



A Man Called Noah

Genesis 6:6

The Lord regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled. (NIV)

And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. (KJV)

The Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. (NASB)



Definitions

Regret: sorrow aroused by circumstances beyond one's control or power to repair

Repent: to feel regret or contrition, to change one's mind

Sorry: feeling regret or penitence

Relent: to become less severe, harsh, or strict



The Issue

No Mistakes, Sin or Make Incorrect Assumptions:

As for God, his way is perfect: The Lord's word is flawless; he shields all who take refuge in him.

Psalm 18:30

God is All Knowing

If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

1 John 3:20



The Issue

If God knows how it all turns out how can he feel regret?

If God knows Moses is going to talk him out of it, then what's the point of making the statement?

If God knows those people in Ninevah are going to repent why stuff poor Jonah into a fish?



Why send the angel to destroy Jerusalem if you are going to just stop them at the last minute?

Real Questions

Often one of those real people is ME!



Limited Understanding

This is what the Lord says: “Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. Where is the house you will build for me? Where will my resting place be?”

Isaiah 66:1

We place God in a box.

We are visual people, but visualizing God is hard.

No Images



Allowed

God is not Human

He who is the Glory of Israel does not lie or change his mind; for he is not a human being, that he should change his mind.”

1 Samuel 15:29

Our Limitations

Again, he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it?”

Mark 4:30



Explaining

to a Child



Timeless

But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.

2 Peter 3:8

Time is something that we struggle with

To think about how a being can live outside of time, my mind just does not wrap that far.



God is not Emotional

God is a God with emotion, but he does not react emotionally

Psalm 2:4

Laughs

Matthew 9:36

Compassion

Deuteronomy 28:63

Delight

Mark 3:5

Grieved

Exodus 20:5

Jealous

Isaiah 47:6

Angry

Proverbs 6:16

Hates



God is not Emotional

God has emotion, but his emotions do not control Him

“In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry.

Ephesians 4:26



God is Patient

To those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water.

1 Peter 3:20

Only 8 people will end up on that ark, but the invitation was open until the day the door shut.

As much as it could be justified, God gave Noah time.



Unfading Love

God does not desire our destruction

He prayed to the Lord, “Isn’t this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity.

Jonah 4:2

None  Perish

God's Regret

The Lord regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was **deeply troubled**.

Genesis 6:6

He knew things could not continue the way they were going

He knew what needed to be done



Troubled
Beset by problems
or conflict

God's Regret

A Human Object Lesson

Children



Heartbroken

“To me this is like the days of Noah, when I swore that the waters of Noah would never again cover the earth. So now I have sworn not to be angry with you, never to rebuke you again. Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed,” says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

Isaiah 54:9-10



Enduring Love

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.



Hebrews 12:1-3

A large cruise ship is shown from a low angle, sailing on the ocean. The ship is dark-colored with a white upper section. The background is a dramatic sunset or sunrise over the sea, with a bright sun low on the horizon, creating a golden glow. The sky is a mix of blue and yellow. The overall mood is serene and majestic.

YOU
Were Worth It!