

No. 121 A Worldwide Brotherhood Saved From Calamity

PLEASE NOTE: Emphasize the importance of becoming part of God's modern-day organization.
If you wish, you may use the provided artwork to illustrate the points indicated

A WORLDWIDE BROTHERHOOD EXISTS TODAY (5 min.)

Unity is rare and precious (Ps 133:1)

Jehovah's Witnesses are a global "association of brothers" [Read 1 Peter 2:17 and footnote]

Jehovah's Witnesses are united in their worship of Jehovah God (Isa 2:2-4)

They are unified by Christian love (Joh 13:34, 35; Col 3:14)

Men and women of all ages, races, tribes, nationalities, and backgrounds can be a part of this brotherhood (Ac 10:34, 35)

Jehovah's Witnesses actively invite everyone to become part of this worldwide brotherhood (Mt 24:14; Ac 1:8)

How you respond is very important; this brotherhood will soon survive the greatest calamity ever to befall mankind

MANKIND FACES A GLOBAL CALAMITY (5 min.)

Life in our time has been marked by calamity (Mt 24:7, 8)

War, disease, famine, and natural disasters have caused suffering to millions

The Bible foretells that the greatest tribulation in human history lies ahead [Read Matthew 24:21]

Soon the nations will be drawn into a final war against God (Re 16:13, 14, 16)

God will destroy his opposers (Jer 25:31-33)

Is there any way to survive this calamity? Let us examine how Jehovah God saved his worshippers from past calamities

GOD SAVED HIS WORSHIPPERS FROM PAST CALAMITIES (8 min.)

Noah and his family were preserved alive when God destroyed the wicked (Ge 6:5-7, 11, 12)

Noah and his family stood out as different from those around them (Ge 6:9; Heb 11:7)

Noah obeyed God's command to build an ark, and he and his family survived the global Flood (Ge 6:13-22) [Image 1]

Jesus compared the situation before the Flood to our day (Lu 17:26, 27)

Just as God delivered Noah and his family, He will deliver His worshippers when He brings an end to the present system (2Pe 2:9; 3:5-7)

First-century Christians were saved when Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 C.E.

Jesus foretold this calamity and indicated that some would be saved (Mt 24:15-22)

Those who heeded Jesus' warning survived (Lu 21:20-22; w14 5/15 25 ¶14) [Image 2]

Jesus' prophecy will have a greater fulfillment at the end of the present system (w15 7/15 15 ¶3)

As in the first century, those who obediently heed the warning will survive

HOW CAN YOU SURVIVE THE COMING CALAMITY? (8 min.)

Those who wish to survive the coming calamity must take certain actions

They must worship Jehovah and exercise faith in Jesus (Joe 2:32; Joh 3:16)

They must join with those who worship God "with spirit and truth" (Joh 4:24; 10:16)

First-century Christians worshipped as a united group (Ac 2:40-42, 46, 47)

They were organized, and they benefited from loving direction (Ac 16:4, 5; w16.11 11 ¶9-10)

True Christians today worship in unity as part of a distinct group—Jehovah's Witnesses (1Co 1:10; w11 6/1 15 ¶1-2)

Throughout the earth, they proclaim God's Kingdom and meet together to 'encourage one another' (Heb 10:24, 25; Mt 28:19, 20) [Image 3]

WILL YOU BE AMONG THOSE SAVED FROM CALAMITY? (4 min.)

People of all races and nationalities are now being gathered for survival (Re 7:9, 14)

Identifying yourself as one of Jehovah's Witnesses requires courage, but the rewards are great

Even now, you can enjoy the peace and the unity that exist among true Christians (Eph 4:3)

You can look forward to a time when everyone living will be part of a true brotherhood (Ps 37:34)

[Adhere closely to the outlined material, and observe the indicated timing of each section.

Not all cited texts need to be read or commented on. See *Ministry School* book, pages 52-55, 166-169]

TO BE COVERED IN 30 MINUTES

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