

E2E: Part 14b –The Ark

Genesis 8

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1. Genesis 1-5 demonstrates that God made His intentions & His purposes known but His ways were rejected. Because the population of the earth abandoned God, violence filled the earth.
2. Genesis 6 & 7 demonstrates God's response; He wipes the slate clean and starts over.
3. The act of 'remembering' in Hebrew thinking is God initiating a step in His plan to bring about a redemption. (Genesis 8: 1-5)
4. The Raven can tell Noah that Death is outside of the ark. The Dove will tell Noah if Life is outside of the ark. (Genesis 8:6-9)
5. The last time Noah heard the Lord speak, He said "go in", then there was only silence. Finally, Noah hears "go out". There is no explanation for the silence in between. We are merely left with a record of the quiet trust of an obedient life. (Genesis 8:13-17)
6. A different planet existed than what we ourselves now experience. The land that had once teemed with animals and people and vegetation was replaced by an incredibly devastated & desolate wilderness. (2 Peter 3:6-7)
7. The first thing Noah and his family are extremely aware of as they step off the ark into a very different world is that the wrath of God has been carried out.
8. Noah is an eyewitness to the staggering wrath of God poured out on a wicked world. He saw God's fury against sinners. Noah and his family had sin; the only reason they all weren't drowned was Grace. (Genesis 6:8)
9. Noah's burnt offering is a symbol of complete consecration and gratitude.
10. Jesus is the ark of safety. He is the one that rescues us from the wrath to come.

QUOTES

"The oceans now contain all the waters, which once were above the firmament and in the subterranean reservoirs of the deep. The land areas were much less extensive than before the Flood, with a much greater portion of the surface of the earth uninhabitable for this reason. The thermal vapor blanket was dissipated, so that strong temperature differentials were inaugurated, leading to a gradual buildup of snow and ice on the polar latitudes, rendering much of the extreme northern and southern land surfaces essentially uninhabitable.

"Mountain ranges uplifted after the flood emphasized the more rugged topography of the postdiluvian continents, with many of these regions also becoming unfit for human habitation. Winds, storms, rains, snow were possible now, thus rendering the total environment less congenial to man and animals than it had been before. The environment was also more hostile because of harmful radiation from space; no longer filtered out by the vapor canopy, a gradual reduction in human longevity after the flood. The crust of the earth was now in a state of general instability reflected in recurrent volcanic and seismic activity all over the world"

~ **Dr. Henry Morris**- The Genesis Flood

"...when they come to face to face with the devastation of judgment, they are struck by the fact that [this same judgment] is essentially what they personally deserve, and they know it. Noah knows he's not a perfect man. He knows he's not married to a perfect woman and doesn't have three perfect sons and perfect daughters-in-law. He knows they are sinners."

~ **Dr. John MacArthur**

Discussion Questions

1. What similarities or differences do you see between how God engaged with humanity within Noah's story and how God engaged with humanity within Jesus' story? Which stands out to you most?

2. How does Noah's story help you better appreciate what God has done for you in Christ?

3. As we become more aware of who God is and what he has done it should impact our sense of his value or worth to us (the word 'worship' literally means worth-ship - to give or recognize worth in something or someone). When Noah first left the ark his first act was to worship God. Mark said that we worship best when we are most aware of the enormity of what God has done.

What is something that God has done that has or does move you to worship him when you think about it?

4. The heart of worship is to submit or surrender yourself to the greater value or worth of that which you are worshipping. It is the natural response to God's awesome love and mercy. Offering yourself to God is what worship is all about.

Is there some part of your life right now that you believe is more important or valuable to you than God? Share this with someone else and ask them to pray that you would be able to make God a priority.