
Chapter 50: Noah, circa 2017

Life Application Verses:

Genesis 6: 11-14. ¹¹Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. ¹²God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. ¹³So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. ¹⁴So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out.

Have you ever thought about what it might be like if Noah lived today? He would be some 500+ years old when he began the Ark, completing it when he was some 600 years old. But imagine what he might have to endure in the process:



....And the Lord spoke to Noah and said:

"In seven years, I am going to make it rain and cover the whole earth with water until all flesh is destroyed, but I want you to save the righteous people and two of every kind of living thing on earth. Therefore, I am commanding you to build a mighty Ark." In a flash of lightning God delivered the specifications for an Ark. In fear and trembling, Noah took the plans and agreed to build the ark. "Remember," said the Lord: "You must complete the Ark and bring everything aboard in seven years." Exactly seven years later, fierce storm clouds covered the earth and all the seas and fountains of the earth were about to erupt into a tumult. The Lord saw that Noah was sitting in his front yard weeping. "Noah," he shouted, "Where is the Ark?"

"Lord, please forgive me," cried Noah. "I did my best, but there were big problems: First, I had to get a permit for construction, and your plans did not meet the building codes. I had to hire an engineering firm to redraw the plans. Then I got into an argument with the Fire Marshall and OSHA over whether or not the Ark needed a sprinkler system and approved floatation

devices. Then, my neighbor objected, claiming I was violating zoning ordinances by building the Ark in my front yard which blocked his view of the sunsets each evening, so I had to get a variance from the local planning commission. Then, I had problems getting enough cypress wood for the Ark because there was a ban on cutting trees to protect the Spotted Owl...but, I finally convinced the U. S. Forest Service that I really needed the wood to save the owls. However, the Fish and Wildlife Service won't let me catch any owls, so, no owls."

"Then the carpenters formed a union and went on strike. I had to negotiate a settlement with the National Labor Relations Board before anyone would pick up a saw or hammer. Now, I have 16 carpenters working with me on the Ark, but still no owls. When I started rounding up the other animals, an animal rights group sued me. They objected to me taking only two of each kind aboard mumbling something about 'fairness'? Just when I finally got the suit dismissed, the EPA notified me that I could not complete the Ark without filing an environmental impact statement on your proposed flood. They didn't take very kindly to the idea that they had no jurisdiction over the conduct of the Creator of the Universe. Then, the Army Corps of Engineers demanded a map of the proposed new flood plain. So I sent them one of those large color-coded globes and marked it so they would know you meant business".

"Right now, I am trying to resolve a complaint filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that I am practicing discrimination by not taking Godless, unbelieving people aboard. The IRS has seized my assets, claiming that I'm building the Ark in preparation to flee the country and not pay taxes. I then got a notice from a state revenue agent that I owe them some kind of user tax because I failed to register the Ark as a 'recreational water craft.' And finally, the ACLU got the courts to issue an injunction against further construction of the Ark, saying that since God is flooding the earth, it's a religious event, and, therefore, "unconstitutional". I really don't think I can finish the Ark for at least...another five or six years." Disheartened, Noah then waited for a response from the Lord...

The sky began to clear, the sun began to shine, and the seas and fountains began to calm. A rainbow arched across the sky. Noah looked up hopefully. "You mean you're not going to destroy the earth, Lord?" "No," He said sadly. "I don't have to. The government already has."

I had read similar stories through the years, and they were just as humorous then as now, as well as a Truism on our nation. The overarching truth that is embedded in this modern story is that even now, if Noah were to be on Fox and Friends, Good Morning America, or any other televised event, how many people would heed the warning? Can you just imagine it? You turn on the tube and there is Noah, with his sons Shem, Ham, and Japheth, sitting on the couch with the crew of Fox and Friends, Ainsley Earhardt, Steve Doocy, and Brian Kilmeade, and you hear the following conversation:

“Good morning to you Noah,” says Ainsley Earhardt. “Can you tell us how this ark idea got started?” Noah replies, “Well, I was out in the yard working when I heard God speak to me and He said, ‘Noah, I am displeased with the people of the Earth. I want you to build an Ark. I am going to make it rain for 40 days and nights.’ So, He sent me the plans and I went to work.”
...Cut away to the Fox Twitter site:

Joe Blog @blogmister
Build an ark? Ha! I think you have lost it, Noah!
Ever hear of [#separationofchurchandstate](#), huh?

Iama Notabeliever @nogodforme
God talked to you! I’ve heard it all now, Noah!
You need to get a life [#antigodleague](#).

Etc, etc, etc...

Can you just imagine what it would be like for Noah if he were to be alive today in our posh world of fast-food and secularism? There are days when I even consider building an ark, or at the very least, helping Noah! But imagine what it would be like? The majority of the Earth would make fun of Noah or in certain regions of the world, try to take his very life!; however, all those who believed that God did speak to Noah, gave him instructions, and that the world would be destroyed—those Believers would fall on their knees! Let’s speculate for a moment and assume that the world is about to be destroyed by a flood (we are NOT negating or ignoring the Promise of God not to destroy the world with a flood again) (Genesis 9: 9-17), the Christians—those who believe in God, His Word, and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ—would

be glued to the TV listening intently to Noah describing the ark, the flood, and what might become of them (us). We would be wondering what provision God would provide for us when this horrendous, world ending flood, arrived. And in the conversation, Noah told the audience that all True Believers would be ‘taken up’ on the first day of the flood to return once the flood had vanished to live on Earth with Noah, his family, the animals, and serve God, in Christ, for all our days! Can you just imagine what ridicule we would face? Regardless of how we might be treated, the first day of the flood arrives. All Christians (and children before the age of accountability) on the face of the Earth are suddenly gone—just like when the Rapture occurs. ***(Bear with me on the story line;*** it’s about the stark differences in Christians and those who have and continue to reject Salvation in Christ Jesus.) [Parents --- LISTEN UP for your children!]

Every imaginable reason would be broadcast across the television screens the world over. Conspiracy theories would be like the raindrops of the flood. Oh, and this is Day 1 of the flood, with 39 days left to go. By Day 2, the rivers, streams, and oceans are beginning to creep up and out of their banks and beyond their shores. The newscasters are talking about widespread flooding and the forecasts call for more rain across the globe—but they just keep on finding excuses for the heavy rains, and blame it on global warming, politicians, Christians, conservatives, etc. By Day 3, low lying areas of Earth have begun to fill and forecasts call for more global rain---and more global excuses! On Day 4, the naysayers, jokers, and unbelievers begin to fear that what Noah had warned them of was, in fact, coming to fruition as on Day 5, valleys across Earth were filled and moving quickly onto above sea level land masses. Panic sets in and people begin to run towards God’s Salvation, The Ark. But, as it was in the actual days of Noah, the warning had been issued and heeded by none. IN our modern times, we have God’s Word about what took place during the Flood and yet, we heed it not! Our manmade laws are contrary to and supersede God’s laws, yet the floodwaters continue to rise and we continue to rebel; we kill one another, floodwaters rise, and we kill even more; hatred abounds in the hearts and minds of vast numbers of people, and “all the fountains of the great deep burst open, and the floodgates of the sky were opened” (Genesis 7: 11), yet the hatred continues to increase; the ark rises from the Earth, yet we miss the very Truth God has given us. Folks, God is not mocked on Earth or in Heaven, nor in His punishment for our willful rebellion.

A few years ago, the Movie *Noah*, with Russell Crowe, was playing in theaters. It became the Number 1 movie in the world (7 April 2014). My wife and I went to see it. It was Hollywood, yet it was Truth if you knew the Biblical Version. Its core message, in spite of the Glitz of Movie Making, was the Fall of Man and God's Will to destroy the Earth because mankind had become "only evil continually" (Gen. 6: 5). It wasn't a Movie; it was the Truth of God's Broken Heart and His sorrow: "The Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart" (Gen: 6: 6). God is Love, yet He was grieved in His Heart! Are we in the 21st Century in danger of causing God to repeat what was said in Genesis 6: 6? Are we today causing God to be sorry over His Creation to the point that He is Grieved in His Heart? God forgive us for WE TRULY KNOW NOT WHAT WE DO! Or do we?????? Are we so self-sustaining that we have no need of God? Or Christ? I fear that we as a people of this Earth have deluded ourselves right into getting left behind as the Ark doors are closed—for so many, closed for all Eternity. God help us because we cannot help self-righteous ourselves!!!

Have we moved so far from Heavenly Mindedness that our Earthly Goodness results in our God being 'Heavy of Heart?' We are like Sodom and Gomorrah, in that but for the sake of the Christians, God may might very well bring Armageddon to our world sooner than later? Only He knows the time for this Heavenly Event. When you read the Old and New Testaments of the Holy Bible, what do these Historical and Spiritual reminders tell us? Like in the days of Noah, God's Judgment is not an idle threat; it is His attempt to reach us in Love and bring us to a Saving Grace before it is too late. Yet, so much of our world turns its back on God, discounting the Saving Grace of Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior. Don't believe it? Then, my brother and sister in Christ (or lost person), just look around you and hear what is going on in the world at large! Pay ATTENTION! The Rapture is about to happen, and soon on God's Timeline. Yet the world goes about its business as if we are our own saviors...frightening!

The 'story' of Noah is not a story at all; it is a reminder of how God's Heart was broken by our use of free will to do just as we pleased—regardless of what He hoped we would do. You can see this in the following verses (Gen. 6: 8-9; 7: 1): 'But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord. These are the records of the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God.'; 'Then the Lord said to Noah, "Enter the ark, you and all

your household, for you *alone* I have seen *to be* righteous before Me in this time".' Noah was Heavenly Minded, and Earthly Good. Christians, listen up! We are in the times of Noah, circa 2017. Our world has gone berserk, crazy, and is 'only evil continually.' While I am not advocating that Christians are perfection in this life, we are to be the Voice for God to warn as many as we can reach about the 'Flood' that is to come. That Flood is when God calls us out of this world in the Rapture, leaving this World in the Hands of an Angry God. I can only imagine what it will be like to be in the world when all Christians have left them behind. Several years ago, a series of books were written on this subject and if you have never read them, it might give you a perspective and add to the urgency of what we must do until The Trumpet Sounds.

Think about your family and friends. If you know they are lost without Jesus Christ, it behooves us to do everything possible to reach them for Christ. Their very Souls hang in the balance, and that balance is to tip the scales in the Heavenly Minded direction—for if they leave this world without Christ as Savior, the Word of God tells the story of what it will be like to be lost for Eternity. Oh the Wailing and Gnashing of Teeth, Loneliness, and Lake of Fire. I, for one, believe that our time is truly running out and we must be more diligent to reach the Lost than at any time in our History. God Destroyed the Earth and he Saved it through Noah and his family. The lesson in that 'Story' is that we must be Heavenly Minded to be Earthly Good in reaching out to everyone we meet—tell them the Good News, share your Love of Christ with them, invite them to Church, offer them a Bible, be the Voice of God to them to Bring the Name of Jesus Christ to their part of the world in which they live, and **be not ashamed!**

In one sense of the story, we are all Noah. It is our job to tell the lost about the Flood and the Ark. The Flood symbolizes Eternal Death, while the Ark symbolizes Eternal Life. We must stand on the hill and shout it to the people around us: the Flood is coming! Seek the Ark while there is time! Get as many people on the Ark as we can before God closes and seals the door for Eternity! Bring them aboard the Ark—Christ Jesus—before the Flood overtakes them! Once the door is shut, the seal is applied. And only God Himself can break the Seal—which He has told us through Christ and the Scriptures will not be broken. OH Lord, we must be busy to reach the lost! The Ark will sail soon, and those left behind...I can't contemplate the horror...

A Question of Curiosity:

The next time you are in a rain, remember the story of Noah and the Flood. Take a close look at the drops falling and remember how God flooded the Earth with “all the fountains of the great deep burst open, and the floodgates of the sky were opened.” Now, imagine that this rain resulted in a Flood and all Lost people were to be swept away forever. Does this make you more sensitive to reach the lost and be a Witness for God to them with the Saving Knowledge of Christ Jesus? What about your children and family? Does the historical truth of the Flood give you concern for their Eternal Life? If not, you need to read the story again...and again...and again! Let it sink in and become a part of your very Soul. And you say...

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“Noah was a brave man to sail in a wooden boat with two termites.” ~ ThinkExist.com ~

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: ⁹“I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you ¹⁰and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: ¹³I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. ¹⁶Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.” ¹⁷So God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth.” (Gen. 9)

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If you visit the link above, (or as long as it is posted to the web site), you will find two dinosaurs sitting on the tip of a mountain with the caption, “Oh crap, was that TODAY?” The Ark is drifting off from their little slice of land that is about to be overrun with the Flood. It is a humorous, but sad, commentary on humanity today. So many of us simply pay little attention to what God has been saying to us since the Creation; yet, the world around us hears only what it wants to hear; it does what it wants to do; and, the Ark is drifting rapidly away from so many!



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My Prayer For You:

Heavenly Father, Your Word tells us of a Great Flood that destroyed all life on this planet. We may not understand all that this means to us in our modernistic world, but I pray that we might heed its meaning even today. That meaning is simple: our world is a place of chaos, evil intent, and brokenness. While life around us goes on, I pray that every Christian that lives will heed the message in the true Biblical truth of Noah, The Flood, and why it happened. We are sinners saved by Grace and we live by the Grace, Mercy, and Love of a Holy and Righteous God. We have a Salvation in Christ Jesus, the One and Only Son of God. We may not be destroyed by another Flood as your covenant with Noah remains True, but our Lives are destroyed by our actions in that we lose our Fellowship or our Witness or our Faith, at times. Floods come to us today in drugs, unfaithfulness, murders, tragedies, untimely death due to illnesses, and so many other forms of heartbreak or violence. Our children are the victims of bullies, our neighborhoods are places of existence, not living among Brothers and Sisters, hatred of one another abounds, and yet—You are the God of All Life and the Giver of Eternal Life in Christ Jesus. It is my humble prayer before Your Throne of Grace and Mercy that we might seek Your Face so that we might Live a Life that is Pleasing to You. Jesus is the New Covenant and He is the Ark for our Salvation. I pray that we find this Ark before it becomes too late for so many in our world today. In the Name of Christ Jesus, Amen.

Noah!!!

God called out, “Noah”, He said,
Build an ark, but you need not dread;
Noah said, “Lord, what is an ark?
Never seen rain, does it get dark?”
“Oh yes”, said God, “forty days and nights,
It’s going to be time without lights.”
Years passed by as Noah worked on,
People passed mocking and they did groan:
“Ole Noah is crazy, lost his mind,
Building this boat, what will he find?”
The Ark now finished, grand in its view,
Few Souls on board, animals two-by-two.
The Heavens then opened, and the rains they fell,
When would it stop, no person can tell?
As the flood waters began their rise,
From inside the Ark, Noah’s family heard cries;
Save us, save us, was their new plea,
But the Flood waters cause the Ark to flee;
To forty days and nights of drift,
In God’s Own Way, The Ark was a gift;
To those who followed His Heart of Love,
He sent the olive leaf by way of a Dove.

Noah's Ark opens at Kentucky theme park 2016

ABOUT THE ARK

Ark Encounter features a full-size Noah's Ark, built according to the dimensions given in the Bible. Spanning 510 feet long, 85 feet wide, and 51 feet high, this modern engineering marvel amazes visitors young and old. Ark Encounter is situated in the beautiful Williamstown, Kentucky, halfway between Cincinnati and Lexington on I-75. From the moment you turn the corner and the towering Ark comes into view, to the friendly animals in the zoo, to the jaw-dropping exhibits inside the Ark, you'll experience the pages of the Bible like never before.



Can you imagine what Noah's neighbors thought when he and his family started building this water craft? Listen to the modern-day pundits about the 'separation of church and state' and the political bashing of tax-breaks and so forth. Sounds like the pundits of Noah's days...different words, same-ole story.