



Genesis 7
From sermon 8.30.20

Read *Genesis 7:1-5*

Review from Sunday's sermon: As chapter 7 opens, the ark is finished, signaling the end of God's 120-year grace period. During that time, God did not speak. His judgment had been made concerning man, the date for the flood was predetermined, and no new revelation was coming. God's assessment of both Noah and the world is proven accurate. Noah remained faithful—while the world refused to repent. Although the chapter chronicles the events of the flood, it is also a chapter full of numbers.

1. It's a common belief that Noah took two of every animal on the ark. The Scripture, however, clearly tells us otherwise. How many of each "clean" animal did he take? 7 Pairs

How many of each "unclean" animal? 2

1a. What defined a "clean" or "unclean" animal? God Himself. We don't know if Noah knew the classification at all. God was leading the animals; Noah was not out collecting. The author of Genesis is Moses. He had the Law of God and the definition of clean and unclean when he writes.

Reference: *Leviticus 11*

2. Besides the perpetuation of the species, why was Noah to take so many more clean animals? Due to the introduction of the sacrificial substitute.

2a. Why would Noah and his family need sacrificial substitutes? Just as the world that perished in the flood, Noah and his family were also sinners deserving of death. See Romans 3:23

All sin (sinners) requires the death penalty. See Romans 6:23

The sacrificial substitute, on behalf of the repentant elect, atones for sin until Christ's perfect and final sacrifice at Calvary. See *Isaiah 53:6 & 10-11*

3. Numbers are important and symbolic throughout Scripture. Consider the following numbers: Why is it meaningful? Where do they fit into the Noah story? Where else are they found in the Bible?

<u>Number</u>	<u>Meaning</u>	<u>Noah Story</u>	<u>Used Elsewhere</u>
• 1	The exclusivity of God.	Only one door, which God closed.	<i>Deuteronomy 6:4</i> <i>1 Timothy 2:5</i>
• 3	The Sovereignty and Triune God	The "I, I, I..." God statements	<i>Genesis 1:26</i> <i>Matthew 28:19</i>
• 7	The perfect/complete	7 more days of grace. 7 pairs clean animals.	7 days of creation (week) 7 years Tribulation 7 seals, trumpets, bowls
• 40	Associated with Trial	Rain 40 days and nights	Israel 40 years wandering Goliath taunted Israel <i>Matthew 4:1-2</i>

4. Why are so many number and details important? What do they confirm for you? Various answers. Divine authorship. The Bible is an accurate historical account.

5. What is the parallel significance in our day of God being done speaking in the Noah account? God is not giving any new revelation/vision/prophecy. The easy way to spot a fake or misled prophet (claiming to be speaking for God) is anyone proclaiming new revelation.