

Noah: A Great Builder of God

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➤ Intro:

- **Noah accomplished an amazing feat:** building the ark, saving his family and two of every kind of animal, repopulating the earth again starting from one family, because God destroyed the earth and all flesh with water
- **Noah was a great builder of God**
 - lessons we can learn from him

➤ Noah was a man of faith – we have to have faith like Noah

- **Heb. 11:7** Noah believed when warned, obeyed (prepared ark)
 - believed it would rain and flood, destroy earth and flesh – never happen before
 - believed he and his family would be saved if obeyed
 - believed he could do what God commanded - build an ark to withstand deadly flood
 - didn't let absurd impossibilities (in human terms) stop him
 - steadfast and diligent, built the ark in less than a 100 years
 - Noah was 500 years old in Gen. 5:32, some time before commanded to build ark
 - Noah was 600 years old when he entered the ark (Gen. 6:14-21)
 - Shem, Noah's son was 100 years old, after the flood when he fathered a son (Gen. 11:10)
 - since Noah's sons were already married when God commanded him to build the ark (Gen. 6:18), it would have taken much less than a hundred years to build, possibly less than 60 or 70 years

- specs, ark:

- **450' feet long, 75' wide, 45' high** (calculating with cubit of 18") - cubit used probably longer
 - one door, one window, three stories
- **displacement:** 45,000+ tons

➤ - pics: size, difficulty to build in ancient times, daunting task

- **suggested remains of ark**, near Mt. Ararat, Turkey, surrounded area turned into national Park

➤ - ark replica #1, only ½ the length and 1/3 the width (built by Johan Huibers)

➤ - ark replica #2, another view

➤ - ark at 515' long (Egyptian cubit) compared to U.S.S. Kitty Hawk aircraft carrier

➤ - Heb. 11:6 we must have faith like Noah to please God, believe He's a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him

- believe and obey, even if what God says is absurd in human terms

- **illus.:** Abraham, commanded to kill only son, through who would come the promise

- **2 Pet. 3** earth destroyed with fire, so we should be godly people, realizing what will happen

- **2 Th. 1; Matt. 25** Christ's coming, judgment, punishment and reward, heaven and hell

- believe and do God's work in the kingdom, even though it may seem impossible

- **illus.:** worship in truth, contend for the truth, preach the gospel, relieve the needy

- Noah was a man of faith, pleasing God as a righteous man who was walking with God

- Are you a person of faith like Noah?

- Are you walking with God as a righteous man?

- If yes, If no,

- **Noah built more than an ark** – built people up, built family, built ark, more. . . .
 - **Gen. 6:8-9** Noah, grace (favor), righteous, walked with God – saved by grace
 - hadn't gone out to act like the Nephilim (vs. 4-5)
 - **Noah built more than an ark** – as a righteous man, walking with God
 - **Noah built people up** (edify), led them in the way of the Lord
 - example of life, walking with God, verbally preached
 - **Noah built a family**
 - **spiritual head** of his family, head of his wife
 - **raised his children** in the training and admonition of the Lord
 - **didn't stop leading** children when they got married, though the role changed
 - **Noah's family saved** (8 people), no one else
- - **Christians are builders too** – by faith (obey)
 - **Matt. 7:24-27** we build our lives on the rock (Jesus), not sand (Satan), act on words of Jesus
- - **Eph. 2:20-22** church, pillar and foundation of truth, upon Jesus and the apostles
 - **Col. 2:7** built up in Christ
 - **1 Cor. 3:5-15** build up the church as we plant and water with the word, God giving the increase
 - **1 Pet. 2:5** we are being built up as a spiritual house
- - **1 Th. 5:11** we build one another up
 - **Eph. 4:16** word, speaking truth in love, each one doing his share
 - **Eph. 5-6** build our families up in the Lord
- **Noah built more than an ark**
 - like him, we are builders too, walking in the footsteps of Jesus we *must* be builders
- **Noah was a preacher of righteousness** – didn't stop, didn't lose heart
 - **2 Pet. 2:5** Noah, preacher of righteousness
 - he was preaching the word of God while building the ark – maybe before, surely continued after
 - **example:** behavior, speech, everything he did
 - **teaching:** verbally instructing, defending truth
 - he didn't become discouraged when everyone refused to obey except his immediate family
 - **illus.:** describe what it may have been like, building ark, telling people about God, evil men all around, cf. evil men and angels in Sodom
 - **Christians are preachers of righteousness**
 - **Eph. 4:16** speak the truth in love
 - **1 Pet. 2:12** walking in the footsteps of Jesus, thus leading others to Christ
 - **1 Tim. 6:12** fighting the good fight, making the good confession
 - **Gal. 6:9** not lose heart, and we'll reap in due time if we don't grow weary
 - **Noah is one of the witness in Heb. 11, showing us how faithfully serve**
 - not lose heart, not grow weary, not shrink back to perdition
 - rewarded by God if remain faithful

Noah was a man of faith, built more than an ark, wasn't discouraged as a preacher of righteousness

➤ **Noah was ready**

- **Matt. 24:37-39 Noah was ready for the flood**

- **believed:** prepared the ark when warned by God, obeyed and entered ark leaving everyone behind but immediate family

➤ - **as Christians we believe:** warned, obey, leave all others behind if necessary

- **Heb. 13:12-14 we must go outside the camp**, leave everything else and everyone else behind

➤ - **Lk. 14:26-27 love Jesus more** than anyone, or anything else

- **as people of faith, like Noah, we are ready**

➤ **Noah was saved through water**

- **1 Pet. 3:20 faith, Noah** (whose salvation is an antitype), **saved through water, by grace of God (Gen. 6:8)**

- **ASV:** "that aforetime were disobedient, when the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water" (1 Pet. 3:20)

- **A.T. Robertson:** "By means of water" as the intermediate agent. . . ."

➤ - **1 Pet. 3:21-22a we are saved through water also** – baptism, not because we get wet, but because we obey God

Summary / Inv.

- **Noah was a great builder of God:** walked by faith, pleasing to God, righteous, walked with God

- **review PP**

- **inv.:** you can be saved through water, like Noah, through grace of God, because you obey Him