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(Psalms 101:6)



7 A Time of Waiting

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God promised to send a Savior. But the Savior did not come right away. The people had to wait for years and years. While they waited, some of them learned to love and obey God.

Noah was one of those people. Others did not obey God and fell into sinful ways. But Noah always did what God asked of him; he was **obedient**. Since Noah and his sons were the only people on earth who loved God, He decided to begin the earth again with his family. But first He would wash the earth clean of sin with a flood.

God told Noah to build an **ark**. The ark was a big boat. Then God told Noah to fill the ark with all the different kinds of animals. After all the animals were in the boat, God told Noah and his family to climb inside and close the door very tightly. Once

they were inside, it began to rain very hard. Soon a flood covered the whole earth. Because Noah and his family obeyed God, they were safe and dry and cozy inside the ark.

Later, there was another man who loved and served God. His name was **Abraham**. He had **faith** in God, a gift that makes us able to believe all that God tells us. Abraham was always obedient to God, even when it was difficult. God promised to make of Abraham a great nation. From these people the Savior would be born. Some of Abraham's descendants are still among us today. They are the people we now call the Jewish people.

Words to Know:

Noah obedient ark Abraham faith

Q. 20 *What did some people do as they waited for the Savior?*

Some people believed in God and obeyed Him so they would be ready for the Savior (CCC 58–64).

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Getting Ready For the Savior

“The law of your mouth is better to me than
thousands of gold and silver pieces.”

Psalms 119:72

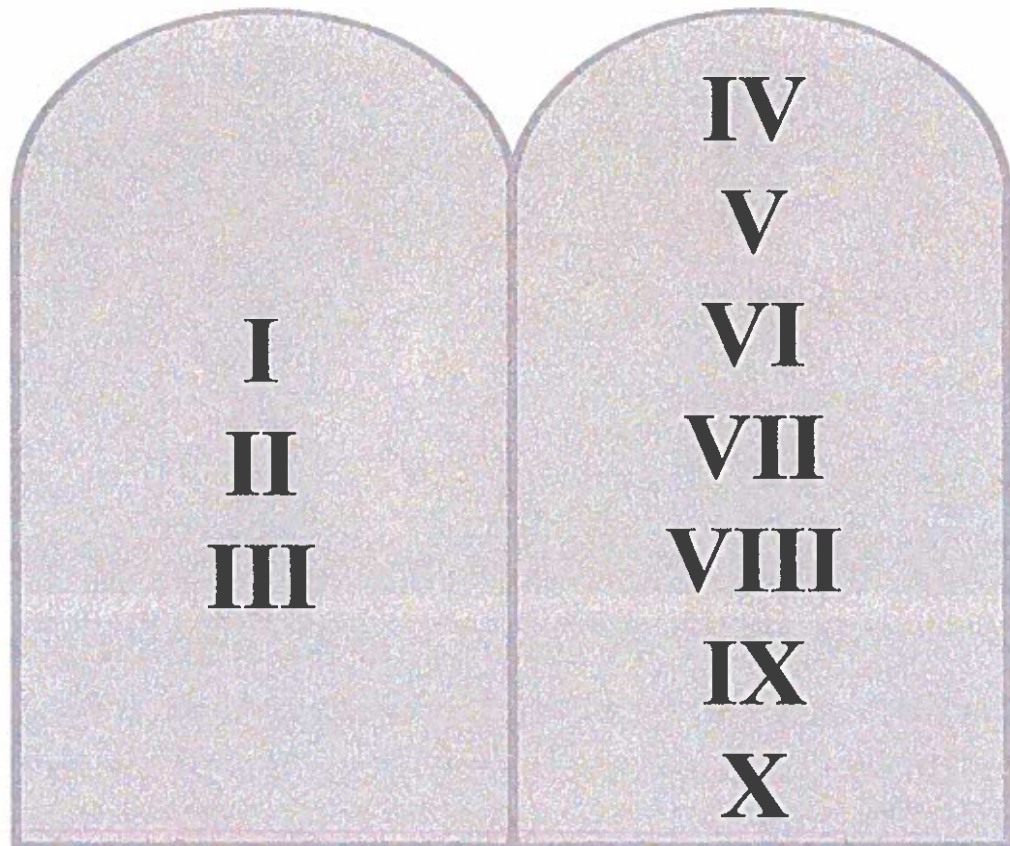


Many more years passed. The descendants of Abraham were still waiting for the Savior. God did not forget His promise. He sent many **prophets** to the Jewish people. Prophets were holy men who prepared people for the coming of the Savior, Jesus Christ.

Moses was the first prophet. Moses was very

important because God gave him the Ten Commandments.

The **Ten Commandments** are God's Laws for every one of us. These Laws help us to know how God wants us to live. When people obeyed God's Laws, they were preparing for the coming of the Savior.



Then when it was almost time for the Savior to come, God sent the last prophet of the Old Testament. He was **Saint John the Baptist**. Saint John was the cousin of Jesus. He lived and prayed in the desert. He told people to be sorry for their sins. Saint John baptized people if they were sorry for their sins. This baptism was not the Sacrament of Baptism, but it helped people to prepare for the Savior. Saint John told the people that the Savior would come very soon.

Words to Know:

prophets Moses Ten Commandments

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Q. 21 *What are the Ten Commandments of God?*
The Ten Commandments of God are the moral law that God gave to Moses on Mount Sinai (CCC 2056).