**Walk Through the Bible**

**Lesson Number Seven**

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**God Gives Noah Instructions for an Ark**

In our previous study, we found that angels had worked together to try and cut off the blood line from which the Messiah would be born.

The angels fell sometime after Adam and Eve were removed from the Garden and before Noah’s flood.

We also know that some angels fell after Noah’s flood. We see the evidence of them when David had all five of the remnants of the giants killed while he was king.

Some people believe fallen angels have something to do with much of UFO business. (Demonic manifestations?)

Some Bible scholars believe that Noah and his family were the only humans that were not infected with the blood of these giants. I certainly believe that.

In order to make sure that the Holy blood line would continue, God had to destroy all of mankind except for Noah and his wife, their three sons and their wives.

No human being, since the time of Adam had seen rain. The earth was watered by streams and springs.

**Genesis 2:4-6 (GW)**
4  This is the account of heaven and earth when they were created, at the time when the LORD God made earth and heaven. 5  Wild bushes and plants were not on the earth yet because the LORD God hadn't sent rain on the earth. Also, there was no one to farm the land. **6  Instead, underground water would come up from the earth and water the entire surface of the ground.**

Then Noah found favor with God.

**Genesis 6:8-9 (GW)**
8  But the LORD was pleased (found favor) with Noah. 9  This is the account of Noah and his descendants. Noah had God's approval and was a **man of integrity** among the people of his time. **He walked with God**.

Why is it that in the Bible, it seems like God chooses certain people and then He blesses them.

**2 Chronicles 16:9a (GW)**
9  The LORD'S eyes scan the whole world to find those whose hearts are committed to him and to strengthen them.

God could have, just as easily, chosen someone other than Abraham; other than Isaiah; someone other than David. But God found them to be faithful!

**ARE YOU BEING FAITHFUL?**

**Acts 10:34 (KJV)**
34  Then Peter opened *his* mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

**Romans 2:11 (KJV)**
11  For there is no respect of persons with God.

**God absolutely does NOT play favorites!**

**God wants to use you! Are you ready to pay the price that it costs?**

For 120 years, Noah had been building the ark.

**Can you imagine the amount of ridicule he went through?**

**How many times do you think Noah may have been tempted to stop building the ark?**

Noah kept right on building, according to God’s blueprints.

**What can we learn from Noah?**

**He persevered.**

**He believed God even though he had never seen rain.**

**He remained faithful even as he was ridiculed and scorned.**

In Genesis chapter 6, God tells Noah what to build the ark from and He gives him the exact dimensions.

God also told Noah to, not only take two of each animal, male and female, He commanded Noah to take the “clean” animals by the sevens.

**Why did God tell Noah to take SEVEN pairs of clean animals?**

 **For eating**

**For sacrifices**

**Genesis 7 New Living Translation**

When everything was ready, the Lord said to Noah, “Go into the boat with all your family, for among all the people of the earth, I can see that you alone are righteous. 2Take with you seven pairs—male and female—of each animal I have approved for eating and for sacrifice, and take one pair of each of the others. 3**Also take seven pairs of every kind of bird**. There must be a male and a female in each pair to ensure that all life will survive on the earth after the flood. 4Seven days from now I will make the rains pour down on the earth. And it will rain for **forty days and forty nights**, until I have wiped from the earth all the living things I have created.”

There are certain patterns to the way God does some things. You will frequently see the number 40 in the bible.

It is my personal belief that there will be a “Pre-tribulation” rapture. Paul said we would all be changed in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye. He said then, the dead in Christ would rise first followed by those of us who were changed.

I believe we will minister to God’s elect Jews for forty days after our bodies are changed. Then, like Enoch, we will walk into Heaven. I do not believe there will be chaos on the earth like people has taught.

**1 Corinthians 15:51-53 (NLT)**

51But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! 52**It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown.** For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed. 53For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies.

We will be CHANGED in a brief moment but the Bible does not say we will be taken immediately.

Enoch and Elijah never died. Both men are in Heaven today.

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5So Noah did everything as the Lord commanded him.

6Noah was 600 years old when the flood covered the earth. 7He went on board the boat to escape the flood—he and his wife and his sons and their wives. 8With them were all the various kinds of animals—those approved for eating and for sacrifice and those that were not—along with all the birds and the small animals that scurry along the ground. 9**They entered** the boat in pairs, male and female, just as God had commanded Noah. 10After seven days, the waters of the flood came and covered the earth.

11When Noah was 600 years old, on the seventeenth day of the second month, **all the underground waters erupted from the earth**, and the **rain fell in mighty torrents** from the sky. 12The rain continued to fall for **forty days and forty nights**.

13That very day Noah had gone into the boat with his wife and his sons—Shem, Ham, and Japheth—and their wives. 14With them in the boat were pairs of every kind of animal—domestic and wild, large and small—along with birds of every kind. 15**Two by two they ca**me into the boat, representing every living thing that breathes. 16A male and female of each kind entered, just as God had commanded Noah. Then **the Lord closed the door** behind them.

17For forty days the floodwaters grew deeper, covering the ground and lifting the boat high above the earth. 18As the waters rose higher and higher above the ground, the boat **floated safely** on the surface. **19Finally, the water covered even the highest mountains on the earth, 20rising more than twenty-two feet (15 cubits) above the highest peaks.**

The Earth was not like it is today with mountain peaks rising 30,000 feet about sea level, nor were their deep chasms in the oceans. We see later on in Peleg’s lifetime **the earth was separated**. It must have been a terrible time on the earth with earthquakes, etc.

**Genesis 10:25 (KJV)**
25  And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of one *was* Peleg; **for in his days was the earth divided;** and his brother's name *was* Joktan.

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21All the living things on earth died—birds, domestic animals, wild animals, small animals that scurry along the ground, and all the people. 22Everything that breathed and lived on dry land died. 23God wiped out every living thing on the earth—people, livestock, small animals that scurry along the ground, and the birds of the sky. All were destroyed. The only people who survived were Noah and those with him in the boat. 24And the floodwaters covered the earth for **150 days**.

**In the 120 years that it took Noah to build the ark, how often do you think fear, anxiety or doubt tried to attack him?**

**Noah did not quit, he did not give up!**

**Hebrews 10:35-39 (KJV)**
35  Cast not away therefore your confidence **(boldness)**, which hath great recompence of reward. 36  For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. 37  For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.
38  Now the just shall live by faith: but if *any man* draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. 39  But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

**When we believe in our HEARTS we CAN be bold and not lose our confidence! There is a great reward for walking by faith and keeping the course!**