

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

WALKING IN FAITH

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PART 5: THE MAN THAT FLOATED AWAY

THE EVACUATION

As we learned in the previous message, the flood evacuation project was commanded by God, holy angels took care of all the logistics while Noah and his three sons worked with the angels to build the boat that would be used to save them.

After some 100 years of building and preparation, the word came from God to enter the ark. It took seven days to bring in all the animals, birds and insects into the ark. **Genesis 7:1-16**

It is estimated by biblical scholars that the ark contained some 40,000 species. It would have been impossible for Noah and his sons to travel to every continent and this supernatural project was commissioned by Jesus and carried out by the holy angels to complete this gigantic gathering of species. Jesus gives us a glimpse how much holy angels are involved with the animal kingdom and the human race. **Matthew 10:28-31**

FLOATING ON THE WATER

There would have been a tremendous noise in the ark when the rain started as Noah and his family realized that it was for real and all men outside the ark were going to die. It must have been a shock when they felt the ark lifted by the waters and tossed back and forth by the waves.

I am sure that tens of thousands of people must have gathered around the ark and cried with loud voices for Noah to open the door and save them but it was too late because the judgment was under way. When God had flooded the earth, the tallest mountain top was 22.5 feet under water. **Genesis 7:17-23**

Likewise, men, women and children will cry out someday in the future to no avail. **Revelation 6:12-17**

Noah entered the ark with total faith in God. The ark had no rudder, sails or oars. Noah was completely helpless and had to trust that God would take care of the boat. Mark 11:22-26

God maintained the water level for 150 days before He started to reverse the flood. **Genesis 7:24**



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THE MERCY OF GOD

After having been tossed on a raging sea that compassed the entire earth, God thought about the eight people and some 40,000 species floating in a boat with no rudder or sails and began the drying process. **Genesis 8:1-3**

No one has expressed it better than King David. **Psalms 103:1-18**

What a relief it must have been when Noah and his family felt the thump of the ark running aground on a high mountain peak. **Genesis 8:4**

TEACHING PATIENCE

Life in the ark was not a picnic and it must have seemed like an eternity for Noah and his family as they waited for the waters to subside.

- ❖ The ark floated five months on the waters.
- ❖ Three months later the first mountain tops could be seen.
- ❖ 40 days later Noah opened the window of the ark

The earth was dry on the first day of the first month and Noah and his family had spent over one year in the ark before the Lord let them leave the ship. I am sure that Noah and his sons had no sentimental feelings of wanting to hang around the ark and were happy to get out and be back on dry land. **Genesis 8:5-16**

A NEW BEGINNING

God put Noah in charge of letting all the animals, birds and insects out from the ark. **verse 17-19**

Noah was thankful for his salvation from the flood and his first deed was to build an altar and sacrifice to the Lord. **verse 20**

God accepted the offering and made a covenant with Noah and his seed to never again wipe out the entire population on the earth as long as the earth remains. **verses 21-22**

There will come a day when the earth will cease to exist. **2 Peter 3:9-13; Revelation 21:1**

LIFE AFTER THE FLOOD

God gave Noah a lifespan of 350 years after the flood and so that he lived a total of 950 years on the earth. **Genesis 9:28-29**

Noah and his sons represented the human race and a similar command and promises were made to them just like had been done with Adam and Eve. **Genesis 9:1-11**

God gave Noah the rainbow as a sign that he could not have given to Adam since it never rained before the flood. **verses 12-17**

NOAH'S GREAT MISTAKE

The Bible doesn't tell us why Noah revived the skill of making alcohol which the fallen angels had taught men before the flood. Alcohol is the most common drug in the world that has destroyed families, caused men to murder, commit adultery and fornication, filled prisons and made people homeless and live on the streets.

Genesis 9:20-21

Noah was a blessing by pleasing God before the flood but he caused a curse after the flood. Proverbs 20:1; 23:29-35

The drunkenness of Noah caused his son Ham and all his descendants to be cursed. **Genesis 9:22-25**

SUMMARY

Noah was a great man of faith and it was his faith in God that saved him from the flood and from hell. **Hebrews 11:7**

My conclusion is that Noah did not end well. He faced giants and evil all around him before the flood that drove him into the arms of God but life in the aftermath was easy and he made the fatal mistake of letting go of his tight walk with God and pursued his fleshly desires of getting drunk. **1 Corinthians 10:12-13**

Faith without obedience is deadly. **John 15:1-6**

Noah died and was taken to Paradise but his sin after the flood caused his descendants to grow in wickedness. **Genesis 11:1-9**

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?