

=MAJOR CHARACTERS OF THE BIBLE=

## Lesson 1

## Noah

SCRIPTURE: Read Genesis 6:5 – 9:19.

I. NOAH AS A MAN.

1. The word “Noah” means “rest.” This makes him a type of salvation.
2. He was the tenth from Adam. Ten is the number of testing.
3. He was the grandson of Methuselah. (Tell something interesting about Methuselah.)
4. Nothing is mentioned about Noah in the Bible until he was 500 years old.
5. He had three sons: Shem (the father of the Jews), Ham (the father of the colored race), and Japheth (the father of the white race).
6. He walked with God. Notice Genesis 6:9.
7. He was saved by grace. See Genesis 6:8.
8. He was a mature Christian. In Genesis 6:9, notice the words, “Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations.” The word “perfect” means “mature” or “complete.”
9. He was a preacher of righteousness. See II Peter 2:5.
10. He was six hundred years old when the flood started. Read Genesis 7:6.

II. NOAH AS A TYPE. Two people before the flood “walked with God.” One was Enoch, and one was Noah. See Genesis 5:22-24. Both were saved from the flood. Enoch was caught up before the flood, picturing the Gentile bride being called out before the Tribulation. Noah was preserved through the flood, a type of the Jewish nation which will be preserved through the Tribulation.

III. THE ARK.

1. The ark was 300 cubits long, 50 cubits wide, and 30 cubits high. Read Genesis 6:15.
2. It was made of gopher wood. See Genesis 6:14a.
3. It was sealed with pitch. Notice Genesis 6:14c. Pitch is the blood of a tree. Our salvation is also sealed with the blood from a tree.
4. It had one window, and this window was above. Review Genesis 6:16a. God never let Noah see the flood or the tragedies on earth. He kept his eyes on things above. Here is a lesson on optimism.
5. There was a door in the side of the ark. See Genesis 6:16b. This pictures Jesus, our door to Heaven. See John 10:9. The door in the side pictures the wounded side of Christ.
6. There were three stories. Read Genesis 6:16c. This pictures the Trinity.
7. Noah had to choose to go in the ark. Notice Genesis 7:7.
8. God shut him in. Review Genesis 7:16. This is security.
9. The ark was lifted up above the earth. See Genesis 7:17. This is a picture of Jesus being lifted up from the earth.
10. There were eight saved in the ark. Read Genesis 7:13. Eight is the number of the new beginning.
11. God gave the rainbow. Study Genesis 9:13. This pictures the fact that God will never judge our sins again. The seven colors in the rainbow picture the completion of salvation.