

## **The Ark of Safety**

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Great Stories of the Bible / Noah (builder of ark); Preaching; Last Judgment / Genesis 6:9–13  
The story of Noah's Ark has special significance for those of us living during the last days. Jesus specifically said that it would be like the days of Noah. Is it also true then that we are called to be the Noah of our generation?

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- Seylah's Favorite
  - Story Noah
  - Story Noah

## Everything I Need to Know About Life, I Learned from Noah's Ark

1. Don't miss the boat.
2. Remember we're all in the same boat
3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
4. Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
5. Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

6. Build your future on high ground.
7. For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
8. Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
9. When you're stressed, float a while.
10. Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
11. No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

## Jesus' Warning

### **Matthew 24:38–39** **ESV**

For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

- Pat attention
  - to this story...
  - Prophecy for us.

# Wickedness

## **Genesis 6:5-9** **ESV**

The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the LORD regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. So the LORD said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them." But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God.

- World was Wicked
  - But
- Noah Righteous...
- God destroys
  - But
- Noah get Grace
  - (rainbow)

- What specific Wickedness?

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- What specific Wickedness?

- Evil
  - eating
  - drinking
  - marrying

**Diet and Appetite**

- What is wrong
  - with eat?

- Remember
  - Adam and Eve
  
- Gifts of God
  - carried to excess...

### **Patriarchs and Prophets Chapter 7—The Flood**

A similar condition of things exists now. That which is lawful in itself is carried to excess. Appetite is indulged without restraint. Professed followers of Christ are today eating and drinking with the drunken, while their names stand in honored church records. Intemperance benumbs the moral and spiritual powers and prepares the way for indulgence of the lower passions. Multitudes feel under no moral obligation to curb their sensual desires, and they become the slaves of lust. Men are living for the pleasures of sense; for this world and this life alone.

### **Extravagance and Immodesty**

- Marrying
  
- Flaunting Stuff
  
- Rejecting
  - seriousness of time
  
  - warning message

## Our Celebrations

Weddings

Birthdays

Sabbath Lunch

### **Exodus 33:4-6 ESV**

When the people heard this disastrous word, they mourned, and no one put on his ornaments. For the LORD had said to Moses, “Say to the people of Israel, ‘You are a stiff-necked people; if for a single moment I should go up among you, I would consume you. So now take off your ornaments, that I may know what to do with you.’” Therefore the people of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments, from Mount Horeb onward.

- After Golden Calf
  - Take of Jewelry
- During Judgment Hour
  - No Extravagance!

### **Patriarchs and Prophets Chapter 7—The Flood**

Extravagance pervades all circles of society. Integrity is sacrificed for luxury and display. They that make haste to be rich pervert justice and oppress the poor, and “slaves and souls of men” are still bought and sold.

- Tradition of then
  - tradition of now.
- We must
  - break mold
    - selfish extravagance

### **Lack of Care for Human Life**

- Kill without thought..

#### **Genesis 4:23–24 ESV**

Lamech said to his wives:

“Adah and Zillah, hear my voice;

you wives of Lamech, listen to what I say:

I have killed a man for wounding me,

a young man for striking me.

If Cain’s revenge is sevenfold,

then Lamech’s is seventy-sevenfold.”

### **Patriarchs and Prophets Chapter 7—The Flood**

Fraud and bribery and theft stalk unrebuked in high places and in low. The issues of the press teem with records of murder—crimes so cold-blooded and causeless that it seems as though every instinct of humanity were blotted out. And these atrocities have become of so common occurrence that they hardly elicit a comment or awaken surprise.

- Murder Shows
- **Abortion**

### **Not-So-Distant Future**

- Anarchy
- Do right in own eyes.

### **Patriarchs and Prophets Chapter 7—The Flood**

The spirit of anarchy is permeating all nations, and the outbreaks that from time to time excite the horror of the world are but indications of the pent-up fires of passion and lawlessness that, having once escaped control, will fill the earth with woe and desolation. The picture which Inspiration has given of the antediluvian world represents too truly the condition to which modern society is fast hastening. Even now, in the present century, and in professedly Christian lands, there are crimes daily perpetrated as black and terrible as those for which the old-world sinners were destroyed.



- Description of Today!

## Warning

- Noah
  - had to give warning.
  - Preach he did...

### **2 Peter 2:5 HCSB**

and if He didn't spare the ancient world, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others, when He brought a flood on the world of the ungodly;

- Noah
- "Preacher of Righteousness"
  - Gave Warning!
  - So must we.
- Type of preaching...

### **Hebrews 11:7 ESV**

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.

- His preaching
  - convicted people.
- His actions
  - convicted people.
- Are you working
  - on your ark?

#### **Patriarchs and Prophets Chapter 7—The Flood**

Some were deeply convicted, and would have heeded the words of warning; but there were so many to jest and ridicule, that they partook of the same spirit, resisted the invitations of mercy, and were soon among the boldest and most defiant scoffers; for none are so reckless and go to such lengths in sin as do those who have once had light, but have resisted the convicting Spirit of God.

- Some were convicted
- Defiant Scoffers
- Rejecters of Truth
  - Brothers.

## **Patriarchs and Prophets Chapter 7—The Flood**

As the time of Christ's second appearing draws near, the Lord sends His servants with a warning to the world to prepare for that great event.

- Noah Preached
  - 120 Years
- People Rejected Repentance
  - Don't want to surrender
  - Deny Sin
  - Moral Law
- Only 8 Saved
- Our Message:

## **Three Angles Messages**

### **Revelation 14:6–11 ESV**

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven

and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

Another angel, a second, followed, saying, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who made all nations drink the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality.”

And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, he also will drink the wine of God’s wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name.”

- Not Pleasant Message
  - Doom
  - Life

## **Scoffers**

### **2 Peter 3:3–4 ESV**

knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. They will say, “Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.”

- Noah Saved 8...
  - Should we expect

- mass conversions?

**Luke 18:8 ESV**

I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

- Indicates
  - few
  - minority
- Must get comfortable
  - Not fitting in.

Pastor Joseph

Getting Really Weird

Thank You

Compliment

Separate from World.

Preach and live...

# Judgement

- People rejected
  - Why?
- **People become**
  - **numb to truth**
- How?

## **Patriarchs and Prophets Chapter 7—The Flood**

As the time of their probation was closing, the antediluvians gave themselves up to exciting amusements and festivities. Those who possessed influence and power were bent on keeping the minds of the people engrossed with mirth and pleasure, lest any should be impressed by the last solemn warning. Do we not see the same repeated in our day? While God's servants are giving the message that the end of all things is at hand, the world is absorbed in amusements and pleasure seeking. There is a constant round of excitement that causes indifference to God and prevents the people from being impressed by the truths which alone can save them from the coming destruction.

- Today?
  - Media
    - distracted
    - entertained

- numb

## Numb

Pain Killers

Leprosy

# Shut Door

### Genesis 7:16 **ESV**

And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him. And the LORD shut him in.

- Jesus shut door
  - Noah couldn't shut
  - Nor Open it.
- Time of Probation
  - comes to end.

# Close of Probation

**Revelation 22:11–12 NKJV**

He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still.”

“And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward *is* with Me, to give to every one according to his work.

- All cases decided.

- Unjust
- Filthy
- Righteous
- Holy
  - Sheep
  - Goats

- Final Mark

- Mark of Beast
- Seal of God

**Revelation 7:1–3 ESV**

After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding



back the four winds of the earth, that no wind might blow on earth or sea or against any tree. Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.”

- 7 Last Plagues

#### **Revelation 16:1 ESV**

Then I heard a loud voice from the temple telling the seven angels, “Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God.”

- The Shut Door
  - Happens at end.

#### **Patriarchs and Prophets Chapter 7—The Flood**

Noah was shut in, and the rejecters of God’s mercy were shut out. The seal of Heaven was on that door; God had shut it, and God alone could open it. So when Christ shall cease His intercession for guilty men, before His coming in the clouds of heaven, the door of mercy will be shut. Then divine grace will no longer restrain the wicked, and Satan will have full control of those who have rejected mercy. They will endeavor to destroy God’s people; but as Noah was shut into the ark, so the righteous will be shielded by divine power.

## Tarrying Time

- Time Period
  - Dry Time...

**Genesis 7:4 ESV**

For in seven days I will send rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground.”

- Door Closed
  - No Rain...
- What happens
  - During this time?

**Patriarchs and Prophets Chapter 7—The Flood**

For seven days after Noah and his family entered the ark, there appeared no sign of the coming storm. During this period their faith was tested. It was a time of triumph to the world without. The apparent delay confirmed them in the belief that Noah’s message was a delusion, and that the Flood would never come.

- More Unbelief.

- God Promises
  - Similar Tarrying Time
  - 10 Virgins
- What to do
  - during tarrying?

**Habakkuk 2:3 NASB95**

“For the vision is yet for the appointed time;

It hastens toward the goal and it will not fail.

Though it tarries, wait for it;

For it will certainly come, it will not delay.

- We are here
  - on prophetic timeline.
- Prophecy made
  - warning given
  - judgment hour

- before close probation

## The Rain

### **Genesis 7:11–13** ESV

In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. And rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights. On the very same day Noah and his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them entered the ark,

- Judgment
  - Chaos
  - World of Destruction
  - Earth Quakes
- Last Days...:

### **Revelation 16:20–21** ESV

And every island fled away, and no mountains were to be found. And great hailstones, about one hundred pounds each, fell from heaven on people; and they cursed God for the plague of the hail, because the plague was so severe.

- Do they Repent?

#### **Patriarchs and Prophets Chapter 7—The Flood**

As the violence of the storm increased, trees, buildings, rocks, and earth were hurled in every direction. The terror of man and beast was beyond description. Above the roar of the tempest was heard the wailing of a people that had despised the authority of God.

- Repentance at end?

#### **Revelation 6:14–17 ESV**

The sky vanished like a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, calling to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?”

- Hate Christ
  - Run From Him
  - Curse Him

### **Patriarchs and Prophets Chapter 7—The Flood**

that terrible hour they saw that the transgression of God's law had caused their ruin. Yet while, through fear of punishment, they acknowledged their sin, they felt no true contrition, no abhorrence of evil. They would have returned to their defiance of Heaven, had the judgment been removed. So when God's judgments shall fall upon the earth before its deluge by fire, the impenitent will know just where and what their sin is—the despising of His holy law. Yet they will have no more true repentance than did

- Waters Rose higher and higher
  - people ran to higher ground
- Earth was without form and void again
- Spirit on the face of waters

### **2 Peter 3:5–7 ESV**

For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

### **Patriarchs and Prophets Chapter 7—The Flood**

Another storm is coming. The earth will again be swept by the desolating wrath of God, and sin and sinners will be destroyed.

- This time it will be fire not water

**2 Peter 3:10 ESV**

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

- Though they had been warned
- The flood came as a surprise
- Same in the end:

**1 Thessalonians 5:3 ESV**

While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

- People were not ready!
- But...
- Next Verse:

### **1 Thessalonians 5:4 ESV**

But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief.

## Conclusion

- Are you ready?
- Will you be surprised?

## Appeal

- Remove Numbing
- Seek Repentance
- Prepare Others