

The Flood Of Noah and the Scoffers

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“All I need to know I learned from Noah’s Ark.”

- 1. Don’t miss the boat.
- 2. Remember that we are all in the same boat.
- 3. Plan ahead. It wasn’t raining when Noah built the Ark.
- 4. Stay fit. When you’re 600 years old someone may ask you to do something really big.
- 5. Don’t listen to critics, just get on with the job that needs to be done.

-- *Ray Pritchard*

What Did God Command Noah To Do?

- God told Noah to build an ark (a great boat).
- To save himself, his family, the animal and bird life from destruction.
- Noah received instructions as to the size of the ark and the materials to be used in the construction.

Genesis 6:14-16 (NIV) 14 So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. 15 This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet high. 16 Make a roof for it and finish the ark to within 18 inches of the top. Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks.

The Ark Was Made From “Gopher Wood”

- The meaning is uncertain.
- This Gopher Wood Ark Was To Have Rooms In It. Consisting Of Stalls, Pens, Coops, Nests, Cages and Compartments
- **The Ark Was To Be Coated With Waterproof Pitch**
- As the oily pitch protected the ark from the Flood judgment, so the blood of Christ protects the believer from the sin judgment.

The Mammoth Size Of The Ark

- *It Was Huge*
 - *It Was Closed In*
 - *It Was Protected From The Elements*
 - *It Had Only One Door For All To Enter Through*
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- **John 10:7 (NKJV)** Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door ...

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- *The largest sea-going vessel ever built until the late 19TH century.*
- *An advanced design in ship-building. Amazingly stable on the ocean.*
- *Made to withstand a turbulent ocean voyage.*

The total available floor space on the Ark would have been over 100,000 square feet

- That's more floor space than in 20 standard-sized basketball courts.
- **The Ark had plenty of space.**

How Did Noah Gather All Of The Animals ?

- He Wasn't To Gather Them; He Was To Bring Them In
- The Gathering Part Was Something That God Did
- Noah did not have to gather the animals himself, but merely to take into the ark two of each kind as God sent them to him.

Genesis 6:17 (NIV) — 17 I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish.

- God warned Noah that a flood was coming and that everything in the earth would be destroyed.
- The regular word for flood is not used here. Instead, the Hebrew word *mabbul* is used which denotes a worldwide flood, not just a local one.

In the Septuagint, the Greek word *kataklusmos* is used and also means a deluge.

- A violent torrent of water
- With emphasis is upon its destructive force
- This flood affected the entire planet.
- Every mountain was covered with water.

Genesis 6:18 (NIV) — 18 But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you.

- God initiates the covenant, and He will keep the covenant.
- This is an unconditional covenant with an unchanging partner, the LORD God Himself.
- The Ark is a foreshadowing of being safe in Christ, safe from God's wrath forever

Genesis 6:19 (NIV) — 19 You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you.

Genesis 7:2–3 (NIV) — 2 Take with you seven pairs of every kind of clean animal, a male and its mate, and one pair of every kind of unclean animal, a male and its mate, 3 and also seven pairs of every kind of bird, male and female, to keep their various kinds alive throughout the earth.

- *7 pairs of each kind of clean animal*
- *1 pair of each kind of other animals were taken on the ark*
- *“clean” means animals that were "acceptable for sacrifice."*

***Did Noah Obey The Instructions Of God, Or Did He, Decide To
“Do It His Own Way?”***

Genesis 6:22 (NIV) Noah did everything just as God commanded him.

- Noah obeyed God in every detail.
- The key and secret to Noah's faith. When God told him to do something, he did it.

the Bible clearly states that rain was NOT the primary reason for flooding. In fact, the scripture state that "**...on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst open...**" (Genesis 7:11).

- ***The Floodgates of heaven were opened.***
- ***The flood waters came from above and from below.***
- ***There was no escape – It was a world-wide deluge***

Peter: the story of the flood is a key to understanding world history.

- *Something that is under attack by many today*
- **(2 Pet 3:1-9 NIV)** Dear friends, this is now my second letter to you. I have written both of them as reminders to stimulate you to wholesome thinking. (2) I want you to recall the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets and the command given by our Lord and Savior through your apostles. (3) First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires.

- (4) They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." (5) But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water.

- (6) By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. (7) By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men. (8) But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. (9) The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

What Does It Mean To Be Healthy & Wholesome In Our Thinking?

- To Be Complete and Not Lacking In Your Thinking
- To Be Pure and Uncorrupted In Your Thinking

The Foundation Of Healthy Thinking Is The Word

- The Word Stimulates Us To Wholesome, Uncompromised, Uncorrupted, Highly Valuable, Thinking
- A Great Enemy Of Healthy Thinking Is: The Scoffer
- Watch Out For Scoffers

A SCOFFER =

- Takes Lightly That Which Ought To Be Taken Seriously
- Mocks God's Goodness – Whatever is Good
- Mocks God (w/ pride & hardness)

SCOFFERS:

- *Scoff At God*
- *Scoff At The Things Of God*
- *Scoff At Truth*
- *Scoff At Healing*
- *Scoff At Morality*
- *Scoff At Justice And Judgment*
- *Scoff At Righteousness*
- *Scoff At The 2nd Coming*

2 Things People do when Their Lives Contradict The Word Of God:

- 1. Change Their Lifestyles To Conform To God's Word** *(True Believers)*
- 2. Change God's Word To Conform To Their Lifestyle** *(The Scoffers)*

SCOFFERS =

- *Don't Believe What God Says*
- *Follow Their Own Evil Desires*
- *Pleasure Is Their Only Law*
- *Live Free From Any Reverence For God*
- *Their Own Evil Desires That Carry Them Away*

***One Of The Strongest Testimonies To The Truth Of The Flood Is
The Words Of Jesus.***

- ***Jesus Believed In The Flood***
- Jesus said that the last days were going to be like the days that were before the flood—“as it was in the days of Noah.” (Matthew 24:37)

READ GENESIS 7:11-24

- *For These (“Christian”) Scoffers The Problem Is Not An Intellectual One, It Is A Spiritual One.*
- *It Is Not Just The World That Is Corrupted And Polluted In Their Thinking*
- **3% of graduates from those seminaries believed that Jesus was coming back.**
- *They Learned From Scoffers And They Have Become Scoffers*

SCOFFERS = Some claim to be Christians

- They Divide The Church Instead Of Building It Up
- They rationalize unbelief – They deny the supernatural
- (Jude 1:18 NIV) "In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires." (19) These are the men who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit.

SCOFFERS =

- Set Up Divisions
 - Tear Down Instead Of Building Up
 - Their Real Problem Is Spiritual
 - They Don't Have The Spirit
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- Ironically – Their scoffing is a sign that the Word of God that they reject is actually true.

Scoffing: A Sign Of The Last Days

- **(Jude 1:18 NIV)** "In the last times there will be scoffers
- **(1 Tim 4:1 NIV)** The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. (2) Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.

The "Last Days" = Time Between Christ's First And Second Comings

- We Are Living In The Last Days . Scoffers are Scoffing.
- We Have To Hold On To Healthy Thinking Until Jesus Returns

Scoffers Appear To Take The “Scientific Approach” Yet They Willfully Ignore A Good Deal Of Evidence

- There Is Abundant Evidence:
- Of A Worldwide Flood
- Of A Great Cataclysm
- That All Things Have Not Continued As They Were From The Beginning Of The Creation

- There Is Truth That Can Be Clearly Seen And Studied
- Scoffers = Deliberately Forget About The Creation Of The World

Scoffers Adopt The False Assumption That

- (1) Nothing has changed
 - (2) Nothing does change
 - (3) Nothing will change.
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- **THE FACT IS: At One Point In The Past Things Did Drastically Change: The Flood Of Noah's Day!**

Many People Heard About The Flood, But They Weren't Ready

- God's Word Is True
- It Has Come to Pass
- It Will Come To Pass
- **You Can Base Your Life On It**
- **Base Your Life On God's Truth**

The flood of Noah's day was a universal judgment of sin.

- *God destroyed the world that existed at that time because of their wickedness.*
- *Noah pleaded with the people of his day to have faith in God.*
- *They would not listen and the door to the ark was closed.*
- *Now, Christ is calling unto the world to once again have faith in God.*