteousness by the m\_\_\_\_\_ he has appointed. He has provided p\_\_\_\_\_ of this to everyone by r\_\_\_\_\_ him from the d\_\_\_\_\_." Acts 17:30-31
  - a) Who do you think "the man" is in this verse? \_\_\_\_\_
3. "This is the message of faith that we proclaim: If you confess with your mouth, "J\_\_\_\_\_ is Lord," and believe in your heart that God r\_\_\_\_\_ him from the d\_\_\_\_\_, you will be s\_\_\_\_\_." Romans 10:8b-9

a) The Bible says that the best way to prepare for the coming judgment is to “get saved” by putting our faith in Jesus, calling him our “Lord.” That is the first step. The next step is...

4. “Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, it is clear what sort of people you should be in h\_\_\_\_ conduct and g\_\_\_\_\_ as you wait for the d\_\_\_\_ of God and hasten its coming. Because of that day, the heavens will be dissolved with f\_\_\_\_ and the elements will melt with heat. But based on his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where r\_\_\_\_\_ dwells.” 2 Peter 3:11-12

a) After a person believes in Jesus, God gives them the ability to live holy, godly lives! We can practice living righteous lives now so that we will be prepared for the new heavens and new earth.

### III. Conclusion

- A. When the flood receded, the water dried up and God told Noah to come out of the ark. He obeyed and made an offering to God, which pleased God. God then promised that he would never again destroy the earth with a flood. He put a rainbow in the sky as a reminder of this promise.
- B. Unfortunately, when people spread around the earth again, they became just as sinful as before. God then promised that when Jesus returned to earth, he would judge the sinful people and destroy the earth with fire. Those who trust in Jesus and call him Lord will escape the judgment and will get to live with him on a new earth.
- C. Those who trust Jesus today can clearly see that they should live holy, godly, and righteous lives in preparation for the future, when they will live in a place where righteousness dwells.

### IV. Prayer

- A. God, I love you because you know the future (and you tell us just enough to get ready for what is coming).
- B. God, I'm sorry for scoffing at (making fun of) things you think are good.
- C. God, please help me prepare well for Jesus' return by living a holy and godly life now.
- D. God, thank you for letting me live in a world where technology enables me to study the Bible on my computer.



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