

What Can We Learn From Noah?

Genesis. 6:9: (NASB) Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God.

There are many accounts in the Bible that really run along the edge of reality for many of us here today. Think about it - Balaam's donkey talks, the sun stands still for Joshua in a battle, Jesus rises from the dead and goes to heaven... These are fantastic and unbelievable to many. And then there is the story of Noah - here is a man around 500 years old who builds a boat to save his family and the animals from a devastating flood! Now THAT is amazing! So, what is there about this story of Noah that rings true for us today? Is his experience a warning for us here and now?

Why did God have Noah build the boat in the first place?

Novie trailer, Noah (2013)

- (Grandfather) My father said that one day if man continued in his ways the Creator would alienate this world.
- (Noah) Can it not be averted?
- (Grandfather) He speaks to you. You must trust that He speaks in a way that you can understand.
- (Noah) I saw water. Death by water. And I saw new life. A
 great flood is coming. We build a vessel to survive the
 storm. We build an ark.



The movie is not true to the scriptural account. It is more of a sci-fi movie that has *some* basis in Scripture.

<u>Genesis 6:1-2</u>: (NASB) ¹Now it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them...

Remember, this is in the context of man's sin and the consequences of that sin.

It is also in the context of the things that God did NOT take away:

<u>Genesis 1:28</u>: (NRSV) God blessed them, and God said to them, be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and **have dominion over** the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.

God did not take away man being in charge. An important question here is, what was man doing with the dominion he was given?

...²that **the sons of God** saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose.

Who were these sons of God?

<u>2 Peter 2:4</u>: (KJV) For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell (tartaroo), and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

Notice, the *sons of God*, these spiritual creatures (not called "angels" or "cherubim" as in <u>Genesis 1:2</u>) were dabbling in the lives of mankind on their own accord (desires) and were <u>no longer</u> considered "messengers" or angels of God.



The word "angel" just means "messenger," and is used to describe human messengers in Scripture as well.

We believe these beings started out being angels or messengers of God, but lost their title and were called only sons of God.

<u>Jude 1:6-7</u>: (NASB) ⁶And angels (this is how they started out) who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode (still "sons of God," no longer "messengers"), He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day...

Notice these beings originally called "angels" are kept (reserved) for judgment - not disposed of, tortured or even punished.

1 Corinthians 6:3: (NIV) Do you not know that we will judge angels?

The church in heaven under Jesus will judge angels. These are the angels who will be judged. In the future, the true church in heaven will have a say in judging over those wrongdoers from the time of the Flood.

⁷just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they in the same way as these indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh, are exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire.

Herein lies the key! Just as the *sons of God* sought after the daughters of men in an unnatural desire that was not at all under God, so those in Sodom did the same.

So, just like Satan, these evil spirit beings are dismissed from God's light and sent to darkness, yet they still wield great power and influence - the difference being their power can no longer access godly righteousness, it can only draw from satanic influence.

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Our First Noah Lesson:

When there is extreme sin and degrading of the will of God, there rises an extreme need for cleansing and deliverance.

> God looks for those who will obey to the extreme!

> > Noah walked with God!



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God always has a plan to bring extreme wrong back to right. He calls upon those who will obey Him to the extreme. The story of Noah is the story of extreme darkness and evil versus righteousness.



Did God actually regret creating man? And who or what are Nephilim?

This next verse can be a bit perplexing:

<u>Genesis 6:3</u>: (NASB) ³Then the LORD said, My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.

What does that mean?

Let's take a look at some other translations to see if we can understand it better:

<u>Genesis 6:3</u>: (Leeser) And the Lord said, My Spirit shall not always strive for the sake of man, for that he is but flesh; yet his **days of grace** shall be a hundred and twenty years.

This could imply God would wait 120 years before He would intervene.

Genesis 6:3: (Lamsa) Then the LORD said, My spirit shall not dwell in man forever, because he is flesh; let his days be a hundred and twenty years.

This could imply God would change the lifespan of man to be much shorter and "max out" at 120 years.

The life expectancy did change dramatically after the Flood. But it also seems it means that God gave an ample period of time before destroying everything. Both are true. God would pull His influence away from mankind and this would result in His limiting the human life span and/or starting a time clock to the destruction of that world of wickedness.

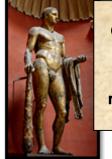
Peter verifies this:

<u>2 Peter 2:5</u>: (NASB) ...and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;

<u>Genesis 6:4</u>: (NASB) ...⁴The <u>Nephilim <5303</u>> were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

Nephilim: Strongs# 5303, properly, a feller, i.e. a bully or tyrant: giant.

This was a hybrid mix of spirit being and human.



There may be some truth sprinkled into Greek mythology based on the history of humankind. For example, the glorified idea of Hercules being the son of a god, Zeus, and a human mother, Alcmene, resembles the mighty Nephilim described in these Scriptures.

"The Sorrow of God," Wendy Talbot

In the days of old there were great and mighty men
But their hearts were cold
Their minds were filled with sin
Oh, where is the Garden
Oh, what has Eden gained
His beloved creation has turned His joy to pain



Only other use of #5303

Numbers 13:33: (KJV) And there we saw the **giants** <5303>, the sons of Anak, which come of the **giants** <5303>: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight...

Wait...weren't the Nephilim destroyed in the Flood? This happens much later so how could this be?



The context of this verse is the spies returning from Canaan with a fearful report, so let's read the verse before:

Numbers 13:32-33: (NASB) ³²So they gave out to the sons of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, the land through which we have gone, in spying it out, is a land that devours its inhabitants; and all the people whom we saw in men of great size. ³³There also we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak are part of the

it are men of great size. ³³There also we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak are part of the Nephilim); and we became like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.

The spies used hyperbole (exaggeration) because they were afraid the men were too big and mighty. We know they were exaggerating because they did not literally turn into grasshoppers and the land did not literally *devour its inhabitants*. In other words, "They are like Nephilim, we are like grasshoppers." The story of the Nephilim would have been handed down through the generations.

Fear distorts our ability to see reality!

<u>Genesis 6:5</u>: (NASB) Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

This paints a very sad and dark picture - such a divergence away from godliness.

Repented: Strongs #5162 - sigh, i.e. breathe strongly, to be sorry, to pity, console or rue or (unfavorably) avenge

Grieved: Strongs #6087 bue æatsab aw-tsab'; properly, to carve, i.e. fabricate or fashion; hence (in a bad sense) to worry, pain or anger

Genesis 6:6-8: (NASB) The LORD was sorry <5162> that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved <6087> in His heart. ⁷The LORD said, I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I am sorry <5162> that I have made them. ⁸But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

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"The Sorrow of God," Wendy Talbot

Who can measure the sorrows of God
Or tell of the depths of the grief in His heart
When we finally proclaim to the host of the universe
My spirit is grieved
I shall contend with men no more
My spirit is grieved
I shall contend with men no more



How does Noah know what he is supposed to do?

<u>Genesis 6:9-10</u>: (NASB) ⁹...Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God. ¹⁰Noah became the father of three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Noah actually lived his righteousness:

<u>2 Peter 2:4-5</u>: (NASB) ⁴For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell (tartaroo) and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment; ⁵and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;

Do we live *our* righteousness in our evil world like Noah did?

Genesis 6:11-13: (NASB)...¹¹Now the earth was corrupt in the sight of God, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹²God looked on the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth. ¹³Then God said to Noah, the end of all flesh has come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence because of them; and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth.

God's observations are repeated, telling us how utterly obvious the evil was!

<u>Psalms 11:5</u>: (NASB) The LORD tests the righteous and the wicked, and the one who loves violence His soul hates.

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"He Was A Righteous Man," Wendy Talbot

And the Lord proclaimed to Noah
The end of flesh has come
For the earth is filled with violence
They are evil everyone
So build me an ark
I will carry you away
For you alone are righteous
Before we end this day

Genesis 6:14-16: (NASB) ...¹⁴Make for yourself an ark of gopher wood; you shall make the ark with rooms, and shall cover it inside and out with pitch. ¹⁵This is how you shall make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its breadth fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. ¹⁶You shall make a window for the ark, and finish it to a cubit from the top; and set the door of the ark in the side of it; you shall make it with lower, second, and third decks.

That is approximately 450 feet long (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ football fields), 75 feet wide and 45 feet high. These were very specific instructions for a specific deliverance.

God wants us to be focused on obedience and His will:

<u>Micah 6:6-8</u>: (NASB) ⁶With what shall I come to the LORD and bow myself before the God on high? Shall I come to Him with burnt offerings, with yearling calves? ⁷ Does the LORD take delight in thousands of rams, in ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I present my firstborn for my rebellious acts, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? ⁸ He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

This typifies Noah in his time and what he did: Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with his God.



"He Was A Righteous Man," Wendy Talbot

Sunrise to sunset for years Noah built the ark
He was a righteous man, a righteous man
And oh how they must have mocked him
Under the sunny blue
Oh how they must have called him a fool
He was a righteous man

Genesis 6:17-21: (NASB)...¹⁷Behold, I, even I am bringing the flood of water upon the earth, to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life, from under heaven; everything that is on the earth shall perish. Repeated again! ¹⁸But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife, and your sons' wives with you. This is a covenant of life - God keeps his promises! ¹⁹And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. ²⁰Of the birds after their kind, and of the animals after their kind, of every creeping thing of the ground after its kind, two of every kind will come to you to keep them alive. ²¹As for you, take for yourself some of all food, which is edible, and gather it to yourself; and it shall be for food for you and for them.

<u>Genesis 22:18,22</u>: (NASB) ¹⁸In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.

"He Was A Righteous Man," Wendy Talbot

And all of his family labored slowly; the ark took shape
Slowly until at last the final days
450 feet by 75
a mighty silhouette she cast upon the sky
But all the people laughed because the ground was dry
The mountains thundered as the passengers arrived

...²²Thus Noah did; according to all that God had commanded him, so he did.

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Our Second Noah Lesson:

To walk with God is to do all that He commands, for He is a God of life!



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Did God give the evil world any last chances, or were they just destroyed? Rewind (2013)

- When I heard talk of miracles I dismissed them, but then I saw the birds with my own eyes and I had to come.
- There isn't anything for you here.
- Come on, this all belongs to me. This land, this forest, that strong hold of yours. Did you really think you could protect yourself from me in that?
- It's not protection from you.
- Then what is it?
- An ark to hold the innocent when the Creator sends His deluge to wipe out the wicked from this world.
- Return to your cities of Cain. Now we have all been judged!
- I have men at my back and you stand alone and defy me?
- I'm not alone.



Genesis 7:1,2,4: (NASB) ¹Then 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. ²You shall take with you of every clean animal by sevens, a male and his female; and of the animals that are not clean two, a male and his female... ⁴For after seven more days, I will send rain on the earth forty days and forty nights; and I will blot out from the face of the land every living thing that I have made.

The entrance to the ark is now open and animals are starting to be loaded on. There are seven days left before the rain. The last call to life has now begun...!

<u>Zephaniah 2:3</u>: (NASB) Seek the LORD, all you humble of the earth who have carried out His ordinances; Seek righteousness, seek humility. Perhaps you will be hidden in the day of the LORD'S anger.

Genesis 7:5: (NASB) Noah did according to all that the LORD had commanded him.

<u>Hebrews 11:7</u>: (NASB) By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

Do we have Noah's integrity in our lives?

Genesis 7:6,7,10-13: (NASB) ⁶Now Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of water came upon the earth. ⁷Then Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him entered the ark because of the water of the flood... ¹⁰It came about after the seven days, that the water of the flood came upon the earth. ¹¹In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on the same day all the fountains of the great deep burst open, and the floodgates of the sky were opened. ¹²The rain fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights. ¹³On the very same day Noah and Shem and Ham and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark... and the LORD closed it behind him.

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"He Was A Righteous Man," Wendy Talbot

And with Noah and his family and the animals all aboard
The Lord God reached down His mighty hand
And closed the door



<u>Psalms 91:1-4</u>: (NASB) ¹He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. ²I will say to the LORD, My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust! ³For it is He who delivers you from the snare of the trapper and from the deadly pestilence. ⁴He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings you may seek refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and bulwark.

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Our Third Noah Lesson:

Do the work, endure the persecution and let God Almighty seal your salvation!



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Genesis 7:17-20,22-24: (NASB) ...¹⁷Then the flood came upon the earth for forty days, and the water increased and lifted up the ark, so that it rose above the earth. ¹⁸The water prevailed and increased greatly upon the earth, and the ark floated on the surface of the water. ¹⁹The water prevailed more and more upon the earth, so that all the high mountains everywhere under the heavens were covered. ²⁰The water prevailed fifteen cubits higher, and the mountains were covered... ²²of all that was on the dry land, all in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, died. ²³Thus He blotted out every living thing that was upon the face of the land... and only Noah was left, together with those that were with him in the ark. ²⁴The water prevailed upon the earth one hundred and fifty days.

<u>Psalms 91:7,11-12</u>: (NASB) ⁷A thousand may fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, but it shall not approach you... ¹¹For He will give His angels charge concerning you, to guard you in all your ways. ¹²They will bear you up in their hands, that you do not strike your foot against a stone.

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Our Fourth Noah Lesson:

Dwell in the hands of God's protection through the times of turbulence, uncertainty and death.



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"The Storm," Wendy Talbot

It was a flood of anger
It was a wind of tears
It was a spring of renewal
It was a sea of grace
For Noah
For all God's beloved
Shall walk above the waves

So, how long were they in the Ark?

Genesis 8:1-3: (NASB) ¹But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the cattle that were with him in the ark; and God caused a wind to pass over the earth, and the water subsided. ²Also the fountains of the deep and the floodgates of the sky were closed, and the rain from the sky was restrained; ³and the water receded steadily from the earth, and at the end of one hundred and fifty days the water decreased.

<u>Luke 21:17-19:</u> (NASB) ¹⁷and you will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸Yet not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your lives.

(Note: CQ does not endorse this theory but is presenting it as one possible option.)

• Before the Flood, about half of the earth's water was in interconnected chambers about ten miles below the earth's surface. This formed a thin spherical shell almost a mile thick. The pressure in the subterranean chamber had been increasing for centuries because the gravity of the sun and moon produced tides in the subterranean water that lifted and lowered the earth's massive crust twice a day. This tidal pumping added gigantic amounts of energy to the subterranean water. This increase in pressure in the subterranean water steadily stretched the crust as a balloon stretches when the pressure inside increases. Failure in the crust began as a microscopic crack that grew in both directions at almost three miles per second.

Genesis 8:4-7: (NASB) ⁴In the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark rested upon the mountains of Ararat. ⁵The water decreased steadily until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains became visible. ⁶Then it came about at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark, which he had made; ⁷and he sent out a raven, and it flew here and there until the water was dried up from the earth.

(Source: Biblical commentary from Jamieson Fausset & Brown) *And he sent forth a raven* -The smell of carrion would allure it to remain if the earth were in a habitable state. But it kept hovering about the spot, and, being a solitary bird, probably perched on the covering.

(۱))Fountains of the deep burst, The Global Flood, Hydroplate Theory

• The crack, following the path of least resistance, encircled the globe in about two hours. As the crack raced around the earth the overlying locked crust opened up like a rip in a tightly stretched cloth, so the water exploded violently out of the rupture. The Bible even gives us a precise date - the 600th year of Noah's life on the 17th day on the second month. On that day all the fountains of the great deep burst open and then it says, "...and the rain fell." The fountains of water jetted supersonically into and above the atmosphere. The spray from these enormous fountains produced torrential rains such as the earth has never experienced before or after.



Genesis 8:8-12: (NASB) ... *Then he sent out a dove from him, to see if the water was abated from the face of the land; but the dove found no resting place for the sole of her foot, so she returned to him into the ark... 10 So he waited yet another seven days; and again he sent out the dove from the ark. 11 The dove came to him toward evening, and behold, in her beak was a freshly picked olive leaf. So Noah knew that the water was abated from the earth. 12 Then he waited yet another seven days, and sent out the dove; but she did not return to him again.



It takes great patience to wait for the will of God to unfold. Do we have that same patience for God's will and His release from our experiences?

<u>Psalms 40:1-2</u>: (NASB) ¹I waited patiently for the LORD; and He inclined to me and heard my cry. ²He brought me up out of the pit of destruction, out of the miry clay, and He set my feet upon a rock making my footsteps firm.

Genesis 8:14-22: (NASB) ...¹⁴In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. ¹⁵Then God spoke to Noah, saying, ¹⁶Go out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁷Bring out with you every living thing... that they may breed abundantly on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth. ¹⁶So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him. ¹⁶Every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out by their families from the ark...

Free at last! What is the first thing you would do?

...²⁰Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. ²¹The LORD smelled the soothing aroma; and the LORD said to Himself, I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man's heart is evil from his youth; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done. ²²While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

Noah first thanked God!

<u>Psalms 40:3-4</u>: (NASB) ³He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; Many will see and fear and will trust in the LORD. ⁴How blessed is the man who has made the LORD his trust, and has not turned to the proud, nor to those who lapse into falsehood.

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Our Fifth Noah Lesson:

Tread upon the road of obedience with a heart of sacrifice!



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We know about the rainbow, but what else changed for Noah and the earth?

Genesis 9:1-3: (NASB) ¹And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. ²The fear of you and the terror of you will be on every beast of the earth and on every bird of the sky; with everything that creeps on the ground, and all the fish of the sea, into your hand they are given. ³Every moving thing that is alive shall be food for you; I give all to you, as I gave the green plant.



God's Spirit is no longer "striving" with men - the results? A different world.

- There is no more angelic influence as a buffer now all is truly left in the hands of mankind.
- God blesses them and gives the blessing to be fruitful and multiply. It is starting new and fresh.
- This is a different dominion this time mankind is dominant over the animal kingdom. Animals were apparently not food for humans before the Flood, and now they would fear us.

<u>Genesis 9:8-15</u>: (NASB) ⁸Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying, ⁹Now behold, I Myself do establish My covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you; of all that comes out of the ark, even every beast of the earth. ¹¹I establish My covenant with you; and all flesh shall never again be cut off by the water of the flood, neither shall there again be a flood to destroy the earth.

In spite of the changes, God is true to His promise to be the God of life!

"The Open Sea," Wendy Talbot

I set my bow in the sky
I set my bow in the sky
My promise to mankind
My promise to the end of time

¹²God said, this is the sign of the covenant which I am making between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all successive generations; ¹³I set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth.

The rainbow is a sign to all living things, mankind, all generations and the earth.

... ¹⁴It shall come about, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow will be seen in the cloud, ¹⁵and I will remember My covenant, which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and never again shall the water become a flood to destroy all flesh.

<u>Deuteronomy 7:7-9</u>: (NASB) ⁷The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but because the LORD loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers, the LORD brought you out by a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

Valor is superior to number!

So, if the rainbow was a symbol of God's everlasting promise, then how much more powerful is the redemptive power of Jesus' blood?



His blood redeemed the earth...

<u>Luke 22:44</u>: (NASB) and being in agony he was praying very fervently; and his sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground.

...and all things:

<u>1 John 2:2</u>: (NASB) and he himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.

The picture of Noah teaches the way to understand how eternal salvation works. Everybody is part of the redemptive price of Jesus.

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Our Sixth Noah Lesson:

Walk with God, hear His bidding, do His bidding with all that you possess, preach and live righteousness, bear up under trial and receive His covenant!



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When we walk with God, we live righteousness no matter what the world around us does, says or thinks. In spite of the odds being entirely against him because he was the only man to stand for God in his time, God delivered him because that was His promise. Where are you in your walk for Christ? Are you willing to stand for Jesus in your time? Dare to be a Noah!

So, what can we learn from Noah?
For Jonathan and Rick and Christian Questions..
Think about it...!



And now <u>even more</u> to think about... only in the Full Edition of CQ Rewind!



There are those who say that the account of Noah is not an actual account but a story. Consider this:

Noah's account is quoted throughout the Bible as fact!

<u>Job 22:15-17</u>: (NIV) ¹⁵Will you keep to the old path that evil men have trod? ¹⁶They were carried off before their time, their foundations washed away by a flood. ¹⁷They said to God, leave us alone! What can the Almighty do to us?

<u>Isaiah 54:9</u>: (NIV) 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.

<u>Ezekiel 14:14:</u> (NIV) even if these three men--Noah, Daniel and Job--were in it, they could save only themselves by their righteousness, declares the Sovereign LORD.

<u>Matthew 24:37</u>: (NIV) As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

<u>Hebrews 11:7</u>: (NIV) By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

<u>1 Peter 3:20</u>: (NIV) who disobeyed 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...

<u>2 Peter 2:5</u>: (NIV) if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others;

These Scriptures describe the world: (They sure seem to apply to Noah's day as well as ours!)

<u>Proverbs 6:16-19</u>: (KJV) ¹⁶These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: ¹⁷A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, ¹⁸An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, ¹⁹A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

<u>Galatians 5:17-21</u>: (NIV) ¹⁷For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law. ¹⁹The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<u>Daniel 12:1-2</u>: (KJV) ¹And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. ²And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

<u>2 Peter 3:10-13</u>: (NIV) ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. ¹¹Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives ¹²as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. ¹³But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.



We are STILL battling spiritual wickedness - only instead of building an ark, we are are being armed to fight:

Ephesians 6:12-13: (NASB) ¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

<u>2 Corinthians 10:3-5</u>: (KJV) ³For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: ⁴(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) ⁵Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

Finally, it always seems to come down to godlessness - the primary god we have now is "self" and what we have created:

Romans 1:20-25: (NIV) ²⁰For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature - have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. ²¹For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²²Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools ²³and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. ²⁴Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. ²⁵They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator - who is forever praised. Amen.