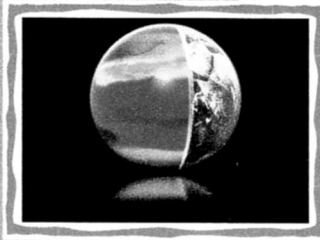


# A CORRUPT EARTH BEFORE GOD

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A BIBLICAL STUDY Genesis 6:5-13



## HEBREW/GREEK DEFINITIONS



- 1 **CORRUPT (H7843) "shachath"** - to decay; ruin; cast off; utterly waste. (G4550) **"sapros"** - rotten, worthless.
- 2 **VIOLENCE (H2555) "chamac"** - unjust gain; to maltreat; violate; imagine wrongfully; to take away violently.
- 3 **PERFECT (H8549) "tamiym"** - entire; without blemish; undefiled
- 4 **WALKED w/ God (H1980) "halak"** - to walk akin continually; follow. (H3212) **"yalak"** - to walk literally or figuratively; follow.
- 5 **GRACE (H2580) "chen"** - to find favor; precious. (G5485) **"charis"** - graciousness, the divine influence of the heart and its reflection in the life.

## THE VALUE OF 1 SOUL

The current earth population is estimated at 6,860,000,000. The estimated number who have ever lived is 3 times that number. How great is God's mercy and longsuffering to wait for that last soul.

## TEXT OF THE WEEK

"A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a **corrupt** tree bring forth good fruit.

Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and **cast into the fire.**

-Matt. 7:18-19

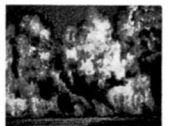
*"Mine Eye Shall Not Spare, Neither Will I Have Pity."*

1. In the last study we learned that 1656 years separate creation from the flood. What was the condition of the earth before the first judgment? Gen. 6:5, 11-12
2. Genesis 6:11-12 describes the earth in two ways. Are these just early historical men beating up on each other? Cross reference the descriptions with the following texts:
  - 1) **"Corrupt before God"** - Ps. 53:1-3; 73:5-8
  - 2) **"Filled with violence"** - Psalm 72:14; 73:6; Prov. 16:29
3. Compare the above condition of the earth before the first judgment of water to the condition of the earth before the second judgment of fire. II Tim.3:1-9
  - How can the evilness of man be any worse throughout time? What makes the evil of the end of time worse than the evil throughout time? Matt. 10:28; Luke 12:4-5
4. In the midst of the description of a corrupt earth, a description of Noah is given (Gen. 6:8-9). Notice the order in which this was written: *"Noah found grace"* (vs. 8) and he was a *"just man, perfect in his generations, and walked with God"* (vs. 9). Why is the order of these verses significant? Eph. 2:8-10
  - What does it mean to "find grace" in God's sight? Ex. 33:11-19
  - Did Noah and Enoch physically "walk with God" or spiritually? Gen. 5:22; Ps. 1:1
  - Notice the first description of the word perfect is "entire." How does this fit? The second is "without blemish, undefiled." What was the only thing about Noah that could be perfect? Compare the condition of the soul of Noah to the soul of the unsaved. How does this completely fit with the rest of scripture? II Cor. 6:14-18
5. When we see so much evil around us, it seems as if God tolerates evil. King David asked, "Why do the wicked prosper?" Revelation states that the saints cry out, "How long, O Lord?" Read the great insight given in Ezekiel 7:9-19 concerning God's reaction toward the wicked at the final judgment.
  - Notice the stumbling block for the wicked: Ez. 7:19
6. What will the second judgment be like? II Pet. 3:6-7,10-12
7. What did Enoch, who walked with God, prophesy concerning the end of time? Jude 14-15

## DISCUSS:

The modern church declares that "God loves the sinner but hates the sin." Is this Biblical? How can God not love those of the wicked generation?

Why do people "feel sorry" for the wicked and want God to save everyone?



*"Now will I shortly pour out my fury upon thee, and accomplish mine anger upon thee..."*  
-Ezek. 7:8