

TEXT- Hebrews 11:7 *By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith*

INTRO- Gen 6:22 *Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.*

Noah was born 600 years before the flood and lived after the flood another 450 years and dies at the age of 950 years old. He died 2 years before the birth of Abraham. He saw 8 generations of descendants born and live on the earth. Noah's father Lamech lived 56 years before the death of Adam. His father and Grandfather Methuselah both died just before the flood. 1656 BC

Gen 9:29 *And all the days of Noah were **nine hundred and fifty years**; and he died.*

- Noah became a farmer after the flood and it seems his parents were farmers before the flood which suggests he was also.

Gen 9:20 *And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard:*

- Noah had 3 boys Shem, Ham and Japheth who were all married.

It seems evident that God spoke audibly to Noah. Consider the specific details. It could not have been impressions on his mind or intuition.

- Noah must have been influenced “by faith”
- Abel and Enoch were influenced by faith but it is less obvious.
- Everything which Noah did was in reference to the predicted flood.
- There was no evidence of this catastrophe to come.
- There was no evidence in history of a previous flood.
- It was not the common belief of men in the world.
- It was simply because God had informed him of it.
- Noah is referenced in other Scripture

Isa 54:9 *For this is as the waters of Noah unto me: for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee.*

Eze 14:14 *Though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver but their own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord GOD.*

The three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, are named as examples of true righteousness of life

Mat 24:37-39 *But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, 39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.*

I. God Gave Noah A message – destruction is coming

Gen 6:5-8 *And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. 7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. 8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.*

Gen 6:13-14 *And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. 14 Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.*

Gen 6:17-19 *And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die. 18 But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee. 19 And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female.*

II. Noah Responded To God's Message

A. He prepared and Ark

• **A work of great magnitude.** The dimensions of the ark are stated in **Gen 6:15**. The ark would be five hundred and twenty-five feet in length, eighty-seven feet six inches in breadth, and fifty-two feet six inches in height.

• **A work of long duration.** From **Gen 6:3**, many have concluded that one hundred and twenty years intervened between the commencement of the ark and the coming of the flood.

• **It was a work of great expenditure.** The building would have been impossible apart from great expense of time and toil and wealth.

• **A work of derision.** There were probably men of science and Philosophy who pronounced the predicted deluge an impossibility, and pitied the prophet as a deluded fanatic. And there were men of a lower type who would greet him with scoffs and jeers, and make him the butt of their scornful laughter and contemptuous sarcasm. Yet the faith of the man of God failed not. The great work was steadily prosecuted, and in due time was fully finished.

B. He reached his family

1 Pe 3:20 *Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.*

A picture of salvation—just as Noah and his family went through the door, so too we need to go through a “door” to be saved - Jesus is the door

perpetual generations: 13 I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.

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C. He was a preacher of righteousness

2 Pe 2:5 And spared not the old world, but saved **Noah the eighth person, Noah with seven others** a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

D. He became the heir of righteousness by faith

III. The Result

A. The condemnation of the unbelieving world.

- His holy fear condemned their security and vain confidence;
- His faith condemned their unbelief;
- His obedience condemned their contempt and rebellion.

A good example will either convert sinners or condemn them.

B. He grew in his righteousness

"Noah was a just man and upright" before he was commanded to build the ark. In that work his faith and his righteousness greatly increased. His righteousness was great as his faith.

"Even as Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned unto him for righteousness." And he who believes in God now will accept his Son whom he hath sent. "This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent." **Jas 2:23** And the scripture was fulfilled which saith Abraham believed God and it was imputed unto him for righteousness and he was called the Friend of God.

C. The salvation of himself and his family. While all other human beings were destroyed by the flood, he and his wife, his three sons and their wives, were saved in the ark which he had built.

Many are the lessons

- **That there is justice as well as mercy, severity as well as kindness, in God.**
- **That it is foolish, and it may be ruinous, to refuse to believe a thing because it seems to us improbable, or is to us incomprehensible.**
- **The Scriptures announce the coming of events of the destruction of the world, the judgment of mankind, etc. Let us believe**
- **A secure Refuge is provided for man and it is adequate for all, open to all, and free for all—even Jesus Christ.**
- **Noah built an altar**

Genesis 8:20 And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar

- **God established a covenant with Noah**

Gen 9:11-13 And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth. 12 And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for