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# Meet My People

## Getting to Know God Personally Through the People of Genesis

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### Noah

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#### Patience

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This first section of Genesis is an overabundant witness to the longsuffering patient nature of the Lord. In the beginning of the chapter the Lord decides that man's wickedness has become too much, too great, He will not strive against him anymore. Nevertheless the following verse portray not a God eager to destroy but one merciful and longsuffering "not willing that any should perish." Read through the following verses and discuss how each one shows the mercy of God.

6:3

6:13

6:14

6:15

6:17

6:18

7:4

7:7

7:9

The Lord is indeed longsuffering, waiting patiently and always calling men to repentance. How can we see this same longsuffering nature around us today?

In the days of Noah, we saw how many different ways the Lord gave warnings to the men of Noah's day, In what ways do we see the warnings of God around us today?

In Revelation 11:3-13 the Lord foretells the appearance of two very specific witnesses. Who are these witnesses? See Zech 4:2,3,12-14 for a little help

## Punishment

Although God may wait for a long time in patience, calling men to repentance, in the end the punishment comes, the cup of the wrath of God is spilled out upon men, and whoa to those upon whom it descends. This is the focus of the second section of the story of Noah.

Discuss the finality of God's punishment in connection with 7:16.

In the end God's judgement is not only final but also total, complete. Read the following verses and discuss the various words and phrases used to show the completeness of God's judgement.

7:17

7:18

7:19

7:20

7:21

7:22

7:23

7:24

How many times does God have to say all and every before man gets the picture? Many people want to insist that the flood was only local, not global, that is it covered only a small area not the whole earth. Besides the many different ways the Lord emphasizes all in this chapter read chapter 9:12-16 and discuss what making this into a local flood does to that promise.

Perhaps part of the reason that men are slow to listen when God says all is because they don't want to believe that ALL unbelievers are condemned. Think of some of the groups of people that some try to remove from the all encompassing all of God.

On the other hand what does God have to say about the matter?

John 3:18

Romans 3:23

Acts 4:12

The Flood stands as a powerful witness to the fact that God will judge men, that He will in fact destroy wickedness. There are many powerful witnesses to the fact that the flood did occur.

Why is that despite these men continue to despise the idea of a flood and refuse to take its warning to heart?

2 Peter 3:5,6

What other things testify to men the need for repentance?

After discussing the flood and what it did to the World, Peter goes on to discuss the destruction that is to come. He then asks a very pertinent and powerful question. Think carefully about the consequences for the flood on the wicked men of Noah's day, consider the manner of destruction that is to come and answer for yourself Peter's question in chapter 3 verse 11.