




What do you think?

- What was the serpent's strategy to get Eve to eat the forbidden fruit?
 - Cause doubt about what God said
 - Contradict what God said
 - Accuse God of malevolence
 - Offer enlightenment -> *liberation*

Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures. (Luke 24:27)



A painting depicting three men in a lush, sunlit landscape. The man on the left is seen from the back, wearing a dark tunic and a vibrant red shawl, holding a staff. The man in the center is facing right, wearing a light-colored robe, with his right hand raised as if gesturing. The man on the right is wearing a brown and red robe, looking towards the other two. They are standing on a dirt path that leads into a valley. In the background, there are large, leafy trees and a distant city or town visible through the haze. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and contemplative.

Get In The Boat!

Genesis 4-9

A Picture of Christ

- Adam's rebellion was passed on to all his descendants (cf. 4:1-8)
- Just as with Adam, rebellion was met with judgment (4:11)
 - And yet there was grace (4:13-15)

A Picture of Christ

- Contrasting lines:
 - The ungodly line of Cain (4:17-24)
 - The godly line of Seth (4:25-5:32)
 - God always has His remnant (cf. Rom. 9:27-29; 11:1-5)

A Picture of Christ

- Things got really bad (6:5-6, 11-12)
- Just as with Adam, man's rebellion was met with judgment (6:7)
 - And yet there was grace (6:8)

A Picture of Christ

- “But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.” (6:8)
 - *Righteous, blameless*, “Noah walked with God.” (6:9)
 - “a preacher of righteousness” (2 Pet. 2:5)

A Picture of Christ

- God made a way to escape the coming judgment (6:13-22)
 - Through a righteous man
 - Anyone who believed Noah's message could have gotten in the boat and would have been saved

A Picture of Christ

- Judgment is coming (Acts 17:30-31)
 - God made a way to escape through a righteous Man (Romans 5)
 - Anyone who believes can get *in Christ* and will be saved (Romans 4)

Excursus

- “Are we supposed to take this Noah story seriously?”
 - What are some of the criticisms leveled against the biblical story?
 - There are answers!

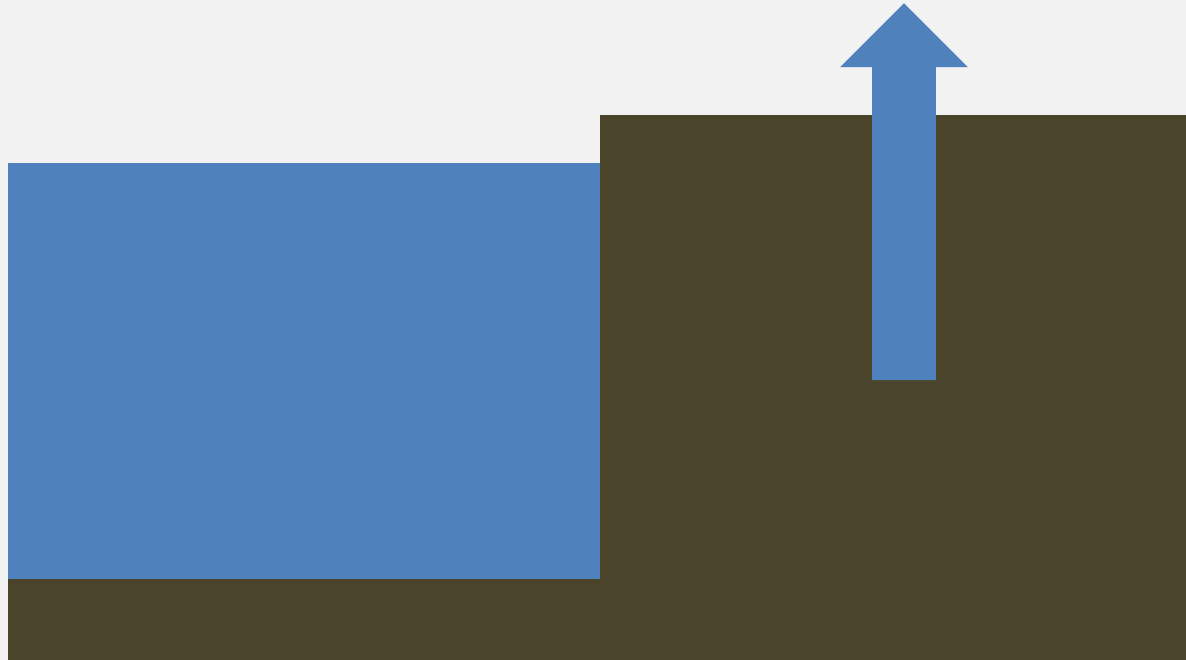
“The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.” (1:2)



“God made the
expanse, and
separated the
waters which were
below the expanse
from the waters
which were above
the expanse.” (1:7)



“Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear” (1:9)



Excursus

- To flood the earth, God just undid all the *separations* (7:11-12)
 - Massive tectonic shifting/upheaval
 - Created mountains, valleys, oceans
 - The surface of the earth was completely changed (cf. Ps. 104:6-9)

The Prediction of Christ

- After the flood – *start over* (9:1-7)
 - Repeated the mandate (1)
- God made a covenant with all men (9:8-17)
 - He would never again destroy the earth with a flood (11; 2 Pet. 3:6-7)

The Prediction of Christ

- People were still human (9:20-24)
 - What exactly happened??
 - Probably not physical
 - Disrespect, resentment, gloating, mockery, *smug satisfaction*

The Prediction of Christ

- Sin brings a curse (9:25; cf. 3:14, 17)
 - Why Canaan??
 - Similar tendencies? (Lev. 17-18)
 - Retribution for disrespect?
 - Pronounced Canaan's subservience (cf. Josh. 16:10; 17:13)

The Prediction of Christ

- Blessing with the curse (9:26-27)
 - Acknowledgment of Shem's heart attitude toward God (26)
 - Pointing to a continuing, covenant relationship with God (27)
 - Later, Abraham (Gen. 11:10-26)

The Prediction of Christ

- “let him dwell in the tents of Shem”
 - Who is *him*? Japheth or God?
 - God* is the subject of the sentence
 - Because of the relationship, God would *dwell with* the line of Shem (*Shemites* -> *Semites*)

The Prediction of Christ

- Pointing to the Messiah:
 - Of the seed of woman (Gen. 3:15)
 - Speaks to His humanity
 - Dwell with Shem (Gen. 9:27)
 - Speaks to His divinity

So What?

- 2 Peter 3
 - Cause doubt: “Where is the promise of His coming?” (4)
 - Contradict: “all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation” (4)

So What?

- 2 Peter 3
 - “the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men” is coming (7)
 - God wants all to repent (8-9)

So What?

- 2 Peter 3
 - “what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness”!
 - “be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless”
 - As He has revealed (1-2, 15-18)