

CHAPTER ANALYSIS FORM

Chapter: 5-6

Chapter Title: Adam's Descendants, Prelude to Destruction

1. Chapter Summary:

1. Chapter 5
 - a. God creates Man 1-2
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2. Observation		3. Interpretation	
What Does It Say?		What Does It Mean?	
Verse		Verse	
	Chapter 5		
1-32	Descendants of Adam through Seth to Noah. The recurring phrase through every generations (save Enoch) "...and he died."	24	Enoch did not die. Another example of God's mercy and foreshadowing of the redemption still to come.
		29	Lamech "prophesies" that Noah will either be, or be a type, of the "deliverer" promised to Eve. This is true but definitely not in a way Lamech could conceive.
	Chapter 6		
1-2	The "sons of God" take human wives.	1-2	Many different interpretations of these verses. I do not think God has revealed a definitive one but I also don't believe it is necessary to dwell on the controversies.
3	God limits the years of man's life to 120.	3	Man's corruption had reached such a point that the reason for the expulsion from the Garden (The possibility of eternal life in a sinful state.) now guarantees a limited life span.
4	Giants were in the land, mighty men of renown.		
5-6	Men are now only seeking evil. God regrets creating them.	5-6	Even the "godly" line of Seth is soon devoured by evil. The warning given to Cain is unheeded by all mankind. Man is not a "good" race that sometimes does "bad" things but an evil race that seeks to do evil. From the assertion, after the birth of Seth, that "...men now began to call on the name of the Lord." we are now at a point that no thought is given to God at all.
7	God so regrets making man that he is going to destroy them. Not only them but the creation as well.	7	As creation was debased in the original fall, so will it be included in man's destruction. God is a god of judgement.

8	"But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord."	8	From the beginning, God's mercy and grace are shown to man in spite of man's unrighteousness. Noah did not find grace through his own efforts or personal merit (re-read verses 5-6) but only through God's offer of grace.
9-10	Reiteration of the grace Noah found with God ("Noah walked with God") and the names of his three sons.	9	"Noah walked with God" is similar to the phrase used for Enoch.
11-13	God sees the Earth full of corruption and violence. God's judgement is going to fall.	11-13	There is nothing, save one family and that only through God's grace, which is redeemable in Creation. God has been merciful to this point (Adam and Eve, Cain, Seth, Enoch, Noah.) but there comes a point where man will be judged.
14-16	Instructions for building the Ark.		
17	God is going to destroy the earth and the people with a flood.	17	While the Biblical record is silent we see no evidence that people would have any experience of flooding to this point. Would they understand the gravity of the situation based solely on God's word? This is the second time God has promised the destruction of the Earth. It is a certainty.
18-21	God's makes a covenant with Noah to save his family. God also instructs Noah to not only bring his family on the Ark but to bring animals in order to save them as well.	18	From the beginning, we see God's covenants with men are unilateral. The establishment of the covenant is not dependent on the actions of men but on the grace of God. Our actions dictate if we are to enjoy the benefits of the covenant or suffer the curses.
22	Noah does all that God commands.		In the face of the unknown, unimaginable, and unconceivable do we listen and follow God's commands or do we hide our heads in the sand and act as if this world is all there is?

4. Correlation		5. Application
Where Else Is It Explained?		What Will I Do About It?
Verse		
	Chapter 5	
1-2	Genesis 1:26-27	
3	Genesis 4:25	
4-32	1 Chronicles 1:1-4 Luke 3:36-38	
18	Jude 14	
24	Hebrews 11:5	
	Chapter 6	
1-22	1 Peter 3:20 Luke 17:26-27	
3	Psalms 78:39	
5	Genesis 8:21 Job 14:4; 15:14 Psalms 51:5 Jeremiah 17:9 Matthew 15:19 Romans 3:23	
6	Joel 2:13 Isaiah 63:10 Ephesians 4:30	
9	Genesis 7:1 Ezekiel 14:12-20 2 Peter 2:4-10 Genesis 5:22, 24	
12	Psalms 14:2 Job 22:15-17	
18	Genesis 9:9-17	
22	Hebrews 11:7	

6. Conclusions

7. One Personal Application