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Sermon Notes

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## **Judgment Day Arrives: Noah Enters the Ark Genesis 7:1-24**

Illus. Noah's "Entrance System"

I. "As it was in the Days of Noah..."

- A. Life went on as normal
- B. Sudden judgment... totally unexpected by the ungodly, totally expected by the godly

II. Difficult Questions

- A. Was the Ark big enough?
- B. What about the dinosaurs? Were they on the Ark too?
- C. Was there a flood at all?
  - What does geology show?
  - Does archaeology support the fact of the Flood?
  - Was it scientifically possible?
  - How did the flood happen?
- D. Was the flood local or worldwide?

III. The Last Days (vs. 1-5)

- A. Noah and his household
  - 1. God's command to Noah... obedience means salvation
    - a. Noah motivation: protect my family!!

***Hebrews 11:7 "By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family."***

- b. primary role of a godly husband & father
  - c. greater danger... eternal judgment! Spiritual protection as well
2. Righteousness can run in families
- a. Joshua 24

***Joshua 24:15 “As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”***

- b. Malachi 2

***Malachi 2:15 “Has not the Lord made them one? In flesh and spirit they are his. And why one? Because he was seeking godly offspring. So guard yourself and do not break faith with the wife of your youth.”***

- c. Cornelius the Centurion (Acts 10-11)
- d. The Philippian jailer (Acts 16)
- e. Crispus the Synagogue ruler (Acts 18)
- f. 1 Corinthians 7:14

***1 Corinthians 7:14 “Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is they are holy.”***

3. Last days generations: “As it was in the days of Noah...”
- a. proliferation of evil
  - b. hardening of heart

***Matthew 24:12 “Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold”***

- c. scoffing at the Word of God... warnings and promises

***2 Peter 3:3-6 “First of all, you must understand that in the last days, scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say, ‘Where is this coming he promised? Ever since our fathers died everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation...’”***

- d. Noah & family ALONE!!

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## Noah took God's warning seriously, and did not scoff.... He got busy building

### B. Clean and unclean animals (vs. 2-3)

1. Distinction elaborated at length later through Moses
2. Perhaps God had told him brief list
3. Focus: sacrifice... the seventh goes to God!! (Like the Sabbath)

### C. Final warning (vs. 4)

1. The final seven days of the ancient world
  - a. 2 Peter 3 "The world of that time..."
  - b. an entire culture and history about to be destroyed
  - c. Judgment Day is imminent... only the godly were ready
2. Time for Noah's final preparations
  - a. animals to be placed in their stalls
  - b. food supplied to be checked and re-checked
  - c. perhaps some goodbye to be said
3. One last chance for repentance... BUT scoffed at!
4. "You don't know the day or the hour...!"

### D. Total obedience (vs. 5)

1. Consistent pattern of Noah's life... four times (6:22; 7:5, 9, 16)
  - a. God's ways seem strange... build an ark??
  - b. in the end, we will understand better
  - c. church only as strong as its people obey God's commands
2. Hearing and obeying God is core of everything
3. Jesus: "Through one man's obedience..." Rom.5, 1 Cor. 15

#### IV. Noah Enters the Ark (vs. 6-10, 13-16)

##### A. Six hundred years

1. Lifetime of experience in old world... about to end

Like immigrants coming to America, leaving the Old World behind forever

2. Yet... Noah brought with him his experience to build a new world

##### B. Noah's faith-filled family

1. Each & every one of us descended from Noah
2. They submitted to his protection
3. NOTE: God's providence... no children yet

***1 Peter 3:20 "In the ark only a few people, eight in all, were saved..."***

##### C. The animals come

1. God's sovereign power over animals
  - a. birds: ravens fed Elijah at the brook Cherith
  - b. insects: God brought locusts, flies, gnats on Egypt & an inchworm to eat Jonah's vine
  - c. donkeys: God actually spoke through Balaam's donkey
  - d. fish: 153 fish swam at Jesus' command into the disciples' net

Of course, no fish needed swim to Noah... they would be fine

2. Supernatural submission (lion & lamb)

***Isaiah 11:6-9 "The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf, the lion, and the yearling together... the cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox... for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."***

3. Male & female, to preserve the seed (vs. 3)

- a. genetic information must be maintained
  - b. extinction threatened, every air-breathing species hanging by a thread
  - c. God's covenant: a thread God protects is the strongest substance in the universe
4. BUT "Was the ark big enough?"
- a. 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, 45 feet high
  - b. largest wooden vessel ever
  - c. medium-size freight ship
  - d. estimated 522 standard railroad stock cars... more than twice as large as necessary for every land animal known
  - e. genetics: not every single variance in species necessary... basic genetic material all that was needed
  - f. PERHAPS ONLY YOUNG ANIMALS TAKEN
  - g. PERHAPS they may have hibernated on the ark

Experiments on a scale model of the ark... incredibly stable in the water... could not be swamped!!

D. God shuts Him in

1. Practical concern: a huge leaky door
  - a. large door, large enough for elephants to enter
  - b. serious engineering problem... seal against all the pressure
2. Theological issue #1: God's covenant of protection for his righteous
  - a. God's covenant to Noah & his family

**6:17-18 "Everything on earth will perish. But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons, and your wife, and your sons wives with you."**

- b. Abiding principle: God know how to rescue the righteous while punishing the wicked

**Genesis 18:23, 25** *“Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? .... Far be it from you, to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of the earth do right?”*

**2 Peter 2:9** *“... the Lord knows how to rescue godly men from trials and to hold the unrighteous for the day of judgment...”*

3. Theological issue #2: The end of the open door... gracious opportunity ends

a. the shut door in Christ’s teaching

**[The wise and foolish virgins] Matthew 25:1-13**

**Matthew 25:10** *“And the door was shut. Later the others also came. ‘Sir, sir,’ they said. ‘Open the door for us!’ But he replied, ‘I tell you the truth I don’t know you.’”*

b. only God has the right to shut the door

i) The scribes and Pharisees “shut the kingdom of heaven in men’s faces”

ii) BUT when God shuts the door, it stays shut forever

**Luke 13:24-25** *“Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, ‘Sir, open the door for us.’ But he will answer, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from.’”*

**V. The Judgment Comes At Last** (vs. 11-12, 17-24)

A. The Mechanics of the Flood: How It Happened

1. All kinds of bizarre catastrophes now discussed

sudden tilting of the earth’s axis, bombardment of the earth by asteroids or meteorites, sudden slipping of the earth’s crust, gravitation caused by wandering planet or comet’s near-miss

2. SIMPLEST: what does the Bible says

**vs. 11** *“...on that day all the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened.”*

- a. water from down below: remember the streams that came up from the earth in Genesis 2:6... now the earth splits apart; violence BURST FORTH
- b. water from above; canopy gets drained... 40 straight days of rain... FLOODGATES OF HEAVEN

## Imagine sluice-gates of Grand Hoover Dam suddenly thrown wide open

### B. The Extent of the Flood: How Far It Went

- 1. Non-Christian archaeologists explain the flood as some local phenomenon
- 2. Bible says NO WAY: flood was world-wide
- 3. Fossil evidence from around the world
- 4. Evidence from text:

### **vs. 17-20 [Read text]**

- a. if God had wanted to communicate a world-wide flood, could He have spoken any clearer?
- b. “All high mountains under the entire heavens covered”
- c. vs. 20 “Covered to a depth of 20 feet...” COULD THE FLOOD HAVE BEEN GROTESQUELY EGG-SHAPED??
- 5. Evidence from the Ark: why built an ark for 120 years, gather animals all over the earth?

### C. The Duration of the Flood: How Long It Lasted

- 1. Rain fell 40 days & 40 nights
- 2. Water flooded the earth for 150 days (vs. 24)
- 3. Sufficient time to accomplish cleansing & purification of the earth

### D. The Effect of the Flood: Who It Affected

- 1. Three consecutive verses make it clear

### **Read vs. 21-23**

- 2. Absolutely no place to hide
- 3. “As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man”

## No place to hide, but in Christ!!

### E. The Significance of the Flood: The Character of God & the Calling of Man

#### 1. The Character of God

- a. God's patience expired: 120 years are over... God's patience is to lead us to repentance!

***Romans 2:4-5 “Or do you show contempt for his kindness, tolerance, and patience, not realizing that God’s kindness leads you towards repentance. But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant hearts you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God’s wrath when His righteous judgment will be revealed.”***

- b. God's holiness revealed: ultimately, judgment day comes!! It reveals God's holiness

***Habakkuk 1:13 “Your eyes are too pure to look on evil, you cannot tolerate wrong. Why then do you tolerate the treacherous? Why are you silent when the wicked swallow up those more righteous than themselves?”***

Answer to Habakkuk: Judgment Day reveals His holiness... He is patient, but He will not tolerate sin forever

- c. God's faithfulness to His work: upholds original creation... doesn't simply start over
- d. God's faithfulness to His word: judgment for the ungodly, protection for His chosen

#### 2. The Calling of Man

- a. “Be holy as I am holy”
- b. Direct connection between human race & earth
- c. Servant-leadership over earth
  - i) Noah not free to question... perhaps he wanted to kill the spiders or snakes
  - ii) Intricate biological systems beyond Noah's understanding
  - iii) Noah's time on ark... caring for animals; clear picture of how it should have been

d. Mandate to be re-established...

***Habakkuk 2:14 “For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.”***

Overall lesson: repent and enter the spiritual ark of salvation

God’s patience leads you to repentance

When Judgment Day comes, there will be no place to hide for those outside the ark

God’s patience gives you day after day, but it won’t last forever

God’s grace gives you a vessel of salvation: Jesus Christ

Come to Christ today

Lowe’s “Entrance system” cost \$3000...

God’s entrance system...

***Revelation 4:1 “After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven...”***

***John 10:7 “I tell you the truth, I am the door for the sheep... whoever enters by me will be saved.”***

Cost... the precious blood of the only begotten Son of God