

NEW DAY SERMON OUTLINE

INTRODUCTION

Last week we left off with Noah building a giant ark. We learned the ark was big enough for the task.

We pick up this week in Genesis 7. Noah has completed the ark.

I. SCRIPTURE

A. GEN 7:1-3

1 The LORD then said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because I have found you righteous in this generation. 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."

This is the first mention in the Bible of two kinds of animals: clean and unclean. Define clean and unclean:

Why did God say take additional clean animals?

Including clean animals, Noah needed approximately _____ total mammals and reptiles, and as many as _____ birds.

B. GEN 7:4

4 "Seven days from now I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and I will wipe from the face of the earth every living creature I have made."

God gives one final warning. Surely Noah preached one last passionate sermon to anyone who would listen. Then Noah, his family, and the animals boarded the ark.

C. GEN 7:5-9

5 And Noah did all that the LORD commanded him. 6 Noah was six hundred years old when the floodwaters came on the earth. 7 And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives entered the ark to escape the waters of the flood. 8 Pairs of clean and unclean animals, of birds and of all creatures that move along the ground, 9 male and female, came to Noah and entered the ark, as God had commanded Noah.

How did Noah track down the animals?

Were there dinosaurs on the ark? We don't know, and it's not a significant issue, but here are three reasons to consider that perhaps baby dinosaurs were on the ark:

(1) Several animals thought to have been extinct for "millions of years" have been found.

(2) Almost every culture has artwork and stories of _____.

(3) The Bible describes three dinosaur-like creatures: Leviathan (Job 41), Behemoth (Job 40), and Tannin (translated snake, dragon or sea monster – Ps 74:13, Is 27:1, Ez 29:3).

For an adventurous study of this topic, check out dinodave.com.

After all the animals were safely on the ark, we read the Lord shut the door. The Lord himself supernaturally shut them all in the ark. He sealed the door shut. The opportunity for repentance is now closed.

D. GEN 7:10-12

10 And after the seven days the floodwaters came on the earth. 11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, on the seventeenth day of the second month--on that day all the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened. 12 And rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights.

NOTE: The primary source of water was “the springs of the great deep.”

Young earth scientists believe this is when the supercontinent began to divide. It was catastrophic! What was this experience like for those on the ark?

E. GEN 7:13-20

17 For forty days the flood kept coming on the earth, and as the waters increased they lifted the ark high above the earth.

"Forty days" is only how long the heavy rain lasted. The waters continued to rise for 150 total days! Finally the heaviest rain stops but the waters continue rising.

18 The waters rose and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the surface of the water. 19 They rose greatly on the earth, and all the high mountains under the entire heavens were covered. 20 The waters rose and covered the mountains to a depth of more than fifteen cubits.

Fifteen cubits would equal _____ feet.

Young earth scientists believe that before the flood the earth was relatively flat. There were hills, but not the extremely high mountains we see today. Those were formed during and after the flood.

Nearly all scientists believe the mountains were formed by tectonic plate movement when continents collided. Young earth scientists believe it happened rapidly, not over millions of years. They call it “catastrophic plate tectonics.” It was perhaps so violent that God had to supernaturally protect the inhabitants of the ark.

F. GEN 7:21-24

21 Every living thing that moved on land perished--birds, livestock, wild animals, all the creatures that swarm over the earth, and all mankind. 22 Everything on dry land that had the breath of life in its nostrils died. 23 Every living thing on the face of the earth was wiped out; people and animals and the creatures that move along the ground and the birds were wiped from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those with him in the ark. 24 The waters flooded the earth for a hundred and fifty days.

After five months the waters finally stopped rising. We'll see next week when we study Genesis 8-9 how long it takes for the waters to recede.

II. DID THIS REALLY HAPPEN?

A. THE DEBATE BETWEEN THE BIBLE AND "MODERN SCIENCE"

Most scientists say there's no evidence of a worldwide flood. But some scientists say there's evidence everywhere!

B. TWO CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES

Marcus Ross (young earth creationist) believes the whole world was covered by water and every air-breathing animal died.

Hugh Ross (old earth creationist) believes every human died, and Noah and the animals were saved on a real ark as the Bible describes, but water did not cover the entire globe.

C. WHY I BELIEVE IN A LITERAL GLOBAL FLOOD

(1) Almost every culture has a flood story.

Common Details Among Ancient Flood Stories

90%: Only a "favored family" survives

75%: Survival by means of a floating vessel

67%: Disaster is due to man's wickedness (God or "gods" judging)

67%: Animals are also saved

50%: Survivors end up on a mountain

Many accounts mention birds being sent out, a rainbow, and eight people being saved.

(2) Genetic evidence says a catastrophe nearly wiped out all humans.

(3) Geological features and fossils point to a worldwide catastrophe.

See Andrew Snelling's book: [*Genesis Flood Revisited*](#).

(4) The Bible's language emphasizes this was a global flood.

Notice again the language of Genesis 7:19-23. For emphasis it is repeated multiple times that everything died.

(5) Jesus said it happened.

[Mat 24:37-39 NIV] 37 As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; 39 and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

III. APPLICATION

A. THE END IS COMING

(1) God is not slow in keeping his promise.

Many Jewish rabbis taught there would be six thousand years of human history, mimicking the six days of creation.

- * 2,000 yrs of "chaos" (creation to Abraham)
- * 2,000 yrs of "Torah" (Abraham to Messiah)
- * 2,000 yrs of "Messiah" (Messianic age to Judgment)

B. BE PREPARED

[Pro 22:3 NLT] 3 A prudent person foresees danger and takes precautions. The simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences.

How are we to get ready for the coming of Christ?

[2Pe 3:3-14 NIV] 3 Above 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 ancestors 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 came into being 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 the ungodly. 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. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

11 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives 12 as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. 13 But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells. 14 So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.

That's how you prepare. Make peace with God, then live a holy life.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Question 1: Finding the Courage to Stand Out

Scripture Reference: Genesis 7:1 **Scripture Text:** *"The LORD then said to Noah, 'Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because I have found you righteous in this generation.'"*

- **Discussion Question:** God noticed Noah because his lifestyle stood in stark contrast to the rest of his generation. In our current culture, what are the biggest challenges you face when trying to live out your faith authentically? How can we support one another in staying "righteous" when the world around us pulls in the opposite direction?

Question 2: Trusting God with the "How"

Scripture Reference: Genesis 7:5 **Scripture Text:** *"And Noah did all that the LORD commanded him."*

- **Discussion Question:** Noah obeyed God completely, even though he had to build a massive ark and gather thousands of animals without modern technology. When God asks you to do something that feels overwhelming or doesn't make sense to those around you, how do you typically respond? What is one practical step you can take this week to trust Him with the details of a heavy situation you are facing?

Question 3: Preparing for Life's Storms

Scripture Reference: Genesis 7:11-12 **Scripture Text:** *"In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, on the seventeenth day of the second month—on that day all the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened. And rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights."*

- **Discussion Question:** When the floodwaters came, the shift from normalcy to catastrophe was violent and sudden. Think back to a time when a "storm" hit your life unexpectedly (health, financial, relational). What did that experience teach you about where your security lies, and how did God protect you through it?

Question 4: Living with Urgency and Grace

Scripture Reference: Matthew 24:38-39 **Scripture Text:** *"For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man."*

- **Discussion Question:** Jesus points out that people before the flood were just caught up in the routine of everyday life, completely unaware of the coming judgment. How do we strike a healthy balance between enjoying our daily blessings (like family and work) while still maintaining a sense of spiritual urgency and sharing God's grace with others?

Question 5: Resting in God's Patience

Scripture Reference: 2 Peter 3:9 **Scripture Text:** *"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."*

- **Discussion Question:** It can be easy to look at the brokenness of our world and wonder why God hasn't stepped in yet, but Peter reminds us that His delay is actually an act of mercy. How does remembering God's immense patience change the way you view the difficult or skeptical people in your life? Who is someone you can pray for this week to experience His patience and repentance?

Question 6: Inspecting Our Foundations

Scripture Reference: 2 Peter 3:11-12a **Scripture Text:** *"Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming."*

- **Discussion Question:** Peter asks a penetrating question: *"What kind of people ought you to be?"* Knowing that our earthly circumstances are temporary, how does this change your daily priorities? What is one area of your life (your time, your finances, your relationships) where you want to focus more on building things that have eternal value?