

OPTION #1 FAILED

Option #1 = Do Good & Live Forever

About 1500 years after Abel (Review) Genesis 6:1, 5-7, 11

1More and more people were living on the earth. 5And God saw that people were very bad. People only thought about bad things all the time. 11And the earth was corrupt and full of violence. 6God was sad that he had made people – God was sad that he had put people on the earth – and his heart was filled with pain. 7So God said, “I will wipe people from the earth – I will wipe out people and animals and birds – because I am sad that I made them.”

Why did Option #1 fail? Because...

Everyone sins.

Romans 3:23

BUT NOAH FOLLOWED OPTION #2? Genesis 6:7-22

Option #2 = Believe God & Live Forever

[Believe = Faith]

6:7God said, “I am sad that I made people.” 8But Creator God was happy with Noah. 9Noah was a good man – he did what was right – and he walked with God. 10Noah had three sons.

13God said to Noah, 17“I will bring a big flood on the earth. 14So make a ship – make the ship of wood. 15Make the ship 140 meters long [450 feet], 23 meters wide [75 feet] and 14 meters high [45 feet]. 16Put a roof on the ship. Put a door in the side of the ship. Make three levels on the ship.”

18God said to Noah, “You and your wife and your three sons and your son’s wives will go into the ship – 19-20and you will live. And you must bring two of every kind of bird and animal into the ship – the birds and animals will come to you. Bring a male and a female, so the birds and animals can live too. 21And you must put every kind of food on the ship – for you and the birds and the animals to eat. 22Noah did everything that God commanded him.

Why did Noah obey God? Why did Noah build the ship?

God warned Noah about the future. Noah could not see the future, but Noah had faith – he believed the scary things God said about the future. So Noah built a ship to save his family.

Hebrews 11:7A

Why do you think Noah was scared when he heard God’s plan?

What did Noah's faith do? What 2 things did it do? –

1. **Noah's faith condemned the whole world.**

Hebrews 11:7B

What did Noah's faith "say" to the world? What do you think?

2. **Noah had faith– Noah believed God. And God made Noah good – so Noah received a reward in heaven forever.** Hebrews 11:7C

THE GREAT FLOOD

Genesis 7:1-24, 8:14-21, 9:8-15

7:1 Then God said to Noah, "Go into the ship with your family. 2 And take extra *clean animals*" – [the *clean animals* are for offerings to God]. 11 Suddenly, water came up from deep in the earth. And suddenly the water in the sky came down. 12 And it rained for forty days and forty nights. 19 All the mountains on earth were covered with water. 21 Everything on earth died – birds, farm animals, wild animals, little animals and all people – 22 everything died that breathed air. 23 Only Noah, and everything in the ship, were saved.

How many ways could people be saved from the Great Flood?

How many ways can we be saved today?

10 **Jesus Christ died on the cross – and Jesus became alive again. 12 Are you looking for salvation? No other person can save you. Creator God only gives one way to be saved – God only gives us Jesus.** Acts 4:10, 12

24 The water covered the earth for 150 days. 8:14 The earth was dry one year after Noah went into the ship. 15 Then God said to Noah, "Come out of the ship." 20 Then Noah made an altar to God. And Noah offered *clean animals* to God. 21 God smelled the good smell of the offering – and God enjoyed the smell.

So God said in his heart, "From childhood, people have only bad thoughts, desires and plans in their hearts. But I will never curse the ground again. 9:11 And, I will never destroy the whole earth with a flood again."

After the Great Flood, did people's hearts change?

Did the terrible punishment change people's hearts?

What can change our hearts? What do you think?

God cursed the ground when Adam sinned.

After the Great Flood, how did the ground change?

9:8 God said to Noah and his three sons – and to every living thing on the earth, 9 "I make a promise to you – 10 and to all the birds and animals that were on the ship. 13 I put my rainbow in the sky. The rainbow is a sign: 15 I will never again destroy all living things with a flood."

But how will God destroy the earth at the end of the world?

Creator God will come suddenly to destroy everything. The heavens will be destroyed by fire. The earth will be destroyed. Everything will be destroyed by fire. But God gives us a promise: He will make a new heaven and a new earth. It is the home for good people – for people who have faith – for people God says are good.

2 Peter 3:10-13

Is this scary?

But what does God promise us forever?

EXTRA

Genesis 9:1-6

9:1 God blessed Noah and his three sons. God said, “Have many children – and fill the earth. 7 I want many, many people on the earth. 2 All the animals and birds and fish will be afraid of you. I put you in charge of animals, birds and fish. 3 You can eat anything. Before, I gave you plants to eat. Now you can eat anything. 4 But do not eat blood – do not eat meat with blood in it.”

How many people does Creator God want on the earth?

How will animals, birds and fish feel about humans?

Who is in charge of animals, birds and fish?

What can we eat now?

5 God said, “Your blood is special – the blood of humans is special. I will judge any person, or any animal, who kills a person. 6 If someone kills a person, you must kill the murderer. Why? Because God made people in God’s image.”

Why is humans’ blood special?