

# Noah and the Flood

Matthew 24:37-39

- Introduction:
- Study of a truly grand character
  - Study of a truly miraculous event.
  - Study of Gen. 6 to Gen. 10.

## I. Noah

### A. His Character

1. He was mentioned as one of the three best men that had ever lived to that time (Ezek. 14:12-20).
2. He was God's instrument to save mankind while God executed punishment on a wicked world.
3. Faithful among the faithless (Gen. 6:5-8; Gen. 7:1). The character of man had degraded to only a few righteous.
4. He was just and perfect in his generation (Gen. 6:9).
5. A preacher of righteousness (2 Pet. 2:5). There was never a more trying task to teach while building an ark over 120 years.

### B. His ancestors (show overhead - based on Gen. 5)

1. Enoch - Noah's great grandfather. He prophesied concerning the fate of ungodly people (Jude 1:14-15).
2. Methuselah - Noah's grandfather.
  - a. His name literally means, "He dies, there is a dart." Or, "When he dies, it will come." Methuselah died just prior to the flood.
  - b. Adam and Methuselah lived together on the earth for 243 years.
3. Lamech - Noah's dad. He lived together with Adam 56 years.
4. Noah easily received the historical accounts of Adam via Methuselah and/or Lamech. Noah was born 126 years after Adams death.

## II. The Flood - Genesis 7

### A. Amazing story - Some doubt this event.

1. Geological proof: Sea shells and fossils found everywhere.
2. Physical proof of the ark itself on Mt. Ararat.
  1. Latest satellite picture.
  2. Wood found on top of Mt. Ararat.
  2. Over 60 "eyewitness" accounts in the last 100 years.
3. Biblical proof in Matt. 24; Luke 17; II Pet. 2; I Pet. 3; Jude 14.

### B. Lessons from the flood.

1. Judgment against ungodliness.
2. Triumph of right over wrong.
3. Foreshadowing of salvation to come and catastrophe.

### III. Noah's salvation:

- A. By obedience (Gen. 6:22; Heb. 11:7).
- B. By faith (Heb. 11:7).
- C. By grace (Gen. 6:8).
- D. By water (1 Pet. 3:20-21) and a type of baptism.

### IV. Noah's reward.

- A. Blessed of God (Gen. 9:1).
- B. Heir of righteousness (Heb. 11:7).
  1. Which came by faith.
  2. Heir, not yet possessed.
- C. Not to forget God will never flood the earth again (Gen. 8:21-22).

Conclusion: We can receive God's blessing and become an heir of salvation through water like Noah (1 Pet. 3:20-21).