

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

CAN I TRUST GOD?

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PART 3: FAITH TO DESPAIR

EARLY LIFE OF NOAH

Noah was born 1056 years after Adam and came from Seth's bloodline. **Genesis 5:3-29**

Adam and Eve continued to have sons and daughters after Seth, but the Bible does not record their names. Aside from a remnant, all the descendants of Adam and Eve perished in Noah's flood. They are all in hell awaiting judgment.

It is estimated that the world's population was 600 million at the time of the flood. The descendants of Cain also multiplied on earth. We don't know how old Adam was when Cain and Abel were born.

Adam was 130 years old when Seth was born. Seth in turn fathered Enos and continued having children with his wife. **Genesis 5:6-7**

All the bloodline patriarchs were first born sons. They continued fathering additional children during the hundreds of years they lived on earth. The Bible doesn't record whether there were any other godly men and women among them. What we do know is that when God called for the ark's construction, only Noah's family was walking with the Lord. With the exception of eight people, everyone else who lived on earth 1,656 years after the creation of Adam perished in the flood and were taken to hell. **1 Peter 3:18-20**

NOAH'S OCCUPATION

Lamech named his firstborn son Noah, which means comfort and rest. The text indicates that Lamech was a farmer and he proposed that Noah continue the family tradition. This is plausible because Noah had a vineyard after the flood. **Genesis 5:29; 9:20**

The Bible does not reveal what Noah did for the first five hundred years. The way the Bible describes it, Noah did not have any children until he was five hundred years old. Noah must have had siblings since his father (Lamech) and mother continued having children. If we conservatively estimate that Lamech's wife bore a child every two years, Noah would have had 250 brothers and sisters. If each sibling only had one child during this 500-year period, Noah would have had 62,500 nephews and nieces. **verses 30-32**

TOTAL CORRUPTION ON THE EARTH

Fallen angels had corrupted the human race and animal kingdom by the time Noah was 500 years old. Through human women and gene splicing, fallen angels were able to create an angelic/human hybrid race.

There is no salvation available for Satan, his fallen angels and the evil spirits. Therefore, while a hybrid had a human mother, it could not be redeemed because its other progenitor was a fallen angel. A corrupted human being could not be saved. Animals



had also been corrupted as well and this is more than likely the origin of the dinosaurs which did not survive the flood. Satan had in effect broken the rules of engagement and the only remedy was a reset. Hence, why God killed almost everything because gene splicing had polluted what God had originally created.

There was a remnant of humans and animals that had not been physically corrupted since Noah found a wife for himself and wives for his three sons. **Genesis 6:1-12**

NOAH TRUSTED GOD

Adam described the creation and the fall of mankind in the Garden of Eden. This written record was available to Noah, along with what Enoch had recorded, who was a great-great-grandfather to Noah.

Enoch had vivid descriptions of heaven just like the Apostle John would have in the Book of Revelation. Enoch knew about the coming Son of Man and the redemption of the human race, so when God spoke to Noah, he was not surprised and believed what he was told. **Genesis 6:13-14; 7:5**

If we estimate that God spoke to Noah when he was 500 years old, and the flood took place when Noah was 600 years old, it would have taken 100 years to start and finish the ark. What did Noah do during these 100 years? He worked on the Ark and preached repentance to the people. **Genesis 7:11; Hebrews 11:7; 2 Peter 2:5**

There is no indication that Noah was a shipbuilder. People living before the flood had ships and were spread throughout the world and a logical reason why God would enact a global flood. Assuming that Noah was in the agricultural field and knew nothing about building ships, God provided him with the dimensions of the ark, and how it was to be built and water proofed. **Genesis 6:14-16**

Noah's ark was the same size as a 45,000 ton World War II American aircraft carrier. It was 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet high with three decks. There is no way that Noah and his three sons could have built such a massive ship by themselves.

The Bible does not say that holy angels helped to build it. It would therefore have been necessary for Noah to hire laborers to cut down trees, fashion planks, make thousands of gallons of pitch, and the nails that would be used to hold it together. More than likely Noah was a successful farmer and had plenty of money to pay the workers for their labor.

Noah trusted God for 100 years while he supervised the building of the ark and preaching repentance to the people. **Hebrews 11:7**

THE ANIMALS

It is obvious that Jesus did not want to create animals over again, including all insects and other creeping things. So He made a covenant with Noah that once the ark was finished, Noah would enter the ship, and God was responsible for bringing in the animals.

There was no way that Noah and his sons could travel to every continents and island and collect everything. Noah was told that each species would come to him, which

indicates that God's holy angels collected and brought them to the ark. **Genesis 6:17-20**

Noah was also told to make sure that there was food for his family and the animals. **Genesis 6:21-22**

THE MINDSET OF NOAH

Noah was a human being with emotions. Until the time of the flood, he had never seen rain; instead, a mist would rise up every night to water the earth and keep it lush and green. **Genesis 2:5-6**

Lamech was alive until five years before the flood. The Bible does not reveal the kind of interaction Noah had with his father. Noah also had a large number of siblings and even more cousins. Noah's wife and his daughters-in-law also had family members but there is no mention of them either.

As Noah was preaching repentance, it must have been heartbreaking that not one of his siblings believed him. It is one thing to preach for a few years, but to preach for 100 years, and not get one convert, must have truly grieved Noah.

It is likely that the last years before the flood were difficult. God never gave Noah a timeline, and when 99 years had passed, the ark was finished on dry land, propped up by a gigantic scaffolding support system.

I am sure that people came by in droves every day to see this gigantic boat so far away from the ocean. They would have mocked Noah for wasting his wealth to build such a large ship. Did Noah ever doubt God? Not that we know. The Bible states that Noah obeyed every command from the Lord. **Genesis 6:22; 7:5; Hebrews 11:7**

Here are some unanswered questions:

- ❖ Did Noah's wife ever question the sanity of her husband?
- ❖ Did Ham, Shem and Japheth ever oppose their father?
- ❖ Did Noah's daughters-in-law believe that God had really spoken to Noah?

The pressure must have been great upon Noah and his family. No one believed in what they were doing and family members must have thought that Noah had started a cult of fear.

THE FLOOD ARRIVES

We don't know if it was an angel, Jesus, or the Holy Spirit that spoke to Noah, but the time finally arrived for Noah to enter the ark. God was about to reset the situation when everything on earth would die. It would take seven days to bring all the animals on board. **Genesis 7:1-5**

It is interesting that Noah and his family entered the ark first and then the animals marched up the ramp into the ship. If Noah could have seen into the spirit world, he would have seen holy angels bringing the creatures in their cargo space ships, sorting them out, and then herding them into the ark and into the prepared cages and stalls that had been built for them.

My personal belief is that the angels sedated the animals so that they would be docile. **verses 8-9**

Once everyone was inside, the massive door of the ark was supernaturally shut by the Lord so that it could not be opened. Then it began to rain so loud that it must have made a lot of noise as it hit the ark.

There would have been a great commotion outside as thousands of people rushed towards the ark and screamed for Noah to open the door and save them. I believe that Noah's in-laws were outside crying and calling upon their daughters to save them. Noah's siblings must have told him they were sorry and asked him to open the door.

After a day or so the eight people inside the ark could feel it was no longer standing on solid ground. The ship was rocking back and forth from the waves hitting it. The frantic screaming outside eventually stopped and it must have been surreal as Noah and his family realized everyone else was dead. **verses 17-23**

FIVE MONTHS IN THE ARK

Noah's ark was not like a modern cruise ship. It was built for survival, not comfort and luxury. Were the animals and creeping things sedated by the angels? This might seem farfetched, but we know that bears hibernate during the winter months. I believe God's angels were on the ark and kept them sedated.

Shem, Ham and Japheth must have wondered how long the voyage would last. Everyone would begin to exhibit cabin fever from the confinement, asking God to speed things up.

- ❖ More than likely there were no hot meals because there was no fire.
- ❖ Eight people had to relieve themselves several times per day. There must have been a certain place on the ark where this was done.
- ❖ They had no running water and could not clean themselves unless they wanted to jump overboard.
- ❖ It must not have smelled very good with all the animals on the ark. **Genesis 7:24**

It is amazing that Noah did not record what happened during his time in the Ark. There is no doubt they were anxious to get off and God remembered their plight. **Genesis 8:1**

It would take another five months before the flood waters completely receded. It must have been exciting when they heard the ark scraping on the ground and then the ship settled on the mountains of Ararat. **verses 2-5**

Forty days later Noah opened the window and sent forth a raven which came back. This was followed by a dove which eventually did not come back. **verse 6-12**

Eleven 11 months and 24 days Noah and his family were finally allowed to disembark and set foot on land once more. The first thing Noah did was to build an altar to the Lord and offer a sacrifice to Him. **verses 13-20**

God responded and set forth the law of seasons that would control the cycles on the earth. This guarantee would create stability for Noah and his descendants. **verses 20-21**

- ❖ Seedtime and harvest
- ❖ Cold and hot
- ❖ Summer and winter
- ❖ Day and night

NOAH LOST HIS CONFIDENCE

When Noah and his family went forth, they found the land was barren. The nice forests, meadows, cities and villages were just a memory. Silt covered everything. It is likely they came across skeletons of humans and animals which died in the flood.

God established a new covenant with Noah and promised that He would never flood the earth again. As a sign, the Lord gave Noah the rainbow which only exists when the sun shines through the rain. **Genesis 9:11-17**

Noah became disillusioned; he stopped functioning as a preacher of righteousness and no longer taught the Word of God. He remembered how people before the flood made alcohol and got drunk. His faith in God was gone and he wanted to forget his miseries.

He planted a vineyard, and when it started to bear fruit, he got drunk from the wine. While passed out naked in his tent, Ham sodomized his father. **verses 20-25**

SUMMARY

Noah started out great in life and walked with the Lord. He had great faith and obeyed when God told him to build a ship on dry land. While the ark was being built, he preached his heart out for 100 years.

The realization of this immense catastrophe hit him when he was locked up for nearly a year. I believe that Noah grieved over the loss of family and friends, and the destruction of the cities, farms and villages so that he and his sons had to start with nothing. Instead of crying out to God, he turned to the Devil's brew.

God gave Noah another 350 years after the flood but they were wasted. Noah was still alive when Abraham was born and he died when Abraham was 51 years old. **Genesis 9:28-29**

Noah was too discouraged to care about setting up an educational system to ensure that future generations would come to know, love and serve God. **1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Galatians 6:9**

What do you think about Noah's failure at the end of his life? Do you care? Are you walking with God?

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?