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PART 4: LIFE BEFORE THE FLOOD

Noah lived before the flood and escaped with his family. **Hebrews 11:7**

I believe that it is significant that between Enoch and Noah in this chapter, we have a verse telling us that it is impossible to please God without faith. **verse 6**

There are three periods in the life of Noah:

- ❖ Life before the flood – 600 years
- ❖ Life in the ark – one year and three days
- ❖ Life after the flood – 349 years

LIFE BEFORE THE FLOOD

Noah was born 1,056 years after Adam was created. Enoch was Noah's great-great-grandfather. **Genesis 5:21-29**

Enoch had been translated 69 years before Noah was born, but his grandfather, Methuselah, lived until 1541, and thus Noah had access to his grandfather for 485 years. The story of Enoch and the revelations he received had been written down by Enoch and preserved by Methuselah and his grandson, Lamech.

Just like Enoch, Noah made the choice to walk before the Lord in obedience and was accepted by God. **Genesis 6:8**

The Bible doesn't tell us how old Noah was when God spoke to him to start building the ark but we do gain some significant information in the book of Enoch who preserved the account of Adam and Eve in conjunction with his own experiences with God and the revelations he had been given.

REVELATIONS TO ENOCH

“In those days, there will be a change for the holy and the righteous ones and the light of days shall rest upon them; and glory and honor shall be given back to the holy ones, on the day of weariness. He heaped evil upon the sinners; but the righteous one shall be victorious in the name of the Lord of Spirits.¹ He will cause the others to see this so that they may repent and forsake the deeds of their hands. There shall be no honor unto them in the name of the Lord of Spirits. But through his name they shall be saved, and the Lord of Spirits shall have mercy upon them, for his mercy is considerable. He is righteous in his judgment and in the glory that

¹ The term “Lord of Spirits” is not found in the Bible. The name for God in the historical record of Adam and Eve is “Elohim” which means “Gods.” Jesus tells us that God is a Spirit (John 4:24) and it is in the New Testament that we learn about God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Thus the term “Lord of Spirits” would point to the Godhead.



is before him. Oppression cannot survive his judgment; and the unrepentant in his presence shall perish. The Lord of Spirits had said that from henceforth he will not have mercy on them.” (1 Enoch 50:1-5)

This passage in the Book of Enoch indicates that early in the history of man, God had told of the coming Saviour, in whose name they would be saved.

As Christians we confess that we are saved by grace in the name of Jesus. We have nothing to boast about. It is all grace; the free gift from God and all we can do is to repent and receive His great salvation. **Ephesians 2:8-10**

This is the Gospel that Enoch and Noah preached, and this was the same Gospel that Abraham believed and Job proclaimed. **Job 19:24-27**

THE FIRST WARNING OF A COMING FLOOD

Enoch was given a revelation from God that a catastrophic flood was going to come upon the earth:

“And in those days, the punishment of the Lord of the Spirits shall be carried out, and they shall open all the storerooms of water in the heavens above, in addition to the fountains of water which are on earth. And all the waters shall be united with other water. That which is from the heavens above is masculine water, that which is underneath the earth is feminine.² And they shall obliterate all those that dwell on the earth as well as those that dwell underneath the ultimate ends of heaven. On account of the fact that they did not recognize their oppressive deeds which they carried out on the earth, they shall be destroyed.” (1 Enoch 55:1-2)

This prophecy came true and Moses recorded that when the flood came, water came from underneath the earth and heaven (the atmosphere). **Genesis 7:11**

There are two interesting things to note:

1. The Bible tells us that it had never rained upon the earth before the flood, instead, God watered the trees and the plants with a mist. **Genesis 2:5-6**

In **Genesis 7:11** we are told that the windows of heaven were opened. Knowing what we know today about solar systems and planets, it is logical to assume that when God refurbished the earth after the space war (**Revelation 12:7-12**), He transported large amounts of water and froze it in space around the earth that created a giant transparent ice cover which filtered out the harmful rays from the earth and created a mild climate that was neither too hot or too cold. Without the harmful rays from the sun, man would age at a much slower pace and this explains why people lived up to 900 years.

Once the ice canopy was destroyed, there was so much water that it rained for 40 days and 40 nights. **Genesis 7:12**

² When Enoch was given this information mankind had not yet learned about electricity. Today we know that the ice crystals in the clouds have a negative charge while the earth is positive. Thus truth was revealed without teaching man about electricity.

2. The apostle John was given a prophecy that during the Great Tribulation, men will be scorched with great heat. John had no knowledge about the ozone layer that is protecting the earth from the majority of the ultraviolet rays from the sun. Is it possible that God will remove the ozone layer and the heat on earth will be unbearable? **Revelation 16:8-9**

The apostle Jude confirmed that the angels who had not kept their first estate (had sex with women) were seized and sent to prison. **Jude 6**

The apostle Peter also confirmed that the fallen angels were sent to prison. **2 Peter 2:4**

GOD TALKS TO NOAH

The Bible tells us that God spoke to Noah as recorded in **Genesis 6:13-22**.

What did Noah do during the five hundred years he lived on the earth before God told him to build an ark? The book of Enoch fills in some details that are very interesting and complement the Bible.

“In those days, Noah saw the earth, that she had become deformed, and that her destruction was at hand. And Noah took off from there and went unto the extreme ends of the earth. And he cried out to his grandfather Enoch and said unto him three times, with a bitter voice, ‘Hear me! Hear me! Hear me!’ And I (Noah) said unto him, ‘Tell me what this thing is which is being done upon the earth, for the earth is struggling in this manner and is being shaken; perhaps I will perish with her in the impact?’

At that moment, there took place a tremendous turbulence upon the earth; and a voice from heaven was heard and I fell upon my face. Then Enoch, my grandfather, came and stood by me, saying to me, ‘Why did you cry out so sorrowfully and with bitter tears?’” (1 Enoch 65:1-5)

IS THIS BIBLICALLY CORRECT?

Enoch had been translated alive to the Lord 69 years before Noah was born who had been taught about Enoch from his grandfather Methuselah, as well as his father, Lamech. Since he knew that Enoch was not dead, it would be natural for him to cry out to the man that was known as the man close to God.

Before Jesus was crucified, God sent Moses and Elijah to instruct and strengthen Him. **Luke 9:28-36**

I want to again repeat the words of Jesus who stated: *“But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.”* **Matthew 24:37**

The conclusion we can draw is that there were severe judgments afflicted upon the earth and the people during this time period in Noah’s life. This is in harmony with the Book of Revelation where we are told about the many judgments that will come upon the people of the earth. **Revelation 8:1-13**

Here is the answer that Enoch gave to Noah:

“An order has been issued from the court of the Lord against those who dwell upon the earth, that their doom has arrived because they have acquired the knowledge of all the secrets of the angels, all the oppressive deeds of the Satans, as well as all their most occult powers, all the powers of those who practice sorcery, all the powers of those who mix many colors, all the powers of those who make molten images... (1 Enoch 65:6)

...as for you, my son, the Lord of the Spirits knows that you are pure and kindhearted; you detest the secret things. He has preserved you name for the holy ones; he will protect you from those who dwell upon the earth; he has preserved your righteous seed for kingship and great glory; and from your seed will emerge a fountain of the righteous and holy ones without number forever.” (1 Enoch 65:11-12)

This is a fantastic prophetic revelation given to Noah and in total agreement with the Bible. Noah was a preacher of righteousness. **2 Peter 2:5**

Abraham was a direct descendant from Noah through his son Shem. Abraham was the tenth generation from Noah. **Genesis 11:10-27**

It is interesting to note that Noah died when Abraham was 51 years old so that he and Job would have had access to Noah and both of them walked with God. **Genesis 15:6; Job 1:1**

Jesus was a descendant of Noah through his mother Mary, who gave him flesh and bones and thus there was a kingship in Noah's seed, an eternal kingship of Jesus Christ that will last forever and ever.

BUILDING THE ARK

Noah was a farmer according to the Bible. **Genesis 5:29**

Noah's boat was 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet high. That is the length of one and a quarter football fields, about half as wide, and 4.5 stories tall.

God wanted the boat to have three decks, a door in the side and a window. It would have weighed about 35,000 tons fully loaded with all the animals and supplies.

Let us first look at the lumber to build the boat. The planks and beams were made from Gopher wood and fashioned with woodworking tools. They could not be rough and had to be shaped with a fine surface in order to make the boat watertight.

Nails had to be manufactured of metals to hold the wood together. There had to be ramps inside the boat for the animals to be moved from one deck to another. There were rooms built for animals, for Noah and his family and food storage.

The boat had to be constructed to float upon rough waters, and to build such a long boat would require engineering skills so that the hull didn't break apart. Keeping close to 40,000 species on the ship would require water, food, fresh air

and a system of removing the waste matter from the animals. The stay in the boat would last one year and there had to be a place where Noah and his family could relieve themselves. This boat was not just a box thrown together but was a complicated engineering project that involved mathematical skills and proficient workers.

The boat was built on land and must have been known to the entire world population since Noah had preached and warned against the flood for more than one hundred years.

It would have been impossible for Noah and his three sons to build this boat alone and the Book of Enoch gives us more insight:

“In those days, the word of God came unto me, and said unto me, “Noah, your lot has come up before me – a lot without blame, a lot of true love. At this time the angels are working with wood and when it is completed, I shall place my hands upon it and protect it, and the seed of life shall arise from it and a substitute generation will come so that the earth will not remain empty. I shall strengthen your seed before me forever and ever as the seeds of those who dwell with you...” (1 Enoch 67:1-3)

Noah and his sons had to work on the boat but God’s holy angels manufactured the wood and did all the engineering work. Since iron, silver and bronze was produced at this time, there was metal for nails and the tar used to make the ship watertight was put on by Noah and his sons.

We don’t know whether Noah hired workers or if the angels helped with the heavy lifting but there is the miracle of the huge door on the side of the boat that had no hinges. When the people and all the animals had gone inside the boat, it was God that shut the door so that it could not be opened from the outside or the inside. **Genesis 7:16**

SUMMARY

In examining the life of Noah before the flood, it should be clear to all Christians that this was a supernatural event involving God’s angels, the Holy Spirit and Jesus the Creator. It was the Word of God that came to Noah and we know Jesus is the Word of God. (John 1:1-3) Skeptics may say there never was a flood and Noah never existed but my answer is that Jesus believed it true; after all, He was there when it took place. **Matthew 24:37-39**

Remember, it’s not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?