

NOAH AND THE FLOOD

Scripture:

Genesis 6:13-7:24; Matt. 24:32-41;
II Peter 3:3-14

Materials Needed:

Handouts

Memory Verse: *Hebrews 4:13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give an account.*

Objectives: As a result of this lesson, I want my students

To Know—When God told Noah He was going to destroy the earth, even though building the ark was a huge job, and there weren't any other following God, Noah believed and obeyed God's instructions and was saved from destruction.

To Realize—Because God's judgment is sure, even though the job is big and the righteous are few, the righteous who believe and obey God will be saved from future destruction.

To Respond by—believing in God's judgment and living holy lives.

Setting up the Story:

Relate story about Jim Jones and how his followers blindly followed him. More recently there was the Mayan calendar that predicted the end of the world would be in 2012—complete with billboards announcing the END. (for a list of predictions of the end of the world:

http://rationalwiki.org/wiki/List_of_predictions_of_the_end_of_the_world)

Why do people believe there is an “end of the world” coming and that it is going to be disastrous? And what do we believe when we hear these predictions and how do we prepare?

All of these questions have a precedent in Scripture--There was a person who was called a preacher of righteousness..his life and his actions and his words said: there is a future judgment coming.

Telling the story:

- I. God Saw Condition of the Earth
 - A. Wicked/Corrupt
 1. Every intent of thoughts of his heart=only evil all time
 2. Lord was sorry/grieved
 3. Corrupt and filled with violence

As you tell the story:

Gen. 6:5 “The wicked are many.”

When people think of God's coming judgment, they often think of lightning bolts coming down from a Zeus-like god of anger. But how does Scripture describe how God felt about the conditions of the earth.

This is an earth that no one would want

<p>4. All flesh had corrupted its way</p>	<p>to live on because it is so wicked! What is the extent of the wickedness? Where is it coming from (the thoughts/imagination)...people are living out what they can imagine up..and it is wicked. Corrupt. Violent. All except for ONE.</p>
<p>B. Noah was Righteous</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Blameless 2. Walked with God 3. Became father of 3 sons. 	<p>Look at the description of Noah in Genesis 6:9 “The righteous are few.”</p> <p>If we looked at the dates of when God told him about what he was about to do, we would discover that his 3 sons were born AFTER God had told him what was about to happen. It doesn't mention any other sons of Noah—but we do know that these 3 sons would have been grown up their whole lives knowing one thing—their father was building an ark because God had told him the earth would be destroyed.</p>
<p>II. God Tells Noah Everything will be Destroyed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. 120 years B. Vs. 7 I will blot out man... C. Vs. 12 End of all flesh has come... D. Vs. 13 I am about to destroy them with earth E. Vs. 17 I am bringing flood of water to destroy all flesh. Everything will perish 	<p>Look at all the times God tells Noah that judgment is going to come on the earth. WHY was judgment going to come? Because GOD SAW what was going on in the world. GOD KNEW that Adam's family was “rotten to the core.”</p> <p>Gen. 6:13 “God's Judgment is certain.”</p> <p>During this time—what were the other people doing? Matthew 24 gives us an indication that they were going about LIFE AS USUAL. Could they have believed what Noah believed? If you were Noah, how do you think you would have felt being the ONLY one acting, thinking, speaking OPPOSITE from what everyone else around you was doing? His sons could have LEGITIMATELY</p>

III. God Tells Noah What to Do

A. Make an Ark

1. With rooms/
covered pitch
2. 450 ft x 75 ft x 45
ft.
3. One Door in side
4. Window/ three
decks

B. Enter the ark with

1. Your wife, sons,
their wives
2. 2 pairs of every
kind
3. Birds/creeping
things
4. Clean animals 7
pairs

C. Gather food

IV. Noah Obeys and is Saved

A. Noah did according to all
God commanded

B. Time was short: seven
more days—gather
animals

C. They enter the ark.

D. God closed door.

said, "But dad...everyone else is doing it!" and been totally truthful.

Can you imagine hearing these instructions?! God, you want me to do...what is that?

This is going to be a big job—
Can you imagine?

Day after day. Year after year. Staying FOCUSED on what God's Word had said was going to happen and Preparing for it?!

Can you imagine after 50 years how he must have appeared to his neighbors and acquaintances? Did they have ANY evidence that what he said was going to happen was actually going to happen?

Gen. 6:17
"The Job is big."

And then the day came..

Genesis 7:5-6

Noah did according to all God commanded him. And God told him that in seven days, the judgment would begin.

"God's Judgment is soon."

Everything is gathered. Is there still TIME for people to join Noah? What would they have to do?

Repent! Believe!

You know what they have on their calendars? Cousin Bill's wedding and Uncle Fred's funeral. "Life as usual." But it wasn't going to be life as usual. After everything was on the ark, the door was closed...by God.

The time was up.

It was time for judgment.

- E. Flood comes—40 days and nights.
 - 1. Waters take ark above mountains
 - 2. Everything covered
- F. Everything Perishes on Earth
 - 1. Everything on dry land that lived—died.
 - 2. God blotted it out
- G. Everything in the Ark lives

Genesis 7:13-16

“The righteous are saved.”

Concluding the Story:

In the New Testament, the believers were hanging on to promises that Jesus was going to come back to earth—and as time passed, people were making fun of them for hanging on to those promises. Look in II Peter 3:3-14... Read through the passage and make the parallels to the Noah passage.

God sees. He knows. And what is His attitude toward those who are under judgment because they are hanging on to their own lifestyles that are not pleasing to God? He is not willing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance. Peter says, “The reason He is waiting to bring judgment is not because He is SLOW....but because He is being kind in giving more time so people will turn to His Son Jesus.”

Why does Peter say, “Since this is going to happen...live godly”? Because IT MATTERS. God sees and knows those who are His and are living opposite how everyone around is living. His children who are living pure, not impure. Living in forgiveness and not in hatred. Living in truth and not in lies or covering or deception. Who are living in peace with each other and not in anger or rage. Who are living in humility and not in stubbornness or pride or boasting.

The question every person needs to answer is—which side am I on? Do I believe God and walking with Him? Have I believed His way of escape, Jesus Christ, as the only way to be saved from future judgment? Or am I going about my “Life as usual” with no thought of preparing for what is ahead?

Let’s pray.

NOAH AND THE FLOOD HELPS FOR THE TEACHER

Personal Application Questions:

1. When was the last time you heard a message specifically about the topic of God's coming judgment?
2. Have you ever taught a message about God's judgment before? Why or why not?
3. Read through the New Testament passages that mention or parallel the conditions that were present before the Flood was sent. What parallels do you see to the world situation today?
4. How do you know you will be kept from God's future judgment?

Application Questions to Think Through for your Students:

1. How often have your students been exposed to a message about the coming judgment of God?
2. Are your students secure in their safety from God's future judgment?
3. If your students already are secure in their safety from judgment, how can they find their role in being part of rescuing others from the coming judgment?

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