

Scripture Reading

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1) The fall

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2) The flood

Genesis 6:1-4 (NIV)

¹ When men began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them, ² the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose. ³ Then the LORD said, "My Spirit will not contend with man forever, for he is mortal; his days will be a hundred and twenty years." ⁴ The Nephilim were on the earth in those days--and also afterward--when the sons of God went to the daughters of men and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown.

Genesis 6:7 (NIV)

⁷ So the LORD said, "I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth--men and animals, and creatures that move along the ground, and birds of the air--for I am grieved that I have made them."

Genesis 6:9 (NIV)

⁹ This is the account of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God.

Genesis 6:3 (NIV)

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Genesis 9:1 (NIV)

¹ Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth.

3) The tower of Babel**Genesis 11:1-4 (ESV)**

¹ Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ² And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there.

³ And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴ Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth."

Deuteronomy 32:8-9 (ESV)

⁸ When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, when he divided mankind, he fixed the borders of the peoples according to the number of the sons of God. ⁹ But the LORD's portion is his people, Jacob his allotted heritage.

Psalm 82:1-8 (ESV)

¹ God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment: ² "How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Selah ³ Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. ⁴ Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked." ⁵ They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken. ⁶ I said, "You are gods, sons of the Most High, all of you; ⁷ nevertheless, like men you shall die, and fall like any prince." ⁸ Arise, O God, judge the earth; for you shall inherit all the nations!