

The Beginning of Judgment  
Handout for Lesson 3  
Genesis 5:1-9:17

**Purpose of Genesis Chapters 1-11**

The purpose was to show the contrast between what God had created as very good and the wickedness that began so innocently with Eve's disobedience that within a few generations had filled the earth.

**Terms**

**Nephilim** were descendants of Anak (Numbers 13:27, 28). They were men of great size and strength, we would say giants, but still men, not gods or angels.

**Noah** (*Noach*) the name means rest.

Noah was called **righteous** (*tzaddik*) meaning he did what was right. Noah was following the LORD and doing what was right in the LORD's eyes.

Names that begin with *el* or end with *iah* or *el* reflect the name of God.

**Corrupt** (*shachath*) means destroy or destroyed.

**Ark** (*tevah*) means container or chest.

**Flood** (*mabbul*) means destruction with implication of being worldwide.

**40 days and 40 nights** in Scripture means that God was doing something. This was a divinely appointed event.

**God's Judgment**

- Is never arbitrary – God always gives the consequence before He judges.
- God gives time to repent – in the story of the flood God gave 100 years to repent.
- God judges because He is just and holy.
- God's judgment is a result of His great love.