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# **The Flood Did Come and So Will Jesus Come**

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There are some things here we want to talk about. We live in a world today that if you talk to very many people you will find out that they really don't believe that Jesus Christ is going to come back to planet earth. They really don't think that He is ever going to come back. They think that He has forgotten about this place and He has wrote it off and He is never going to come back. The Bible teaches something totally different than that. The Bible teaches us that Jesus Christ is going to return. He is going to return in the clouds and He is going to give a shout. He is coming with the voice of the arch angel and trump of God. We know that all the dead that has been saved, that are in the graves are going to come forth and the Bible says that we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together in the air to meet them in the clouds and so shall we be forever with the Lord. We know that. Don't we? That is the teaching.

I know that in a lot of places, a lot of folks thinks and teach a general resurrection. They think that when the Lord comes and appears in the clouds that saved people are going to go to heaven and lost people are going to go to hell. The Bible does not teach a general resurrection. It doesn't teach that at all. It is not like that. There are a whole bunch of years, at least a thousand and seven years between the rapture and the time of the great white throne judgement, when you read your Bible. It is going to happen. Jesus Christ is going to come. He is coming back to planet earth.

A few weeks ago, I'm not sure when it was or where I was at but I was watching TV somewhere, it may have been a department store; I'm not sure where it was at, but they were having something somewhere and the TV cameras were there. There was a young man maybe 20 or 25 years old protesting whatever was going on. I happened to see what was on his sign—they were interviewing some people here—but he was standing behind him with his sign. His sign said this. "If Jesus comes back to planet earth, we will kill Him again." That is not going to happen folks. He is coming back to planet earth. However, you are not going to kill Him again. He is not going to die again. He died once for the sins of mankind. We know that He was buried and He arose again, the third day. He ascended back on high. We know that He led captivity captive and He gave gifts unto men; He also promised one day He is going to come again.

The very evening, on Thursday evening He was going to die on Friday. He made this statement to His disciples, "I'm going to go away but I am going to come again. I am going to come and get you." He made that promise many different times when He was here that He was going to return that He was going to come again. That is what we want to talk about tonight just for a moment.

What does the Bible teach about Jesus returning here to planet earth? I think there are some very visible signs, some things that Jesus Christ himself said that was going to be

going on here on planet earth right prior to His return to earth. I think we can look at them today; some things that are very visible, things that we can look at and know that we are living in the season wherein Jesus Christ is going to return. No. We don't know the day nor the hour. We don't know when exactly that is going to take place. However, we know that soon we believe that Jesus Christ is going to return to planet earth.

**Matthew 24:36** But of that day and hour knoweth no *man*, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

**Matthew 24:37** But as the days of Noe *were*, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

**Matthew 24:38** For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

**Matthew 24:39** And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Do you think Jesus Christ is going to come? Do you really think that He is? Amen! He is going to come back to planet earth. Turn back to Genesis. Jesus makes the statement: "As it was in the days Noah, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." He makes that statement and what He is saying is this.

He is telling us that just like it was in the days of Noah, it will be the same way on planet earth when I return. Does everybody get that? That is very simple isn't it? He is making that very plain to us. He is telling us here something that we look at—this is part of the sermon on the mount—this lesson is being told to the disciples two or three before Jesus is going to die. They had a question. As they left the temple area and as they were leaving they had a couple of questions. Jesus told them about the temple. They were bragging about the temple and how beautiful the temple was and so forth. Jesus told them that there will not be one stone left upon another that shall not be thrown down. We know that very things happened.

They asked Him a question. When shall these things be? In other words, when will the temple be destroyed. What shall be the sign of thy coming and of the end of the world? They asked Him that question.

He goes and said a lot of things about nation rising against nation, kingdom and against kingdom, and there are going to be false christs, brother is going to rise up against brother. There is going to be division and all kinds of issues are going to happen.

He also says here and what I want to talk about tonight is how it was in the days of Noah. There has never been a time in all of history that as we are living in today that it is so much like the days of Noah were. Do you know what that should be telling us? this is not my thoughts. I want you to read it right out of your Bible, as we look at it. it is going to show you and prove unto you that we are living in the times and the seasons where Jesus Christ is going to come back to planet earth. He is coming very soon. If you turn back to the book of Genesis 4; you will read about a guy by the name of Cain. Do you remember him. Do you remember Cain and Able? Do you remember that story?

One day Cain goes out and Able goes out and they go out in the fields. Do you know what Cain does? He kills his brother. He absolutely just kills his brother. When you read verse 8 of chapter 4, he kills his brother and the Bible says here when you read verses 16 and 17; the Bible says that he goes out from the presence of the Lord and he dwells in the land of Knob on the east side of Edom and he builds a city. We know that God pronounced judgement upon Cain because of his sin and what he did. We understand that.

If you read on down get this in chapter 4 verses 19 and 23; we can read about a guy by the name of Lamech. If I pronounce his name right. Get this. The Bible says that Lamech took two wives and he killed two men. Do you see that? Do you read that?

**Genesis 4:19** And Lamech took unto him two wives: the name of the one *was* Adah, and the name of the other Zillah.

**Genesis 4:23** And Lamech said unto his wives, Adah and Zillah, Hear my voice; ye wives of Lamech, hearken unto my speech: for I have slain a man to my wounding, and a young man to my hurt.

He took two wives and he killed two men. I don't know whether he killed these two women's husbands. I don't know what he did, but I know that he took two wives and he killed two men.

During the time of Noah, Jesus said here, in the last days that men would marry and given in marriage. Doesn't it. That is what He said. Didn't He? Lamech here, the Bible tells us that he took two wives and he kills two men.

Get this. This is very important. We are going to read on here in a minute about the violence that was taking place during the time of Noah. It was a very wicked time. However, you can read the word violence many different times here when you read about the story and about the time of Noah. It was a very violent, wicked, dangerous time that Noah was living in; right prior to the flood, it was very dangerous time. There is not doubt that people locked up their homes. They boarded up everything that they had. They did everything that they could to protect themselves and protect themselves against the thieves and all the crime that was going on, just like today.

You can't put enough locks on things today to keep people out of it. You are not safe anywhere you go. Used to our children were safe when they went to school, but they are not safe there anymore. They are not safe there anymore. It used to be that we were safe when we came to church, but really, we are not safe there anymore. It used to be that we were safe in our homes, but do you know what we can do today? We can carry a gun on each hip and still yet we are not safe in our homes. A time of violence during the time of Noah; it was a horrible time. Today, if you would do just a Google search; do you know what our government tells us? They do studies on this stuff all the time. Every 25.3 seconds—I'm not talking about 25.3 hours, or 25.3 minutes—every 25.3 seconds there is a crime committed with violence in it in America. Isn't that scary? Every 25 seconds there is a crime that is being committed with violence.

The Bible tells us during the days of Noah, it was a very violent time. Wholesale murder. People were killing one another. They would kill one another like crazy.

**Genesis 4:20** And Adah bare Jabal: he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and of *such as have* cattle.

If you go on down here and read down here in chapter 4, verse 20 of Genesis; we are going to read about a guy named Jabal. The Bible tells us that he was a father of such that dwelled in tents and such that had cattle. Do you know what that is telling us? He was a business man. He no doubt, was a fellow that was very smart. He had a business. He was very clever no doubt.

Today, in the time we are living in today; we have all kinds of businessmen today. We have seen men today, take just a few dollars and turn it into billions of dollars. Haven't we? We have seen businesses flourish. We have seen businesses go—I don't have a phone on me—but we have seen people that took these little phones, 5 to 20 years ago and took just a few dollars and took some stuff and built a little phone. Today, they are worth billions and billions of dollars.

There were very smart business people in the time of Noah. We have some very smart intelligent people in this world we live in today. When you look at the world, they are very shrewd, very cunning. They know how to do business. They know how to do business where they are going to make money and they are going to get your money if they can. Amen! Here he was.

If you go on down through here and read, you will read about another guy down here in verse 21—we are getting somewhere, I promise. His name Jubal. He was a father of all such as handled harps and fiddles. He is telling us here that he was a musician. He was a guy that liked music. There is no doubt as I read the story, as I read the scripture, during the time of Noah; it probably would be just like tonight. If you would go over and walk through Walmart, do you know what you are going to see? You are going to see people young and old walking around with things stuck in their ears. When you walk past them, you will be able to hear their music. Amen!

We are living in a time today where music has exploded. Everywhere you go, you hear music. You drive down the road, you hear music. Truth! We go in our homes, we hear music. Our kids are listening to music. A lot of it is just noise. A lot of it doesn't have any music to it, actually. A lot of it is just noise, but they call it music.

During the time of Noah, right prior to the flood, there is no doubt that music was a very big part of people's lives.

Everybody wants to hear something. I don't know why we just don't want to sit on the porch anymore. I don't know why we just don't like that quiet time with not a lot of racket. If we get that way, and I'll agree with you, I'm the same way; it doesn't take me long to get bored. In the time of Noah, music was a big deal. In our day, today, music is a big deal. It is a billion-dollar industry in America. Music is a very big deal. In the age we are living in, it is getting bigger every day.

When you look at Genesis 4:22, there is a guy by the name of Tubalcain. The Bible tells us here that he was an instructor. He was an artist, actually. He was a guy that was very skilled in brass and iron. He was a guy that could take brass, iron and metal and mold it, shape it, and build anything that he wanted to build. He was a guy that could instruct people on how to do some great things with all different kinds of metal.

[Genesis 4:22](#) And Zillah, she also bare Tubalcain, an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron: and the sister of Tubalcain *was* Naamah.

In today's society, we have some people that are absolutely brilliant with working with

steel, iron and all kinds of metals.

Back when I used to work construction, I never could weld much. I never could burn much. However, there were some people that I worked with that had an absolute art. They were someone that had a skill beyond my thinking. They could take a piece of metal, torch, and grinding wheel, and some of the stuff they could make was absolutely astounding. Today, we make buildings that are thousands of feet in the air, fifteen hundred feet in the air, and we make it out of metal. We have people that not only can do that but they can instruct people on how to do that.

In Noah's day, there were people that were very skilled in working with iron and brass. They taught people. They had an education. They were very educated people. All this stuff was going on during the time of Noah. Right prior to the flood—we think about people back then riding camels, and being uneducated and all of that—however, when you read your Bible you are going to find out something different than that. People during the time of Noah, were very well educated.

We are going to read that when you go down to Genesis 6:1 & 2; you are going to find out some things here that we know. When you read verses 1 & 2, the Bible is going to tell us here that when you verse 2 of chapter 6; you are going to find out that the women back then—get this—were very beautiful. The Bible uses the word *fair*. Do you know what that means? That means that women were very beautiful before the flood. Today, probably like in no other time in all of history, except during the time of Noah; women are beautiful women. We have beautiful women in our world today. Amen! Some of them may be artificial. Some of them may be because of this or that but women are beautiful today. Women are beautiful today, probably greater than anytime, except the days of Noah. It says they were fair.

Not only that but also the Bible tells us here, if you read on down through here; that things happen. Things start to happen. In verse 4, there were giants in the land. Did you read that? There were giants in the land during that time. Right prior to the flood. There were people that were giants. I don't think they were talking about giants ten feet tall as Goliath was. We don't have people that are ten feet tall today. Do you know what? We have giants in our land today.

When we look at medicine and what people have done with medicine. We have people who have done some outstanding things with inventions. Haven't we? We can take a little cell phone here and punch a few buttons and we can talk to someone in Israel just like that. Truth! We can punch another button and sit there and look at one another. Do you know what? That took a brilliant mind to do that. That absolutely took a brilliant mind for somebody to invent that. We can send men to the moon and back. That takes people who are giants in this world to be able to do that—to have that ability, to have that understanding, to have that wisdom to be able to build things. We can take people, literally thousands of miles and drop them off on the moon, put them back in a ship and bring them back to planet earth. People are giants today in medicine and in education. People have invented things that are... We can get in our cars. Did you ever think about the person who invented cars way back when? And see how far they have come along today. It is a little bit different story. Isn't it? do you know what we don't have to do today? We don't have to go outside and stick the crank in the front end of it and crank it and start it. that is what they used to have to do. we each had an old tractor we

used to have to do it on. things have come a long way. We can punch a button if we are hot and it will cool s off. We can punch another button if we are too cold and it will heat us up. If we want to go from here to Miami, we can punch a button and talk to somebody that is—I don't know where they are at—do you know what they will do? they will tell us every move we need to make from here to Miami. That is a giant in their field. People are very smart today. People were very smart in Noah's day. Brilliant people. People were smart. They were very intelligent. They had a lot of wisdom, not about God, not towards God, but there were people that were very smart. They were people who could some mighty things. We have people like that, doing that today. Again, that is another thing that it points us to is that we are living in the time that Jesus Christ is going to return.

Here is what happens.

The Lord spoke unto a guy by the name of Noah. Noah is a great picture of the story about faith that works. In our lesson this morning we had about faith and works, Noah is a tremendous picture of about faith in God that works. It is about a story that he heard the Word of God in his mind. It made him tremble in his heart. The Bible said he feared, but also in His will—do you know what he did? —he moved. God told him, He is going to send a flood because every thought and every imagination of men's hearts, continually, was evil and wicked. God said it repents me that I even made man and put him on earth. He said, "I'm going to wipe them all out. Everything, every man, every woman, every individual that is here, every thing that creeps upon the ground; I'm going to kill it all because they have sinned. They are wicked. They are immoral. They are violent and evil." God said, "I'm going to destroy them." He speaks to a guy by the name of Noah. He said, "Noah, this is what I am going to do. Noah, if you want to be saved, if you want to save your family then you need to build a boat. You need to build this boat 300 cubits long (450 feet long)." It was going to be 75 feet wide, 35 feet tall. It was going to be 3 different stories. It was going to have a door in the side and one window in the top. That is all it was. He tells him, "Noah, if you want to be saved, build that boat because I am going to send a flood." The Bible says that Noah heard God. He moved with fear. Get that. He built a house to the saving of his family. That is what the Bible tells us. Isn't it?

The Bible also tells us, when you read the book of Peter that Noah preaches. Noah preaches, when I read the story about Noah, probably for a 120 years. Noah is out here in a place where there is no water, a place that in the natural realm, looking at it, you could not get enough water out there to float this boat because it was out in the middle of nowhere. The big thing was that Noah was telling people that it was going to rain but it had never rained. They had never seen water come from the sky. They had never seen rain come and fall from the sky like we saw here today. He preached and he told them that God was going to send a flood. It is going to rain. You need to repent. You need to straighten up. You need to believe God and get ready to meet Him. However, they did not believe him.

He preached. Do you know what he didn't do? I have heard people all the time say, well people don't like me, or people have rejected me and I am just going to quit. Do you know what? Listen. If you take that attitude, you are not going to get very far in your Christian life. Listen. Not everybody is going to like you. I'm going to tell you that.

Not everybody is going to receive your message.

If Noah was a guy that was easily discouraged, he would have drowned with the rest of them. He is preaching. I don't know how many people lived on earth then. I don't know. However, he preached and he worked. Do you know what he knew all along? He did not know when for sure but he knew there was going to come a day when God was going to send the rain.

I don't know when it is going to happen, but I do know one day, Jesus Christ is coming back to planet earth. It is going to happen. The same message is true today as it was in Noah's time. You need to get ready, because judgement is coming. Amen!

Noah preached. Nothing happened. He worked. He built. His family worked and his family worked and they built. To build a boat that was 450 feet long, and 75 feet wide and 35 feet tall; it took some pretty intelligent people. To get that much timber and that much wood to be able to do that; it took a lot of work. Didn't it? It just didn't all come in. He just didn't snap his fingers and it rolled up. He went to work.

When God speaks, and we really believe God then we are going to go to work. Amen! He believed what God said, and it promoted good works. The work that he was doing was going to save him and his family. The work that he was doing was going to save all that wanted to get on. He works and he works, and he labored.

He preaches and tells people. Probably people walked by and mocked him. They probably said, Noah, it is not going to rain. Why don't you quit old man? You are killing yourself. It is not going to rain. There is nothing going to happen. Why don't you quit. Do you know what Noah knew? He knew God had spoken. He believed God. He knew that it was going to rain.

When the boat was done, do you know what God did? God spoke to Noah and said, "It is time." There is no doubt in my mind that God spoke to the animals. He brought in the animals and they put them in the ark. We know that He brought one male and one female of all the different species. We also know that he brought some clean animals by 7's. Noah and his family were going to have to eat for a long time in this boat. Could you imagine having enough food and water to be able to sustain a boat that is 450 feet long and 75 wide full of animals? That would take a lot of stuff. Do you know that?

Do you know what God did? God sent the animals. They are all in. God tells Noah, "Get your family. Get in the boat. Get in Noah." Do you know what the Bible says? They get in. When you read the story, they get in the boat. It sits there for 7 days. Nothing happens. They are on the inside. They are sitting there and just waiting. Noah knows it is going to rain. Do you know how he knows? Because God told him. He believed what God said.

Ask yourself a question today. Do you really believe what God says? Do you really believe that Jesus Christ, when He said, He was going to come back to planet earth; do you really believe that? Do you really believe that there is a heaven and hell? Do you really believe that lost people are going to go to a lake of fire and saved people are going to go to heaven? Do you really believe that? You should because it is true.

It sat there for 7 days. Do you know what God did? Noah did not have to shut up the side of it. Do you know what God did? He took care of that. He shut up the side of it. here Noah and his family are inside of the boat with all these animals. Something

happens.

Have you ever been in a house before that has a tin roof on it and it starts to rain? Probably, most of you have never been there. Back when we were kids, we lived in an old house—I know some of you have—but we lived in an old house that if you were the one that slept close to the window when it was snowing, you got snow on you. Okay? The old roof had some kind—the ceiling had something on it—but when it rained, it was just like, no that old metal roof, it was just like somebody was up there beating with a hammer.

Noah and his family were in the ark and something happens that these people all around Noah, and the communities where he was at, something happens that they were not counting on. Something happens that they said would never happen. That is what the world is saying today. He is never coming back. It starts to rain. It starts to rain. The thunder rolls in. The black clouds, no doubt, begin to roll. It starts to rain. It rains and it rains and it rains... The Bible says the fountains of the deep were broken up. Do you know what that means? There was water coming from the heaven but there was also water coming up from the bottom. There was water coming from everywhere.

I promise you something. I don't read this in the Bible, but I know human nature. When it started to rain there is no doubt in my mind that some people changed their mind. Amen! It changed their mind. Probably what they thought and probably what they said, maybe, maybe, surely, maybe just maybe this old guy wasn't so crazy. Maybe we had better get to the boat and get in because this thing may be a whole lot worse than we think. When they go to the boat, do you know what they found out? They couldn't get in.

Get this folks. God is not a God that takes pleasure in people's suffering. God is not that God. God is not a God that takes pleasure in judgement or punishing people. That is not the God of heaven. However, God and His grace gave people here 120 years to repent. That is a long time. Don't you think? That is a long time. Most of us here, probably none of us here in this auditorium will live to be 120 or anywhere close to that. God was a very longsuffering, gracious God and He gave them ample time to repent. He warned them. If you don't repent, there is a flood coming.

He is warning people today, all across this world; you need to repent. You need to turn from your sin. You need to get right with the God of heaven because He is coming. One day you are going to stand before Him in judgement. You need to repent. People turn a deaf ear. You mention that to people today and they will write you off as a crack pot. You are crazy. Don't tell me I am going to hell. Don't tell me that is going to happen to me. Don't talk to me like that. That is what people will tell you.

People changed their minds when it started to rain. The Bible tells us it rained for 40 days and 40 nights. The Bible also tells us that the water picked up the boat and took off. Noah had no way to guide it. Did he? It wasn't on there. Noah did not know where he was going. Noah did not know how long he was going to be on the boat, where it was going to land, where it was going to stop; Noah had no idea. However, he knew one thing. The same God that told him to build the boat, the same God that told him to get in the boat, the same God that shut up the side of it, while he is in the boat, the same God that sent the rain was the same God that was guiding the ship. Noah knew that.

In life folks, I hope that we allowing the Lord to direct our ship, our path in life. I hope we are allowing the Lord to do that. I don't know the direction all the time. I don't know what is going to happen tomorrow, next week, next month, or next year; I don't know those things. Do you know what we need to be doing today? We need to be trusting the God of heaven. The Bible tells us that the steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, or the steps of a good person is ordered by the Lord. Do you know what God wants to do? God wants to direct our ship. God wants to direct our lives.

Do you know what happens after a long time in the boat? The water begins to recede. The ark lands on Mount Ararat. We know that after some time, Noah and his family gets out of the ark. They start repopulating the earth.

Here is the lesson tonight. Jesus Christ said that He was going to come. Jesus Christ tells us that as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it also be in the days of the coming of the Son of man. He mentions violence. He mentions wickedness. He mentions marrying and giving in marriage. He mentions that all the things that were going on during the time of Noah will be happening in our society right prior to when He comes back.

Listen. Jesus Christ is coming. I challenge you to go back and study the days of Noah. Go back and see all the things that were happening. Then you look and see what is happening today, you don't have to be a theologian, you don't have to be a scholar to know that we are living the days when Jesus Christ is going to come. He warning us today. He is warning us. He is warning everyone everywhere; "I am about ready to come." Just as He warned them it was about ready to rain. He is warning people in this world today, "I'm going to return one day."

Here is the thing I want you to understand. If God has spoken to your heart, you have had warning after warning...as these people in Noah's day did and they did not heed that. For whatever reason; it said they were marrying and given in marriage. Do you know what that really means? They were eating and drinking, marrying and given in marriage. They did not think that anything was going to change. They thought life was just going to go on and on.

I can talk to my family now, and do you know what they think? Bob, I have all kinds of time. I'm young. I'm 40 or 50 years old. I will do that when I get the kids raised, the grandkids raised; when I get through this or that then I will turn my life over to the Lord. I'm going to live to be 90 years old.

As I told someone today, we have no guarantee of tomorrow. Surely, not 25 years from now.

He is warning us. He is warning people to repent, change direction in life. Do an about face. Get right with me (God), because I am coming.

Just as it was then. God shut up the side of the boat and there was no doubt that when it was raining and the water was coming up; people are beating on the boat. They are probably trying to climb the side of it. They are probably trying to get in. They are doing all kinds of things to try to get in the boat, but they couldn't get in. Do you know why? Because God had shut up the side of it.

There is going to come a time in life folks—I don't when that it is for you—but there is going to come a time when God is going to send the last invitation for you. There is

going to come a time that God's grace is not going to be extended anymore. There is going to come a time that you are going to step across the line somewhere that you will never have another opportunity to be saved. I'm not trying to scare you. I'm not trying to say that God's grace is limited. I'm not trying to tell you that at all. I am trying to tell you that there is going to be a day, there is going to be an hour when Jesus Christ is going to come. Before He ever comes do you know what could happen to you? Your heart could quit beating. You could die. You could die in an accident.

Listen. It could happen. It is my prayer that if you are not ready to meet Jesus Christ to get ready because it may be tonight when he comes.

He is a gracious God. He loves you. He cares about you. He wants to save you. He wants you to be forgiven. He wants to take you to heaven one day. He wants to do that. The choice is yours.

Come and pray—