

## “Exceptional”

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### Introduction: Railroad tracks

Track One- ongoing development of God’s story

Track Two- personal impact along the way

“For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope” (Romans 15:4).

### The Family Line of Seth (Genesis 5)

“lived, fathered children, lived, died...”

**Exception:** \_\_\_\_\_ “walked with God, and he was not, for God took him” (Genesis 5:24).

“By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having \_\_\_\_\_ God”  
(Hebrews 11:5).

**Context:** “the \_\_\_\_\_ of man was great in the earth...”  
(Genesis 6:5)

How \_\_\_\_\_?

Thoughts of his heart were only evil continually  
The LORD regretted that He had made man.  
It grieved Him to His heart.  
Earth was corrupt.  
Earth was filled with violence.

**Consequences:** “I will blot out man whom I have created...”

**Exception:** \_\_\_\_\_ “**This one** shall bring us relief...”  
(5:29)

“Found favor in the eyes of the LORD” (6:8)  
Righteous, blameless, walked with God  
Make yourself an ark (Genesis 6:14).  
I will bring a flood.  
Everything that is on the earth shall die (Genesis 6:17).

**Exception:** \_\_\_\_\_ will establish my \_\_\_\_\_ with you... (6:18)

**Description of Consequences:** Genesis 6:18 - 8:19

Into the ark

You and your family  
All creatures 2x2; clean 7x7  
The LORD shut him in.

## “Exceptional” (continued)

Rain fell 40 days and 40 nights.

All flesh died that moved on the earth.

Noah went out almost a year later.

“By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith” (Hebrews 11:7).

**Details of the Covenant:** Genesis 8:20 - 9:17

**Covenant:** “a \_\_\_\_\_ promise marked by faithful love” (The whole message of the Bible in 16 words.)

Never again curse the ground because of man (8:21)

While the earth remains... (8:22)

Blessed Noah (9:1-6)

Fruitful, multiply, fill the earth

Every moving thing that lives shall be food.

Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in His own image.

\_\_\_\_\_ **of the covenant:** rainbow (9:12-17)

When someone displays a rainbow symbol, what does it represent?

When God looks upon His rainbow, what does it represent?

How does the difference in the answer to these questions affect your understanding of our situation on the earth?

How does the provision of the ark contribute to your understanding of God?

How does covenant affect your understanding of God?

What are you learning from the examples of the exceptional?

How should this affect choices that you are facing currently?

How will you choose to be exceptional?