

Genesis Chapter 6 – Workbook Questions

“I will blot out from the earth the human beings I have created – “(6:6)

1. What is the purpose of the opening verses (6:1-8) of this chapter prior to the Noah story?
2. What are the reasons for the flood (see Gen. 6:5 and 6:11-12)?
3. Why has the flood story been referred to as 'literature or resilience'?
4. What is the Noah story's answer to the timeframe in which Genesis was written, the closing decades of the 5th century BCE?
5. What does the term, 'theodicy,' mean and how is that related to the telling of Noah's story?

Genesis Chapter 7 – Workbook Questions

“...In seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; “(7:4)

1. What is the author’s timing device to tell us when the story takes place? Is there anything unusual about this in terms of what is normally referenced to indicate a time period?
2. What new details do you learn in the second account of Noah’s instructions? How is it different than the account in Gen. 6 and what does this tell you?
3. How does the writer create a sense of drama and impending doom? (Note the verbs in Gen. 7:17).
4. How do you explain theologically the destruction the flood causes? How would you explain this story to an adult friend who is seriously wondering if God sends evil – justifiably?

Genesis Chapter 8 – Workbook Questions

“...And there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew the waters had subsided from the earth. “(68:11)

1. Please write a short headline summary of the three divisions in this chapter:

A) Gen. 8:1-2

B) Gen. 8:6-19

C) Gen. 8:20-22

2. How would you describe the language of 8:16? What does it tell you about authority?

3. Read Ps. 25:17 and Ex. 2:24 in reference to 8:1-5 and see if you find any connection. If so, what is it?

4. Try to work out the math of how long the ark was on the waters, as well as on land before the directive came to disembark. What do you make of these times periods? And what are the qualities Noah is using to discern when to leave the Ark?

Genesis Chapter 10 – Workbook Questions

“These are the families of Noah’s sons...and from these the nations spread abroad on the earth after the flood.”(10:32)

1. Write a brief headline/description of the divisions in chapter 20 and explain why the author divided them accordingly?

A) Gen. 10:2-5

B) Gen. 10:6-20

C) Ge. 10:21-32

(Hint: See vs. 32 for the clue.)

2. Who is absent from this list of nations and why?

3. What is the linkage between Gen. 1:28 and this chapter?