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In The Days Of Noah

I just saw a post on social media that led me to write a response.

The post said

God did not flood the earth in the days of Noah because of sin. Think about that for a minute.

Pure and simple. It was God's judgement for man's rejection of God.

For sure, sin hurts us. We are all born with Original sin (which is our man's nature to only sin and reject God). The Bible says we have all fallen short and sinned. No man seeks God.

However God is not willing that any should perish but that all would come to every lasting life. Jesus said, "No man comes to the Father, but by me. I am the way the truth and the life." Paul says, "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."



Romans 10:9-10 tells us how. "The Word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and that if thou shall confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in thine heart, that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

And in Ephesians, "For it is by free grace that you are saved and made partakers of Christ's salvation through faith. And this salvation is not

of yourselves (of your own doing, it comes not through your own striving, but it is the gift of God.)

What was it like in the days of Noah? First, there were a lot of people. I mean a lot. And the population was rapidly growing. The people were living for themselves and were exceedingly evil. I've read all kinds of papers and research that puts the population anywhere from 1 billion to over 30 billion people.

Out of all those souls, there were only 8 persons that accepted God and believed in Him.

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I believe God brought about the flood for many reasons, but primarily for judgement.

God is in the reconstruction business, not the destruction business (Satan destroys, God restores).

God took those 8 believers and repopulated the world, sent the Messiah who was rejected by Israel. And today we are enjoying the church age.

And this age will come to an end soon.





Just as God used the Genesis Flood as the vehicle for judgement, He did two important things.

First, He had Noah and his family warning the world that judgement was coming for over 129 years.

Secondly, He had Noah build an ark to protect his family and all of God's animals while judgement was being literally poured out upon the entire world.

After the flood God restarted life in the world and selected the Israelites as His chosen people

- to be a lamp to the world,
- to be the people who would receive God's laws,
- be his representative to the world, and above all be faithful to Him.
- God made Israel the lineage through whom the Messiah, the Christ would come to restore mankind to God.

Jesus the Christ, the only perfect human who has ever lived paid the penalty for all of mankind's sins, past present and future.

The Israelites agreed to be faithful to God Almighty, love Him and Obey Him. In return, God promised the Israelites that He would establish His never-ending kingdom with them and rule the world from Jerusalem.

The Israelites were not faithful and they rejected both God and the promised Messiah. After Israel rejected Jesus as the Christ, the Messiah, God rejected Israel and brought Judgement against them and separated them from the land to live throughout the world.

Israel was to be banished throughout the world until God's plans were ready for Him to establish His never-ending Kingdom as promised Israel.

Let me say this again. It is important.

God is ready to establish His holy Kingdom (Often referred to as the Millenium) from which God, Israel, the saints and His bride will rule the world.

1. What's next:

1. God calls all Israel back their homeland (This is now in progress)
2. The rapture will remove all church saints from earth, both deceased and living as they are not appointed to wrath.
3. God will pour out His judgment on the entire world in one last desperate act to bring everyone to salvation. This includes the nation Israel.

The very next event on the prophecy calendar is rapture then great tribulation.

God will bring judgement through great tribulation upon this planet like its never seen before, or ever will again.

Why?

To force mankind to see without a doubt that God Almighty is sovereign with all authority and power eternally. No one can oppose Him. Not Satan or His demons. God has created everything and everyone. His power and authority is absolute. It is incredibly absurd for anyone to even think can oppose Him. God is the sustainer of all and He calls rebellion foolish; useless foolishness.

He loves each of us so much that the Great Tribulation has been designed to give us a final wake-up call to get our life right with God.

You're in the club, the hour is late and the waitress is at your elbow screaming, "Last Call."

This is your final call to see God's awesomeness and that there is no power or entity or principality that can even stand up to God. Satan and his horde of





demon pale in comparison. They are not sovereign over God, nor do they have any power over God or believers. And the kicker is that they're sustained by God even while they rebel. How blind is this?

God will pressure everyone, including Israel to repent of your sins, recognize that you are totally lost and you can do nothing to earn your salvation.

You must accept the work of Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior through faith. Jesus has already paid the penalty for your sins. All of them, past present and future. Romans 10:9-10 says, "That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. [10] For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."

Ephesians 2:8 says, "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God." Salvation is a gift from God.

After this Great Tribulation, God will set up His kingdom for a thousand years to fulfill His many covenants, but especially with Israel. Therefore, I conclude that the flood and the ark were the results of God's judgement. Noah and his believing family were appointed to grace and not wrath.



In a lay-leader class at Medway Community Church of Medway, MA a few years ago, I was challenged to defend my faith and the doctrines I held dear. I found myself embarrassed as it was quickly apparent that I was ill equipped to either defend or explain my beliefs.

Less than two weeks passed and I was again challenged in a local Men's Bible study. To my discredit, I once again was unable to defend my beliefs.

I resolved to correct this deficiency and set out to thoroughly study the Scriptures and document my findings on salvation and Jesus' teachings in an organized fashion. My original objective was to put together a short "white paper" to define and support my position and beliefs on predestination. God wanted me instead, to become His disciple in a life long pursuit of truth. I quickly found myself asking more and more questions that compelled me to constantly research, study and document. My goals expanded broader and faster. This study required me to put aside all my biases, read God's word freshly and intently, discuss with scholars and read numerous documents on Christian doctrines. I lost track of time, so involved were my studies. It has now been over a decade since I first undertook the quest to write a simple white paper.

God has been especially gracious in guiding my study of His revealed word. This study has been a true joy. The more I studied, the more in awe of our Almighty God I became. I was compelled from within to continue worshipping, studying, fellowshiping, and serving Him.

Quick Notes About the Author

- Married, father of three children, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.
- Saved in 1974 at FBC Church, San Jose, CA
- Tutored by lay leaders, ministers, authors, teachers, scientists and philosophers
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- These study guides summarize God's teachings and chronicles God's plan to restore Man for eternal fellowship with Him.