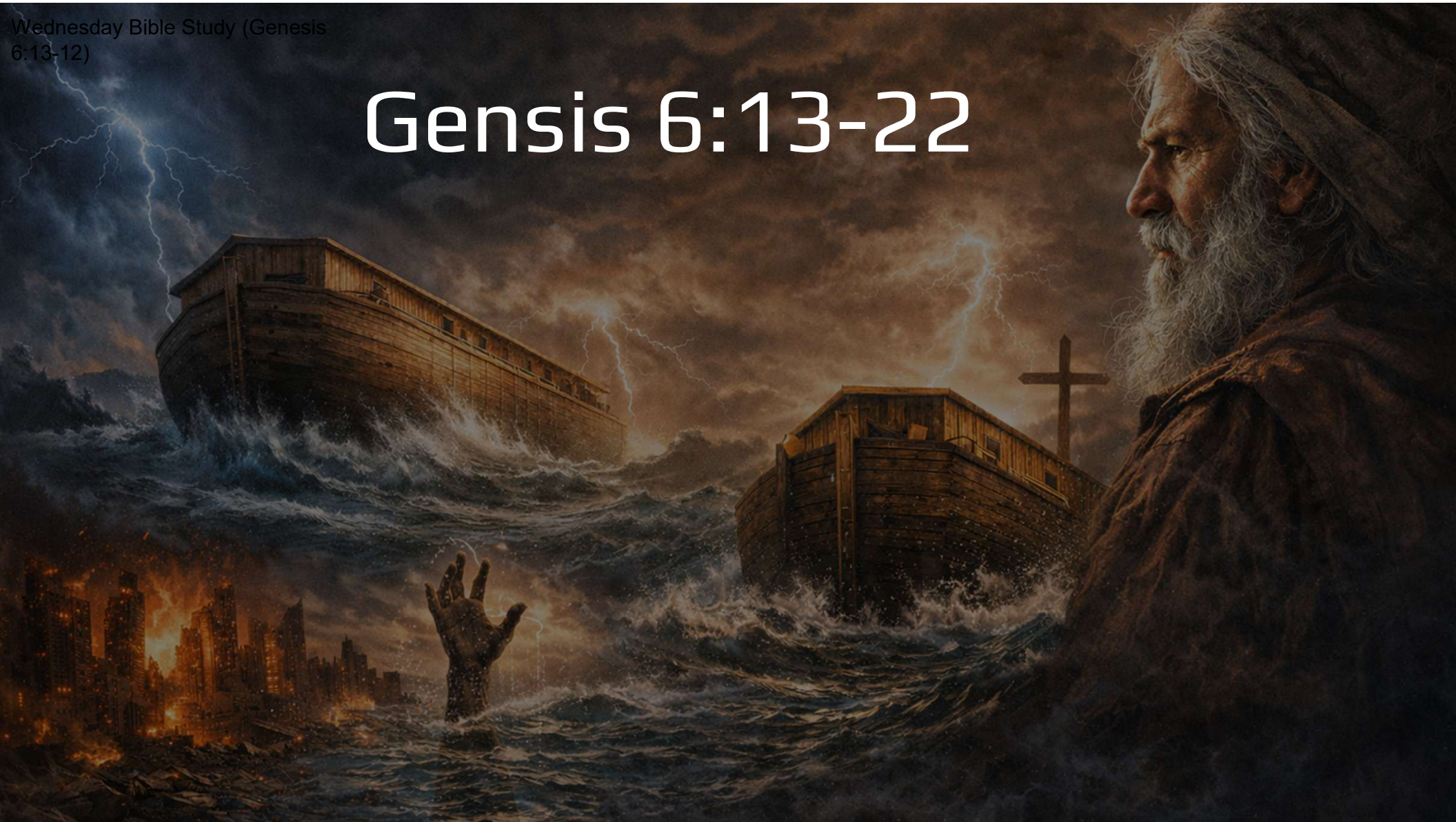


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Genesis 6:13 — God's Final Assessment

- “The end of all flesh” — קֵץ כָּל-בָּשָׂר (qēts kol-bāśār)
- end, termination, boundary, cutoff
- This is not merely “the last moment,” but a **divinely fixed limit**.
- God does not merely react to corruption. He **sets a boundary**, then announces it to His righteous witness.

The problem: evil without boundaries

- Before Noah, **evil had no restraint.**
- Genesis 6 describes a world where:
- Human thoughts were **continually evil**
- Violence filled the earth
- Corruption was systemic, not occasional
- This is key:
Judgment did not come because people sinned once—but because sin had no boundary.
- Unchecked evil always accelerates.

Noah as the boundary line

- Noah is not presented as sinless, but as **aligned**.
- “Noah walked with God.”
- That phrase means:
 - He lived oriented toward God’s authority
 - He submitted his life to God’s order
 - He stood against the cultural current
- In a world running downhill, **Noah became a fixed point**.
- God used:
 - One man
 - One household
 - One act of obedience
- to **draw a line between what He would tolerate and what He would judge**.

The Ark itself is the boundary

- The Ark was not just a boat—it was a **physical boundary**.
- Inside the Ark:
 - Life was preserved
 - Order existed
 - God's instructions were followed
- Outside the Ark:
 - Judgment fell
 - Chaos reigned
 - Evil consumed itself
- The door matters here:
 - God gave time to repent
 - God shut the door Himself
 - Once shut, the boundary was final
- This teaches a sobering truth:
Grace has a window. Judgment has a moment.

Creation in Genesis 1

- Creation moves in a clear direction:
- **Separation** (light/dark, waters above/below, land/sea)
- **Order** (boundaries, seasons, structure)
- **Filling** (fish, birds, animals, image-bearers)
- Creation is God bringing **form and fullness** out of chaos.
- **The Flood as Reverse-Creation**
- Genesis 6–8 intentionally mirrors Genesis 1—but backward.
- **Boundaries removed** → waters above and below reunite
- **Order collapses** → land disappears under the deep
- **Filling erased** → breath-bearing life wiped out
- This is not merely destruction. It is **de-creation**.
- God does not “kill the world.”
He **rolls creation back toward Genesis 1:2**—the watery chaos.

So understand this...

- Sin does not just break rules.
Sin **unravels reality**.
- Moral corruption → structural collapse
- Spiritual rebellion → environmental consequence
- Image-bearers fall → creation groans
- heart → society → earth.
- THEN HE SAYS “With the Earth”
- Man was created *from* the earth
- Man was appointed to *rule* the earth
- When man corrupts his calling, the domain under him collapses too
- This is **covenantal fallout**: the steward falls, and the stewardship follows. (Think headship here) So when man fell, the earth did not remain neutral.
It followed its head.

- God does not judge cultures for ignorance—but for rejecting truth they already had.
The issue is not *how bad things look*, but *how long truth has been ignored*.
- This is the moment many people refuse to believe exists. We like to think God is endlessly patient but never decisive. Scripture says otherwise.
- There comes a point where God says, *enough*.
- And notice—God does not say this to the world. He says it to Noah. Judgment is revealed to the obedient before it is experienced by the rebellious.

Genesis 6:14 — God Provides One Means of Escape

- Remember this When God spoke to Noah, He did not tell him to save the world— He told him to build an ark. And Noah's response was not activism, persuasion, or rescue; it was obedience. He cut trees.
- Alignment is not:
 - Trying to fix the culture
 - Trying to warn everyone
 - Trying to manage outcomes
- Alignment is:
 - Hearing God
 - Trusting God's judgment
 - Obeying God's instructions **even when they look small, slow, or ineffective**
- Noah aligned with God's word, not God's results.

ARK

- This word is used **only twice** in Scripture:
- Noah's Ark
- Moses' basket (Exodus 2)
- **No steering mechanism**
- **No prop (engine or sail)**
- Fully dependent on God's direction
- God's deliverance vessels are intentionally **non-navigable**.
- Trust is the mechanism.

Gopher wood

- unknown on purpose
- Noah could not copy another design.
- He could not improve it.
- He could only **obey revelation**.
- Where there other boats?
- Does not say and the point is being missed.
- The point is this
- Not a Lack of knowledge
- Not a Lack of materials
- Not a Lack of time (Noah built for decades)
- The problem was **unbelief and misalignment**.

The point is...

- There is **one provision**
- One way of rescue
- One door
- This directly anticipates later biblical patterns:
- One Passover door with blood
- One high priestly offering
- One Christ

Cover

- “Cover” — כָּפַר(kaphar): to cover, atone, seal.
- To atone the one path.
- This is the **same root** used for:
- **Atonement**
- **Covering**
- **Ransom**
- **This is huge**
- The ark is **covered inside and out**
- Not just waterproofed — *atoned*
- Before Sinai, before sacrifice law, God already teaches **covering before judgment**.

Noah's obedience.

- Cultural push toward “many paths” salvation contradicts the biblical pattern.
- The ark confronts pluralism directly—there is provision, but not customization.
- Salvation requires submission to God's design, not agreement with it.
Rejecting God's way while admiring His mercy still ends outside the ark.
- And this is where modern Christianity struggles—we want covering without submission, rescue without obedience
- And that ties into...

Genesis 6:15 — Exact Measurements, No Flexibility

- “Cubit” — **אמה(ammah)**: fixed standard of measure.
- God removes interpretation by giving precision.
- So if, If God defines truth precisely, partial obedience is still disobedience.
- This verse confronts our tendency to adjust God’s Word to fit our comfort. God is exact because truth matters. When God defines something, it is not open for reinterpretation. Precision here teaches us that obedience is not about intention—it is about alignment.

Genesis 6:16

- A window and a door.
- John 10:9 — “I am the door”
- One door is intentional, not accidental.
- 1 Corinthians 14:33 — God of order
- God’s mercy invites all—but only through the door He provides.
- One door offends modern thinking. We prefer options. God provides access, but He does not multiply entrances. Salvation is open to all, but it is not customizable. The structure of the ark reminds us that God values order, hierarchy, and purpose—things our culture increasingly rejects.

Did you notice the ark's shape?

- The ark's dimensions match ancient **burial barges**, not ships.
- The Bible is **not borrowing** this imagery—it is **correcting it**.
- In Scripture:
- Boats do not carry souls to salvation
- God provides **one vessel, one door, one covering**
- Salvation is not symbolic—it is **covenantal**
- The Ark stands apart:
- Not for burial
- Not for myth
- But for **preservation of the living**
- That contrast is intentional.

Genesis 6:18 before the storm.

- This is the **first explicit covenant language** in Scripture.
- Covenant is declared **before** the flood
- Before the ark is finished
- Before rain ever falls
- A **biblical covenant** is not a contract, a promise, or an agreement between equals.
It is a **binding, relational oath** established by God that defines **authority, responsibility, blessing, and consequence.**

- Modern contracts say:
- “If you do this, I’ll do that.”
- Biblical covenants say:
- “This is who I am, this is what I require, and this is the order I establish.”
- **Covenant vs promise**
- A **promise** can be broken without penalty.
A **covenant** invokes consequences.

Core elements of a biblical covenant

- Nearly every biblical covenant contains:
- **A sovereign initiator** (God)
- **A defined relationship** (headship)
- **Stipulations** (obedience or trust)
- **Signs or tokens** (visible reminders)
- **Blessings and curses**
- **Witnesses** (often heaven and earth)

Major biblical covenants (overview)

- **Adamic Covenant**
- **Noahic Covenant**
- **Abrahamic Covenant**
- **Mosaic Covenant**
- **Davidic Covenant**
- **New Covenant**
- SOME say there is a Edenic Covenant (Creation)

Blood in the covenants

- **Why blood matters in covenants (none directly in the Davidic)**
- Blood signifies:
- Life given
- Death deserved if broken
- This means total commitment
- This is why:
- Sacrifices accompany covenants
- Christ's blood seals the New Covenant
- Covenant-breaking is treated as spiritual treason

Why do covenants seem broken?

- Some covenants are **conditional** in experience, not in existence.
- Meaning:
 - The covenant still stands
 - The benefits can be forfeited
 - The relationship can be disciplined
- Example:
 - Israel did not nullify the Mosaic Covenant
 - They experienced **curses instead of blessings**
 - God still preserved them as a people
 - The covenant wasn't broken — **it was enforced.**

Unconditional vs conditional covenants

- **Unconditional covenants**
- God binds Himself to act, regardless of human failure:
- Noahic (preservation of creation)
- Abrahamic (promise of seed and blessing)
- Davidic (eternal throne)
- These **cannot fail**, because God alone guarantees them.

Conditional covenants

- God establishes terms for enjoyment and blessing:
- Mosaic Covenant
- Violation brings:
- Discipline
- Exile
- Loss of blessing
- But **not covenant cancellation.**

The New Covenant is unbreakable

- The New Covenant is unique because:
- It is sealed by Christ's blood
- Christ fulfills both sides
- God bears the cost of human failure
- This is why:
- Salvation is secure in Christ
- Covenant standing is not based on performance
- Discipline still occurs, but rejection does not

Genesis 6:19–20 — Preservation of God's Order

- “Kind” preserves created distinctions.
- **Two of every kind + seven of clean — preservation, not equality**
- **2 of every kind** → preservation of life
- **7 pairs of clean animals** → **worship, sacrifice, and covenant**
- This distinction appears **before the Flood**, which matters.
- **God already recognizes clean vs unclean**
- This is **before Moses, before the Law**.
- God gives provisions for worship

Genesis 6:21 — Preparation Is Obedience

- “Food” — **אֶלֶל(okhel)**: provision for endurance, not escape only.
- **Pearl**: faith works daily, practically.
- **Smith**: preparation honors God’s word.
- This verse exposes a false spirituality. God does not call preparation a lack of faith—He commands it. Noah gathers food because obedience looks like action over time. Faith that refuses preparation is not trust; it is presumption.

Genesis 6:22 — The Line That Explains Everything

- Total obedience. No modification.
- James 2:17 — faith demonstrated
- Matthew 7:24–27 — obedience survives judgment
- obedience—not belief alone—separates the saved from the lost.
- Many will claim belief; few will obey (Matthew 7:21–23).
- This is the verse that separates admiration from imitation. Noah does not debate. He does not delay. He does not partially comply. Scripture gives us this line so there is no confusion about why Noah survived. Obedience is not optional when God has spoken clearly.

And we will close with this.

- Many people *admire* Noah (faithful, righteous, saved).
- Very few *imitate* Noah (immediate, total obedience).
- Faith is not merely belief
- Righteousness is not mere alignment in theory
- **Obedience is the visible evidence of when God has spoken clearly**

Big Picture Pattern

- Genesis 6:13–22 quietly establishes a repeating biblical sequence:
- **Corruption reaches fullness**
- **God sets a boundary**
- **God warns a righteous witness**
- **A covering is provided**
- **Removal occurs**
- **Judgment falls**
- **New beginning emerges**
- That pattern appears again in:
- Exodus
- Exile
- Christ's first coming
- Church age
- End-times removal and judgment

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