

Noah and the Ark

Int.

1. Aim: To tell the story of Noah and the ark and learn some lessons and applications.
2. Account is in Genesis 6 - 9
3. Questions:
 - a. Why was God grieved?
 - b. Who pleased God?
 - c. How was Noah to be spared?
 - d. What happened with Noah and his family?
4. Application - As in the days of Noah, so shall it be at the coming of the son of man.

Discussion

I. WHY was God grieved? V. 6 grieved = displeased, hurt, vexed

A. Gen. 6:1-7

1. Sons of God = good people Married the daughters of men = bad people
2. They were evil and ungodly and getting worse
3. God used the word wicked = means bad, evil, morally bad, wretchedness, wrong

B. Gen. 6:11-13

1. Corrupt is another word God used to describe the morality of the people
2. This word means to decay or ruin. Their character was decayed or rotten.
3. And they were violent people.

- ##### C. God decided that they had 120 years left on the earth and if there were no changes then he would destroy men and animals.

II. Who Pleased God?

- A. Gen. 6:8-10
 - 1. Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord - he found favor with God
 - 2. He was a Just man - or a righteous, lawful man
 - 3. He was perfect in his family = meaning they were sincere and without blemish
- B. His sons were also good
 - 1. Shem, Ham, and Japheth
 - 2. They walked with God - that means they were obedient to God. Heb. 11:7
- C. Noah was 500 years old when God spoke to him

III. How Was Noah to be saved?

- A. Gen. 6:14-22
 - 1. Build an ark
 - a. Gopher wood
 - b. 300 X 50 X 30 Cubits = 450' x 75' x 45'
 - c. Pitch without and within - to waterproof
 - d. Make rooms on the 3 stories -
 - e. 1 window - top finished with a cubit above it - 1 door
 - 2. There is going to be a great flood that will destroy all flesh
- B. Covenant with Noah
 - 1. Take your family into the ark
 - 2. Bring animals of every sort into the ark - male and female
 - 3. Birds of ever kind, cattle, and creeping things - 2 x 2 = male and female
 - 4. Take food for your family and the animals.

IV. What really happened?

- A. Gen. 6:22 "Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he"
1. He built the ark according to the plans that God gave him.
 2. He was now ready for the trip on the ark
- B. Gen. 7:1-6
1. Be ready to leave in 7 days
 2. Animals - clean take by 7's Unclean take by 2's Birds by 7's
 3. In 7 days it is going to start raining - everything outside the ark will be destroyed by the flood.
 4. Noah was 600 years old at the beginning of the flood.
 - a. They had been working for 100 years to build the ark
 - b. During this time he had been preaching to the people about the flood but they did not believe him.
- C. Gen. 7:7-24
1. It rained for 40 days and 40 nights
 2. The ark floated on the waters and the whole earth was covered - 15 cubits above the highest mountain
 3. All air breathing creatures died - mankind, animals, birds - except the ones on the ark
 4. The water remained at this level for 5 months
- D. Gen. 8
1. The waters begin to go down - and God sends wind to help dry up the earth
 2. Ark came to rest on Mt. Ararat at 7 ½ months
 3. 40 days later Noah opened the ark and sent out the raven. It never returned

4. He released a dove and it came back. 7 days later he released the dove again and it returned with an olive leaf in its mouth. After 7 more days he sent the dove out again and it never returned.
5. After 57 more days All of them leave the ark, the animals and the people.

E. Offerings

1. Noah built an altar unto the Lord
2. He took 1 of each of the clean animals and offered it as a sacrifice unto God

F. God's promise

1. He told Noah that he would never again destroy the world with a flood
2. As a sign of this agreement he put the rainbow in the clouds.
3. This was a promise he made to all mankind and all the animals.

G. Two scientific philosophies about the earth and the flood

1. Uniformitarianism vs. Catastrophism Which philosophy is better ?
2. Definitions
 - a. Uniformitarianism - states that current geologic processes, occurring at the same rates observed today, in the same manner, account for all of earth's geological features. As present processes are thought to explain all past events, the Uniformitarianism slogan is "the present is the key to the past."...ignores the possibility of past cataclysmic activity upon the surface of the earth.
 - b. Catastrophism - holds that geological features observable throughout the earth's crust are the result of past cataclysmic activity upon the earth's surface. In essence, the earth's surface is scarred by past catastrophe, the magnitude of which may not be observable today.

3. Has there been, in modern times, a catastrophe that has left flood-like conditions?
 - a. Mt. St. Helens - Before and After the eruption May 18, 1980
 - b. "Mount St. Helens provides a rare opportunity to study transient geologic processes which produced, within a few months, changes which geologists might otherwise assume required many thousands of years."
 - c. "The volcano, therefore, challenges our way of thinking about how the earth works, how it changes, and the time scale we are accustomed to attaching to its formations."
 - d. "These processes and their effects allow Mount St. Helens to serve as a miniature laboratory for catastrophism. Mount St. Helens helps us to imagine what the Biblical Flood, of Noah's day, may have been like."
 - e. 2 Pet. 3:6

V. APPLICATION - As in the Days of Noah

- A. Matt. 24:36-39
 1. Christ was speaking about the second coming
 2. He compares it to the days of Noah and the flood
 3. Everything was going along as normal, there was no way to know when it would be
 - a. Eating and drinking
 - b. Marrying - probably some weddings planned for the day of the flood
- B. So shall it be at the coming of Christ
 1. Things will be going along as normal
 2. There will be no warning - no way to know when that day has arrived

C. The message

1. Be ready - be prepared
2. There will not be a second chance
3. If we are not prepared for Christ then we will be lost

CONCLUSION

1. The flood was one of the great events that we read about in the Old Testament.
2. Noah was a righteous man who was saved because of his obedience to God.
3. We today must be righteous and obedient to God if we are going to be saved.
4. There will never be another world wide flood to destroy the earth - the rainbow is a reminder of that promise.
5. But remember these words of Peter "Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: 7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men." 2 Pet. 3:6-7
6. Are you ready ?

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