

THE FLOOD OF NOAH'S DAY AND YOU

Note to the speaker:

Allow the Bible to convince the audience that (1) the Flood was a real, historical event, (2) Jehovah will destroy the present wicked world, and (3) survival depends on our cultivating and demonstrating faith like that of Noah

THE GLOBAL FLOOD WAS A HISTORICAL EVENT (7 min.)

The Bible is our authority, and it teaches that the Flood was a real event

The Bible contains specific details regarding the Flood account (Ge 7:11; 8:4, 13, 14)

Jesus, the Son of God, provided eyewitness testimony (Mt 24:37-39; *w03* 5/15 6 ¶7)

Evidence exists that is consistent with the Flood account: (1) geologic evidence, (2) fossil evidence, and (3) the prevalence of flood legends (*w08* 6/1 8; *w02* 3/1 4; *g* 5/09 16-17)

Why does it matter whether the Flood really occurred?

DESTRUCTION OF AN UNGODLY WORLD SETS A PATTERN FOR OUR DAY (12 min.)

Jesus compared “the days of Noah” to “the presence of the Son of man” [Read **Matthew 24:37**]

What conditions existed prior to the Flood? What parallels do we see in the time of the end?

Pervasive apathy (Mt 24:38, 39)

Today, people often ridicule those who preach the good news (2Pe 3:3, 4)

Demonic influence (Ge 6:1, 2; *w08* 6/1 5 ¶2-4)

Many television programs and movies reflect a fascination with spiritism

In many lands, people annually celebrate festivals of the dead on nearly the same date when the Flood destroyed wicked humans (*w02* 3/1 4 ¶2; *rs* 181 ¶1-2)

Sexual depravity (Ge 6:4; *w03* 12/15 16 ¶10-12)

Today, pornography, premarital sex, adultery, and homosexuality are commonplace (Ro 1:26, 27)

Widespread violence (Ge 6:11; *w03* 12/15 16-17 ¶13-15)

Today, the news media often feature headlines of violent acts (2Ti 3:3, 13)

How will Jehovah respond to the wickedness on the earth in our day? [Read **2 Peter 3:5-7**]

He will destroy ungodly people, cleansing the earth of all unrighteousness (2Pe 3:13)

IMITATE NOAH'S FAITH IN ORDER TO SURVIVE (7 min.)

To survive the coming destruction, we must imitate the faith of Noah [Read **Hebrews 11:7**]

He built an ark and was “a preacher of righteousness” (2Pe 2:5)

We too must be engaged in “holy acts of conduct and deeds of godly devotion” (2Pe 3:11, 12)

We must avoid preoccupation with personal pursuits (Mt 24:38, 39)

Noah had the necessary faith and courage to be different from an ungodly world (Ge 6:9; *w08* 6/1 6)

Being different requires courage

Ask yourself, ‘Does my conduct silently condemn the world’s corrupt behavior?’ (1Pe 4:3, 4)

Why could Noah have such strong faith that Jehovah’s word would come true? (Ge 6:13, 17)

Noah likely knew of prior prophetic expressions from Jehovah that had come true (Ge 2:16, 17; 3:16-19)

DO NOT MISS THE PURPOSE OF THE FLOOD ACCOUNT (4 min.)

Jehovah inspired Moses to record the Flood account for our benefit

This account no doubt strengthened Moses’ faith for the challenges he faced later in life

We can read and meditate on this inspired Bible account to strengthen our faith

Not only is it a call to action but it is a reminder that Jehovah will soon deliver us from a world of unrighteousness (2Pe 2:9)

Very soon, in harmony with Jehovah’s purpose, obedient mankind will have the opportunity to fill the earth, make it a paradise, and live on it forever (Ge 1:28; 9:1)

[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]