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From Darren:

Gen - Noah brings redemption to the future of humanity

Ps - The Lord is our shield

Pro - Greed for money = robbed life

Matt - Our ancestry does not make us worthy of salvation

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**Genesis 5:1-7:24**

**5** **1** This is the written account of the descendants of Adam. When God created human beings, he made them to be like himself. **2** He created them male and female, and he blessed them and called them “human.” **3** When Adam was 130 years old, he became the father of a son who was just like him—in his very image. He named his son Seth. **4** After the birth of Seth, Adam lived another 800 years, and he had other sons and daughters. **5** Adam lived 930 years, and then he died. **6** When Seth was 105 years old, he became the father of Enosh. **7** After the birth of Enosh, Seth lived another 807 years, and he had other sons and daughters. **8** Seth lived 912 years, and then he died. **9** When Enosh was 90 years old, he became the father of Kenan. **10** After the birth of Kenan, Enosh lived another 815 years, and he had other sons and daughters. **11** Enosh lived 905 years, and then he died. **12** When Kenan was 70 years old, he became the father of Mahalalel. **13** After the birth of Mahalalel, Kenan lived another 840 years, and he had other sons and daughters. **14** Kenan lived 910 years, and then he died. **15** When Mahalalel was 65 years old, he became the father of Jared. **16** After the birth of Jared, Mahalalel lived another 830 years, and he had other sons and daughters. **17** Mahalalel lived 895 years, and then he died. **18** When Jared was 162 years old, he became the father of Enoch. **19** After the birth of Enoch, Jared lived another 800 years, and he had other sons and daughters. **20** Jared lived 962 years, and then he died. **21** When Enoch was 65 years old, he became the father of Methuselah. **22** After the birth of Methuselah, Enoch lived in close fellowship with God for another 300 years, and he had other sons and daughters. **23** Enoch lived 365 years, **24** walking in close fellowship with God. Then one day he disappeared, because God took him. **25** When Methuselah was 187 years old, he became the father of Lamech. **26** After the birth of Lamech, Methuselah lived another 782 years, and he had other sons and daughters. **27** Methuselah lived 969 years, and then he died. **28** When Lamech was 182 years old, he became the father of a son. **29** Lamech named his son Noah, for he said,

“May he bring us relief from our work and the painful labor of farming this ground that the LORD has cursed.” **30** After the birth of Noah, Lamech lived another 595 years, and he had other sons and daughters. **31** Lamech lived 777 years, and then he died. **32** After Noah was 500 years old, he became the father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

**6** **1** Then the people began to multiply on the earth, and daughters were born to them. **2** The sons of God saw the beautiful women and took any they wanted as their wives. **3** Then the LORD said, “My Spirit will not put up with humans for such a long time, for they are only mortal flesh. In the future, their normal lifespan will be no more than 120 years.” **4** In those days, and for some time after, giant Nephilites lived on the earth, for whenever the sons of God had intercourse with women, they gave birth to children who became the heroes and famous warriors of ancient times. **5** The LORD observed the extent of human wickedness on the earth, and he saw that everything they thought or imagined was consistently and totally evil. **6** So the LORD was sorry he had ever made them and put them on the earth. It broke his heart. **7** And the LORD said, “I will wipe this human race I have created from the face of the earth. Yes, and I will destroy every living thing—all the people, the large animals, the small animals that scurry along the ground, and even the birds of the sky. I am sorry I ever made them.” **8** But Noah found favor with the LORD. **9** This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, the only blameless person living on earth at the time, and he walked in close fellowship with God. **10** Noah was the father of three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. **11** Now God saw that the earth had become corrupt and was filled with violence. **12** God observed all this corruption in the world, for everyone on earth was corrupt. **13** So God said to Noah, “I have decided to destroy all living creatures, for they have filled the earth with violence. Yes, I will wipe them all out along with the earth! **14** “Build a large boat from cypress wood and waterproof it with tar, inside and out. Then construct decks and stalls throughout its interior. **15** Make the boat 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high. **16** Leave an 18-inch opening below the roof all the way around the boat. Put the door on the side, and build three decks inside the boat—lower, middle, and upper. **17** “Look! I am about to cover the earth with a flood that will destroy every living thing that breathes. Everything on earth will die. **18** But I will confirm my covenant with you. So enter the boat—you and your wife and your sons and their wives. **19** Bring a pair of every kind of animal—a male and a female—into the boat with you to keep them alive during the flood. **20** Pairs of every kind of bird, and every kind of animal, and every kind of small animal that scurries along the ground, will come to you to be kept alive. **21** And be sure to take on board enough food for your family and for all the animals.” **22** So Noah did everything exactly as God had commanded him.

**7** **1** When everything was ready, the LORD said to Noah, “Go into the boat with all your family, for among all the people of the earth, I can see that you alone are righteous. **2** Take with you seven pairs—male and female—of each animal I have approved for eating and for sacrifice, and take one pair of each of the others. **3** Also take seven pairs of every kind of bird. There must be a male and a female in each pair to ensure that all life will survive on the earth after the flood. **4** Seven days from now I will make the rains pour down on the earth. And it will rain for forty days and forty nights, until I have wiped from the earth all the living things I have created.” **5** So Noah did everything as the LORD commanded him. **6** Noah was 600 years old when the flood covered the earth. **7** He went on board the boat to escape the flood—he and his wife and his sons and their wives. **8** With them were all the various kinds of animals—those approved for eating and for sacrifice and those that were not—along with all the birds and the small animals that scurry along the ground. **9** They entered the boat in pairs, male and female, just as God had commanded Noah. **10** After seven days, the waters of the flood came and covered the earth. **11** When Noah was 600 years old, on the seventeenth day of the second month, all the underground waters erupted from the earth, and the rain fell in mighty torrents from the sky. **12** The rain continued to fall for forty days and forty nights. **13** That very day Noah had gone into the boat with his wife and his sons—Shem, Ham, and Japheth—and their wives. **14** With them in the boat were pairs of every kind of animal—domestic and wild, large and small—along with birds of every kind. **15** Two by two they came into the boat, representing every living thing that breathes. **16** A male and female of each kind entered, just as God had commanded Noah. Then the LORD closed the door behind them. **17** For forty days the floodwaters grew deeper, covering the ground and lifting the boat high above the earth. **18** As the waters rose higher and higher above the ground, the boat floated safely on the surface. **19** Finally, the water covered even the highest mountains on the earth, **20** rising more than twenty-two feet above the highest peaks. **21** All the living things on earth died—birds, domestic animals, wild animals, small animals that scurry along the ground, and all the people. **22** Everything that breathed and lived on dry land died. **23** God wiped out every living thing on the earth—people, livestock, small animals that scurry along the ground, and the birds of the sky. All were destroyed. The only people who survived were Noah and those with him in the boat. **24** And the floodwaters covered the earth for 150 days.

### **Psalm 3:1-8**

**3** **1** O LORD, I have so many enemies; so many are against me. **2** So many are saying, “God will never rescue him!” Interlude **3** But you, O LORD, are a shield around me; you are my glory,

the one who holds my head high. **4** I cried out to the LORD, and he answered me from his holy mountain. Interlude **5** I lay down and slept, yet I woke up in safety, for the LORD was watching over me. **6** I am not afraid of ten thousand enemies who surround me on every side. **7** Arise, O LORD ! Rescue me, my God! Slap all my enemies in the face! Shatter the teeth of the wicked! **8** Victory comes from you, O LORD . May you bless your people. Interlude

### **Proverbs 1:10-19**

**1 10** My child, if sinners entice you, turn your back on them! **11** They may say, “Come and join us. Let’s hide and kill someone! Just for fun, let’s ambush the innocent! **12** Let’s swallow them alive, like the grave ; let’s swallow them whole, like those who go down to the pit of death. **13** Think of the great things we’ll get! We’ll fill our houses with all the stuff we take. **14** Come, throw in your lot with us; we’ll all share the loot.” **15** My child, don’t go along with them! Stay far away from their paths. **16** They rush to commit evil deeds. They hurry to commit murder. **17** If a bird sees a trap being set, it knows to stay away. **18** But these people set an ambush for themselves; they are trying to get themselves killed. **19** Such is the fate of all who are greedy for money; it robs them of life.

### **Matthew 3:7-4:11**

**3 7** But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming to watch him baptize, he denounced them. “You brood of snakes!” he exclaimed. “Who warned you to flee God’s coming wrath? **8** Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God. **9** Don’t just say to each other, ‘We’re safe, for we are descendants of Abraham.’ That means nothing, for I tell you, God can create children of Abraham from these very stones. **10** Even now the ax of God’s judgment is poised, ready to sever the roots of the trees. Yes, every tree that does not produce good fruit will be chopped down and thrown into the fire. **11** “I baptize with water those who repent of their sins and turn to God. But someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I’m not worthy even to be his slave and carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. **12** He is ready to separate the chaff from the wheat with his winnowing fork. Then he will clean up the threshing area, gathering the wheat into his barn but burning the chaff with never-ending fire.” **13** Then Jesus went from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. **14** But John tried to talk him out of it. “I am the one who needs to be baptized by you,” he said, “so why are you coming to me?” **15** But Jesus said, “It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires. ” So

John agreed to baptize him. **16** After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. **17** And a voice from heaven said, “This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy.”

**4 1** Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil. **2** For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry. **3** During that time the devil came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread.” **4** But Jesus told him, “No! The Scriptures say, ‘People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” **5** Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, **6** and said, “If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say, ‘He will order his angels to protect you. And they will hold you up with their hands so you won’t even hurt your foot on a stone.’” **7** Jesus responded, “The Scriptures also say, ‘You must not test the Lord your God.’” **8** Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. **9** “I will give it all to you,” he said, “if you will kneel down and worship me.” **10** “Get out of here, Satan,” Jesus told him. “For the Scriptures say, ‘You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.’” **11** Then the devil went away, and angels came and took care of Jesus.