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Title: Mentor Me Noah

Purpose: Provoke people avoid God's judgment by following the example of Noah and be righteous, blameless, patient, and obedient to God and His mission for us.

Truth for Today:

Text: Matthew 24:37-39

Topic: Noah, Judgment, Mentor, Righteous, Blameless, Patient, Obedience

Series Title: Mentor Me

Series Purpose: Provoke people to learn and apply life lessons, good and bad, from Biblical characters.

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### I. Introduction video ark

A. Review series: Mentor Me. It's about learning life lessons from Biblical mentors. Historical characters in the Bible are the most reliable mentors we can find because they show us what to do and what not to do from God's perspective.

B. Text: 2<sup>nd</sup> coming/ judgement, [Mt 24:37–39 (NLT) “**When the Son of Man returns, it will be like it was in Noah’s day.** 38 In those days before the **flood**, the people were enjoying...parties and weddings right up to the time Noah entered his boat (*ESV ark*). 39 People didn’t realize what was going to happen until **the flood came and swept them all away. That is the way it will be when the Son of Man comes.**]

1. One day the world will experience a cataclysmic judgment because people love their sinful ways instead of loving God. Our mentor, Noah can prepare us for the end times and to avoid God’s judgment.

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D. Truth for Today: Noah escaped God’s judgment because he was righteous, blameless, patient and obedient; so can we.

E. Today we’ll talk about Noah but 1<sup>st</sup> we’ll talk about the condition of Noah’s world and the evidence for a worldwide flood.

### II. The 1<sup>st</sup> Judgement of the world.

A. The condition of the world: [Genesis 6:5–8:1 (NLT) The Lord observed the extent of **human wickedness** on the earth, and he saw that **everything they thought or imagined was consistently and totally evil...**11 God saw that **the earth had become corrupt and was filled with violence.** 6:6 So the Lord was sorry he had ever made them...It broke his heart. 7 And the Lord said, “**I will wipe this human race I have created from the face of the**

**earth.]** Picture ark 11...all the underground waters erupted from the earth, and the rain fell in mighty torrents from the sky. 12 The rain continued to fall for forty days and forty nights...18 As the waters rose...the boat floated safely on the surface. 19 Finally, the water covered even the highest mountains on the earth...22 Everything that breathed and lived on dry land died.

1. Noah's ark was a massive ship...It was 510 feet long, 85 feet wide, 51 feet high, and easily housed the several thousand animal kinds God brought to Noah.

B. Why did God judge the earth? **human wickedness...everything they thought or imagined was consistently and totally evil...11...the earth had become corrupt and was filled with violence.**

1. Is our world becoming like this? On July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend, at least 233 people were killed and 618 people were injured by gun violence in more than 500 shootings across the country <sup>6</sup>The Highland Park tragedy in Chicago was the 309th mass shooting in the U.S. in 2022. 57 people were shot in Chicago, a city with some of the strictest gun controls in America.<sup>7</sup> This is the same evil, wickedness, and violence of Noah's day.

C. Is there evidence of a worldwide flood? (1) Answers in Genesis Evidence 1: Fossils of sea creatures high above sea level due to the ocean waters having flooded over every continent. E.g., most of the rock layers in the walls of Grand Canyon (more than a mile above sea level) contain marine fossils. Fossilized shellfish are even found in the Himalayas.<sup>5</sup> Sample fossils Blanco 1342 feet above sea level. (2) Picture: Chart Flood Traditions.<sup>3</sup> More than 270 stories about a worldwide flood are found in historic records all over the world?<sup>2</sup> Hawaiians have a flood story, long after the death of the first man, the world became a wicked place. Only one good man was left, and his name was Nu-u. (Languages changed at tower Babel) He made a great canoe with a house on it and filled it with animals and the waters covered the earth and killed all the people; only Nu-u and his family were saved. Another flood story from China records that Fuhi, his wife, three sons, and three daughters escaped a great flood and were the only people alive on earth. After the great flood, they repopulated the world<sup>2</sup>

D. Voice Charlton Heston<sup>8</sup>, Armageddon... 'it happened before it will happen again'

III. Mentor me Noah; what made you different?

- A. He treated people right and had a close relationship with God.
1. Genesis 6:7–8:1 (NLT) 7 And the Lord said, “I will wipe this human race I have created from the face of the earth... 8 **But Noah found favor with the Lord.** 9 ...**Noah was a righteous man, the only blameless person living on earth at the time, and he walked in close fellowship with God.**
  2. Noah was spared because he lived a ‘righteous and blameless life’. Righteous is used not in relation to God but in relation to people. He treated people right, a very good man or a man of integrity. Blameless describes a person’s relation to God, i.e., “always obeyed God,” and was “faithful to God.”<sup>4</sup> [Vs. 9 He walked in ‘close fellowship with God.’] What kind of relationship do I have with God? How do I treat people?
  3. Mentoring lesson #1: People who please God live by 2 great priorities: they love God and love people. [Matthew 22:36–39 (NLT) “Teacher, which is the **most important commandment** in the law of Moses?” 37 Jesus replied, “ ‘You must **love the Lord** your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ ...39 **A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’**”]
- B. Noah believed God’s Word and did what God said, i.e., he obeyed God.
1. [6:22 **So Noah did everything exactly as God had commanded him.**]
  2. Mentoring lesson # 2: Noah did what God said (obedience), so should we. Obedience to God’s Word is the evidence of a genuine relationship with God. Jesus, [John 14:15 (NLT) “**If you love me, obey my commandments.**”]
  3. Our obedience to God’s Word and God’s Spirit requires we have faith, i.e., a belief in God that causes us to act. [Hebrews 11:7 (NKJV) **By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household...**] True followers of the Lord believe God and do what He says.
- C. He was patient; he had to wait for a long time for God’s Word to come to pass.
1. The Bible doesn’t say how long it took to build the ark. Scholars say it was between 75 and 125 years. Context: Before the ark was built it had never rained. The earth was watered with a mist cloud or springs. The ark wasn’t built by water. Imagine the laughter, jeers and self-doubt he had when he went to Home Depot.

2. Mentoring lesson # 3: Noah was patient as he waited on God to do what He promised; we should be patient, too. He had to endure a long wait before God's Word was fulfilled. Sometimes we do, too. [2 Pet.1:5–6 (NCV)...add these things to your lives...**to your faith...add patience...**]
  3. Mentoring lesson # 4: People will laugh at us for believing in God, arks and empty tombs. Believe God's Word anyway. [2 Peter 3:3–6 (NCV)...in the **last days. People will laugh at you.** They will live doing the evil things they want to do...5 But they do not want to remember what happened long ago...6 Then **the world was flooded and destroyed with water.**] It's hard to be made fun of, insulted, or rejected because we're a Christian. But if I have to choose between pleasing people or pleasing God, I choose to please God.
- D. He was a man who carried out his assignment from God.
1. [2 Peter 2:5–10 (NIV) if he (*God*) did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected **Noah, a preacher of righteousness, (NCV preached about being right with God)**...] Another word for preach is communicate. Noah was a communicator of God's Word to people.
  2. Mentoring lesson #5: Noah had a mission and so do we, to evangelize and disciple people. [Mark 16:15 (NLT) And then he told them, "**Go into all the world and preach the Good News (ESV gospel) to everyone.** Luke 10:2 (NIV) He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the **workers are few.** Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.] The Lord wants us to prioritize telling people about Jesus.
  3. COTR's mission statement: We make disciples of Jesus Christ by connecting people to God, Friends, Ministry, and **the World.**

#### IV. Conclusion

- A. God has promised to one day judge the earth again. Noah was ready the 1<sup>st</sup> time; may we be ready for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time.
- B. Summary: our mentor Noah taught us several lessons: #1: People who please God live by 2 great priorities: they love God and love people, (righteous and blameless). # 2: Noah did what God said (obedience), so should we. # 3: Noah was patient as he waited on God to do what He promised; we should be patient, too. # 4: People will laugh at us for

believing in God, arks, and empty tombs. Believe anyway. #5: Noah had a mission and so do we, to evangelize and disciple people.

V. Response

A. Altar

B. Prayer

C. Souls

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