### GEN. 6:5 - 8

"The Lord saw how great man's wickedness had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. The Lord was grieved that He had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain. So the Lord said. 'I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth – men and animals, and creatures that move along the ground, and birds of the air – for I am grieved that I made them.'

But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord."

## GEN. 7:4-5

"Seven days from now I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and I will wipe from the face of the earth every living creature I have made.

And Noah did all that the Lord commanded him. (6:13 - 7:3) "

# BUT GOD...: DISREGARDED BY THE LORD? Genesis 7:6 - 8:5

# FAQ:

# (7:7) Who all escaped certain judgment? Noah, his wife, their 3 sons and daughters in law.

## Could others have been saved, had they repented? See 2 Peter 2:5

(7:8) Why 'clean' and 'unclean'? Sacrifice (8:20) and food (9:3)

# (7:9) How did Noah get all those animals? He didn't have to chase them down. God sent them to him.

(7:11-12) Where did all that water come from? The 'springs of the great deep' and 'the floodgates of the heavens' were unleashed for 40 days and nights

(7:13-16) How secure was Noah and his passengers? Quite secure. "Then the Lord shut him in."

## VSS. 17-24

The judgment of God brought complete devastation, except for those who trusted God and submitted to His prescribed rescue

Imagine the eerie silence, once the deep ceased convulsing and the heavens stopped raging. Months passed. "Hello! God, are You out there?" "God if You're there I wish you'd show me And God if you care then I need You to know me..." - Chris Rice, "Big Enough"

Let's recount:

Noah, his family and the animals boarded the ark, and then God shut them in.

God snuffed the life out of everything outside the ark. There is no record of hearing from God for months.

#### "But God remembered Noah..."

### And responded to his need.

And rescued His servant.

In His time.

#### Have you ever had a time when God seemed SO far away? Like things are bleak and you hadn't heard from Him for some time?

What can we do?

Call upon Him through the Living Word, Jesus, through whom we have access (Heb. 4:14-16)

Go humbly before the written Word and be reminded of His unchanging character and be undergirded by Truth.

### REMEMBERING HIS PEOPLE – IT'S IN GOD'S NATURE

Jonah 2:1-6 A prayer from the belly of the fish

Isaiah 40:25ff A beautiful glimpse at the heart of God