



The Faith of Noah

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Hebrews 11:7 (Amp) “By faith [with confidence in God and His word] Noah, being warned by God about events not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his family. By this [act of obedience] he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness which comes by faith.”

God’s Pain

Genesis 6:5,6

“The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. ⁶ The Lord regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled.

God’s Plan

Genesis 6:7,17

⁷So the Lord said, “I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them.” “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.”

Genesis 6:8-9

⁸But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God.

God’s Provision

Genesis 6:14-17; 19-22

¹⁴so make a wooden ark. Make the ark with nesting places and cover it inside and out with tar. ¹⁵This is how you should make it: four hundred fifty feet long, seventy-five feet wide, and forty-five feet high. ¹⁶Make a roof for the ark and complete it one foot from the top. Put a door in its side. In the hold below, make the second and third decks.

God's Patience

1 Peter 3:20 “to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of **Noah** while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water.

God's Punishment

Genesis 7:17-22

¹⁷ For forty days the flood kept coming on the earth, and as the waters increased they lifted the ark high above the earth. ²⁰ The waters rose twenty-three feet high, covering the mountains. ²¹ Every creature took its last breath: the things crawling on the ground, birds, livestock, wild animals, everything swarming on the ground, and every human being. ²² Everything on dry land with life's breath in its nostrils died. Only Noah was left, and those with him in the ark.

2 Peter 2:5 “If he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness... if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment.”

God's Promise

Genesis 9:11-15; 17; 1

¹¹ I will set up my covenant with you so that never again will all life be cut off by floodwaters. There will never again be a flood to destroy the earth.”

¹² God said, “This is the symbol of the covenant that I am drawing up between me and you and every living thing with you, on behalf of every future generation. ¹³ I have placed my bow in the clouds; it will be the symbol of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, God said to Noah, “This is the symbol of the covenant that I have set up between me and all creatures on earth.”

God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, “Be fertile, multiply, and fill the earth.

Matthew 24:37

As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

How long did it take Noah to build the ark?

The Bible does not specifically say how long it took Noah to build the ark. When Noah is first mentioned in Genesis 5:32, he is 500 years old. When Noah enters the ark, he is 600 years old. The time it took to build the ark would depend on how much time passed between Genesis 6:14, when God commanded Noah to build the ark; and Genesis 7:1, when God commanded Noah to enter the ark. Some scholars teach that it took Noah 120 years to build the ark, based on Genesis 6:3. Others say that it took 100 years, based on Noah's age in Genesis 5:32 and his age in Genesis 7:6.

How long was Noah on the ark?

Noah entered the ark in the 600th year of his life, on the 17th day of the 2nd month (Genesis 7:11-13). Noah left the ark on the 27th day of the 2nd month of the following year (Genesis 8:14-15). Therefore, assuming a lunar calendar of 360 days, Noah was on the ark for approximately 370 days.

How many of each type of animal did Noah take on the ark?

Seven pairs of each kind of clean animal and one pair of each kind of other animals were taken on the ark (Genesis 6:19-20; 7:2-3). By "clean" the Bible means animals that were "acceptable for sacrifice." That is why seven pairs of the clean animals were taken – so some of them could be sacrificed after the Flood was over without endangering the species.