

## Noah (Lesson 2)

### Hebrews 11:7; Genesis 7

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.

Noah in the hall of fame of faith because when him God warned of what was to come, he moved to prepare for it by building an ark so his family could be saved from the flood and judgment. As a result, his reward was salvation and right position in and with God which comes through faith.

Let's take this apart.

- Noah receives a revelation and warning from God.
- Noah believes the word from God. His faith arrives after he hears the word of God.
  - Romans 10:17 - **So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**
- Noah puts his faith into action by preparing the ark. Faith without works is dead (James 2:14).
- He builds the ark in advance even though the evidence of what God says is going to happen, has not manifested yet. The evidence is not fully there yet...all he has to go on is the word of God...and that seems to be enough for him.
- His actions by faith results in him and others being saved.
- He condemned the world; he preached repentance and he didn't follow the way of the world.
- The reward and results – righteousness and being right with God is in his future because of his faith.

Genesis Chapter 7:1-7; 16-20

**And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation. <sup>2</sup>Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that are not clean by two, the male and his female. <sup>3</sup>Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth.**

**<sup>4</sup>For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth.**

**<sup>5</sup>And Noah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him.**

**<sup>6</sup> And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth.**

**<sup>7</sup> And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood.**

Genesis 7:1 – God instructs Noah to come into the ark...because he was righteous. Because of his faith, Noah was in right standing with God and he was invited to enter in.

Verse 2-3 – God’s plan is not just to bring him out and bring him through trouble and judgment, but also to bring him into a new and better life. So animals and things they need to establish the new life are brought along.

Note: Noah is instructed to bring more clean animals than unclean. There is a reason for this as we read in Genesis 8 where Noah offers a sacrifice. The extra animals were needed for his future. God knew that. God knew what Noah needed for his next season....and He knew what Noah didn’t need. Same application today...if you are in God and trusting in Him, He already knows what you need. If you don’t have it, He knows you don’t need it for your future. He will provide what you need.

Verse 4 – Shuts him in the ark and tells him that 7 days later the flood will come. A picture of the rapture; 7 year tribulation.

Verse 5-7: Noah obeys so he remains in righteous standing. He was 600, which is the number of man. He enters in the ark with his family because of the flood. God will provide an ark for us because of the judgment to come.

- They went in because of the flood. Instructions were to go into the Ark of salvation before the flood comes. Flood to those outside of the Ark is trouble. For those inside of the Ark, a cleansing. Process has an order. Stop trying to clean people up first before bringing them into the Ark.

**<sup>16</sup> And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in. <sup>17</sup> And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth.**

**<sup>18</sup> And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters. <sup>19</sup> And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered.**

**<sup>20</sup> Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered. <sup>21</sup> And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man: <sup>22</sup> All in whose nostrils**

**was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died. <sup>23</sup> And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark. <sup>24</sup> And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.**

Verse 16: Lord shuts him in. Seals him in the Ark to protect them from judgment. That's grace. But remember, the Ark not only is designed to protect them and bring them out, but to bring them through this bad season and bring them into something better and greater.

Verse 17-18: Notice the position of the Ark when the flood/judgment comes.

- Trouble increased greatly upon the earth in the form of the flood. Notice what the trouble does to the position of the Ark. The flood covers and destroys the earth, but the Ark is lifted up. You might not be able to rise up until some things in your life are taken out. Ark is now above the earth...this is a picture of the rapture where does pulled out before the tribulation are kept safe in a place that has many rooms (like the Ark) and sealed with the promise of the Holy Spirit and we who are raptured are lifted above the earth and tribulation.
  - One more. As trouble increased, as the waters increased, the things of the earth were destroyed. But the troubles lifted the Ark so it never fell down to the level where destruction occurred. **Application**, never let the troubles around you, bring you down to where the world is. When you are covered by God and sealed, bad times can lift you up.
- Hmmm, here's one....what Noah built when he was on earth, was still there after the trouble time passed. What he built, by following God's instructions lasted. Yeah, it was built to last, built to be able to handle a flood, judgment and a tough year. If something you are working on doesn't follow God's instructions, it probably won't last. Marriage, relationships, job, etc., better use God's instructions to build it.
- Here's another one...everything in the Ark was saved; everything outside of the Ark was lost.

Observation from 2020/2021:

- I have seen so many Christians....many previously strong believers...focus more on politics and political parties than focusing on the plan and deliverance of God.
- When we focus on the things and troubles on the earth, we lose the benefit and security of the Ark.
- As a result, many Christians have become entangled with the things of the world. Christians in the spiritual Ark see the judgment and troubles on the earth (the division, the violence, racial tension, evil, false news and truths, conspiracy, unrest...etc.), and they fear. Fear is natural.
  - But if Christians are in the security of God in the Ark, their response to what they see lifts them higher than the troubles on the earth and closer to God.



- Many have jumped ship. Stay in the Ark; God's plan is for you to come safely through. You cannot bring others into the Ark, if you are tripping over the flood.

Note: The Noah lesson continues in Genesis Chapters 8. Also see the audio lessons.