

A	<u>Scriptural Reference</u>	Gen 6-8
B	<p><u>The Union between the Sons of God and Daughters of Humans</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The difference between the two lies in the fact that Seth's descendants honour God while Cain's do not. The "Nephilim" (giants) "were the heroes that were of old"; who represent a people of violence and injustice. • Many other parts of scripture are opposed to mixed marriages to explain that followers of God should keep their purity and God's teaching so as not to follow the ways of the world. • God's people often ended up following the ways of the world in their struggle against the world, which results, time and again, in suffering. God repeatedly forgives His people in their suffering and leaves them with new opportunities. God's plan continues to unfold among suffering and hopelessness. This is revealed in Adam and Eve; Seth and Cain, as well in the history of Israel. • God's people today – the Church, New Israel – cannot avoid similar misfortunes (see how many within the Church have already followed the way of the secular world!), she must experience disasters such as flood and war, that is, the end of the world. However, Scripture has pointed out God's continuous mercy and promise (descendant of woman, the Ark, crossing the Red Sea, conversion, etc.). The end of the world is inevitable (Jesus' salvation); however, so is the final triumph if God's people resolve to follow God. 	<p>Gen 6:1-4</p> <p>Chin. Bible, HA 80, Father 81</p> <p>Dt 7:1-3, Ne 9, cCC 1633-34, HA 80-81, Father 82-83, Rm 12:2</p> <p>Father 82-83</p>
C	<p><u>The Lord Decides to Destroy the World</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does God regret because He has made a mistake? In fact, regret not only brings about grief but also resolution. God destroys the world with water ⇒ the Last Judgment will bring forth a new beginning that foreshadows salvation. Therefore, God's regret does not mean that He has made a mistake (which is impossible), but it alludes to His grief and salvific plan. • Why does God choose such a cruel plan to destroy the world and all the creatures? God, who is just, must punish the wicked. The flood prefigures the Last Judgment; a warning to humankind (2Pet 3:3-7). Behind punishment hides God's compassion as this is also the beginning of the New Heaven and New Earth. The innocent creatures were all destroyed with humankind in the flood, which shows that God created them for humankind. • Is God unfair? God has revealed Himself to humankind in many ways and given many opportunities for repentance. People of end time should heed these warnings. 	<p>Gen 6: 5-8, 7</p> <p>JPII, <u>Lord & God of Life</u>, 39, 45</p> <p>HA 81</p> <p>HA 135</p> <p>HA 87, RM 1:18-22, 1Pet 3:18-22</p>
D	<u>Noah : Represents A Righteous People Among a Corrupted Generation</u>	Gen 6: 9-22

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discipline, courage and faith, “walked with the Lord” • “He did all that God commanded him.” ⇨ “Do whatever he tells you”, including everything that is unseen now and ignoring the mockery from bystanders. 	<p>HA 136</p> <p>Gen 6: 22 Jn 2:5</p>
E	<p><u>The Ark and the Flood Prefigure the Church and Baptism</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It’s hierarchical. • Allows humankind to go from danger into safety; from wickedness into goodness (the pilgrim Church). • A necessity for salvation • It’s a place where God’s people gather. • It’s supported by the tree of life, that is, wood. • The dimensions of the Ark represent the Mystical Body of Christ. • The “three level” represents the outer court, holy place, and holy of holies. • The doors at the sides represent Jesus’ wound on his side. 	<p>HA 83, CCC1094</p> <p>CCC 846</p> <p>Gen 6: 14</p> <p>SH p 31</p>
F	<p><u>Foretelling A New Creation from Salvific Work</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are many similarities between the flood narrative and the creation narrative. • Message: after Adam, Noah is called to cooperate with God to bring about a new and good world. This foretells Jesus’ new creation. • Message: after Adam, Noah is called to establish a covenant with God. Adam’s covenant is built upon marriage; Noah’s covenant is built upon family. Then, the covenants between God and Abraham, Moses, and David are based on tribe, nation, and kingdom respectively. Finally, Jesus establishes the new covenant with humankind through the Paschal Mystery, building God’s family and new creation. • Seven pairs or one? 40 days or 150 days of flood? The discrepancies in numbers reflect the different traditions and meanings attached to the numbers. • The structure of the CHIASM echoes the message of the Great Flood: “God remembers Noah” = to make present again; to celebrate the covenantal relationship between the two. 	<p>Gen 7-8, HA 83, Fathers 84-85 HOA</p> <p>HA 82, NAB</p> <p>NAB, HOB</p>