

II. **Noahic Era - Book of Genesis**

Noah lived 600 years before the flood waters covered the earth, Genesis chapter 6 -11

The name given to him at birth was a prophetic statement of hope. Noah means: “*one who will bring comfort*”. His generation was seeking comfort from the Adamic curse, requiring men to forge for food and shelter. The Noahic era introduced restoration principles to rebuild life after the flood that purged the earth of its iniquity.

In Genesis chapter 6:6-13, God repents to Himself for the creation of human life. He has a change of mind about the status of mankind on earth. The seed of Adam’s sin was passed into succeeding generations after him, and the offspring that descended from his loins polluted the heavens above the earth.

The Sons of God, angelic beings demoted from Heaven to reside on Earth, cohabitated with women on Earth, giving birth to giants, unnatural distortions of life, bringing great wickedness upon the Earth with lifelines that would continue for hundreds of years.

God’s anticipation of man’s nature led Him to repent for the longevity of life He permitted which did not encourage them to repent for their wickedness. His view of man’s future revealed they would continue in their wickedness. God used the waters of the earth to cleanse and purge the pattern of wickedness embedded in human nature that polluted the world He created. He chose Noah and his family to re-seed life on earth after the cleansing flood.

Noah was given detailed instructions to construct the ark, which became the first symbol of God’s power to protect and preserve His chosen. The ark symbolism also points to God’s principle of one-way salvation. God used one man, one family, and one medium to redeem everything lost and damaged because of sin. This was a foreshadow of the salvation that would come to all mankind because of one man – The Messiah, one family, – Mary and Joesph, and one medium – the crucifixion cross.

God’s plan for mankind did not change. After Noah and his family disembark from the ark, Noah is given instructions like those given to Adam 1000 years earlier: “*be fruitful, multiply and replenish.*” (Genesis 9:1). Noah lives 350 years after the flood to influence the new world God has placed in his hands.

