



## Portion:

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### SCRIPTURES

- Genesis 6:9-11:32
- Hebrews 11:1-7
- Romans 1:16-25
- Luke 17:26-30
- Ezekiel 16:49-52

### CATAclysmic INTERVENTION

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*Are you contemplating the significance of the days in which we live? Given the events of the last 18 months and counting, you could be questioning things more now than at any other time in your life.*

*As history rushes headlong into what Christendom calls the last days, do you understand what Y'shua meant when He said, "just as in the days of Noah"? Speaking to His disciples, Y'shua pointed to how Noah was warned of Yahweh's impending **Cataclysmic Intervention** in His creation, aimed at cleansing evil from the face the earth.*

*Anyone who has ever been to Church service, even a handful of times, has heard of Noah and his famous Ark. Why did Yahweh*

*command him to build it? What exactly was going on at the time of Noah, and what was Y'shua warning about our future?*

*Make no mistake my dear brothers and sisters, while Yahweh promised to never bring destruction through water again, He did promise another **Cataclysmic Intervention**. "Just as in the days of Noah" and the "Days of Lot"... "so will it be when the Son of Man is revealed."*

#### **THEME: MAIN SCRIPTURE(S) THAT HAS INSPIRED MESSAGE**

By ***faith***, being ***warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear*** constructed an ark ***for the saving of his household***. By this he ***condemned the world*** and became an heir of ***the righteousness that comes by faith***. Hebrews 11:7 ESV

Just as it was ***in the days of Noah***, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. ***They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage***, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. Likewise, just as it was ***in the days of Lot—they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building***, but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed. Luke 17:26-30 ESV

These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a ***righteous man, blameless*** in his generation. ***Noah walked with God.*** Genesis 6:9 ESV

Now the earth was ***corrupt in God's sight***, and the earth was ***filled with violence***. And God saw the earth, and behold, ***it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.*** And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, ***I will destroy them with the earth.*** Genesis 6:11-13 ESV

Noah did this; he did ***all that God commanded him.*** Genesis 6:22 ESV

#### OUTCOME: MAIN TAKEAWAY(S) I AM HOPING FOR PEOPLE

For ***the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.*** For ***what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.*** For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. ***For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him,*** but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they

became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. **Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity**, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. Romans 1:18-25 ESV

For ***I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation*** to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ***For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."***

Romans 1:16-17 ESV

## Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

1. The second reading in the book of Genesis is named after Noah. In Hebrew, the name Noah is related to the Hebrew word for "comfort." Genesis 5:29 says, *"And he called his name Noah, saying, "This one will **comfort** us concerning our work and the toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD has cursed."* His parents named him Noah because they hoped their son would give them comfort from the pain and toil of the curse and hard labor pronounced to Adam in Genesis

3:17. *“Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’: “**Cursed is the ground** for your sake; **In toil** you shall eat of it All the days of your life.”* This portion tells the story of the great flood, the tower of Babel and the beginning of the Abrahamic line.

2. **The Wickedness of Humankind:** The end of the past portion showed to what height human wickedness had escalated. Yahweh laments; He is sorry he made man and warns that His Spirit will not strive with man forever. He is ready to destroy man and beast from the face of the earth.
3. **Noah Pleases God:** Yahweh considers Noah perfect in his generations and his three sons are introduced. *“And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.”* (Genesis 6:10) And the rest of the flesh of the earth are called corrupt.
4. **The Ark is Prepared:** Yahweh instructs Noah to make an ark and gives him the details on size and shape. And He makes a covenant with Noah and his immediate family. God tells Noah that He will bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all flesh in which there is breath. Noah is instructed to preserve, on the ark, a male and female of every sort of animal (more clarification on this in Genesis 7). And to bring food for his family and the animals. And now we see why Yahweh chose Noah! *“Thus*

*Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.” Genesis 6:22*

5. **The Great Flood:** Noah and his family are invited into the ark as those who are righteous before Yahweh. The details of how many of each animal to bring on board are elaborated. *“You shall take with you **seven** each of every clean animal, a male and his female; **two** each of animals that are unclean, a male and his female;” Genesis 7:2 NKJV*

- A. **Note:** Noah can distinguish clean and unclean animals, even before the written code at Mt. Sinai. Also, the animals go into the ark two by two, but this does not mean there were only two of each animal as we clearly see in Genesis 7:2.

- B. **Note:** See sermon notes from last year’s teaching from Genesis 6-11, [All Burned Up](#), as we elaborated in detail on this subject.

6. The rain is coming in seven days and will last forty days. And again we see why Yahweh chose Noah! *“And Noah did according to all that the LORD commanded him.” Genesis 7:5*
7. Noah is six hundred years old when the rain comes... *“In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, ...” (Genesis 7:11)* On the very day Noah, his family and the animals entered the ark, the rain came for forty days, and all in whose nostrils there was breath

died. The waters lasted in the earth for one hundred and fifty days.

8. **Noah's Deliverance as the Flood Subsides:** Yahweh remembers Noah and the animals and dries up the earth as the ark comes to rest on dry ground one hundred and fifty days after the rain started, *"Then the ark rested in the seventh month, the seventeenth day of the month, on the mountains of Ararat."* (Genesis 8:4) By the tenth month the tops of the mountains were visible and forty days later he opened the ark and sent out a raven which kept flying about until the waters had dried up. He also sent out a dove which returned with no place to rest. He sent the dove out again seven days later which then returned with an olive leaf! Seven days after that he sent out the dove a third time which did never return.
9. Noah is instructed to leave the ark with all the animals. He builds an altar and offers clean animals and birds to Yahweh as fully burned up sacrifices.
  - A. **Note:** See sermon notes from last year's teaching from Genesis 6-11, [All Burned Up](#), when we focused on this subject.
10. Yahweh makes three promises to mankind:
  - A. *"I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; nor will*

*I again destroy every living thing as I have done.” Genesis 8:21*

B. *“While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease.” Genesis 8:22*

11. **Yahweh Makes Personal Promises to Noah:** *“So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.” Genesis 9:1 NKJV*

12. Now man is given to eat the clean animals and birds, but not with blood; *“But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood.” Genesis 9:4*

1. **Note:** See sermon notes from last year’s teaching from Genesis 6-11, [All Burned Up](#), when we spend time comparing the commands to Adam to the commands to Noah (Multiply, Rule the earth, and Eat!). Plus we elaborate fully on Yahweh’s command to abstained from blood and its relevance for Christians today.

13. **The Covenant with Noah:** *“Thus I establish My covenant with you: Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”” (Genesis 9:11) And Yahweh brings a rainbow as a sign of the covenant.*



14. **Noah and His Sons:** An incident with Noah and his sons is described in which Noah is found drunk and his youngest son Ham sees his father naked, but his two older sons, Shem and Japheth, cover their dad's nakedness. Noah blesses Shem and Japheth for their integrity, and Ham is cursed for his poor choice.
15. **Nations Descended from Noah:** Chapter 10 catalogs Noah's genealogy through his children. *"Now this is the genealogy of the sons of Noah: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And sons were born to them after the flood."* Genesis 10:1
16. **The Tower of Babel:** The new line of humanity seeks to bring glory to themselves so Yahweh must take decisive action. *"Now the whole earth had one language and one speech...let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves..."* Genesis 11:1, 4
17. **But Yahweh will have no part of it!** *And the LORD said, "Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech."* Genesis 11:6-7
18. The portions ends with the descendants of Shem and Terah being elaborated.

## FAITH

### 1. The Catalyst for the Righteous

#### A. By Faith

- (1) “By *faith*, being *warned by God concerning events as yet unseen.*” Hebrews 11:7
  - (a) We are not privy to why Noah was the only one in this section of scripture able to exercise faith.
  - (b) We do know that being filled with faith allowed Noah to carry out God’s plan to carry forward the Human race.
  - (c) Noah was informed “*By faith*” of the impending “*Cataclysmic Intervention*” God was going to bring on His creation!
- (2) “*Faith is the substance* of things hoped for and the conviction of things not yet seen.” Hebrews 11:1
  - (a) Noah lived out the *perfect definition of what faith* is supposed to look like. Furthermore, what made his *faith* appear stronger all the more, is the length of time it took for the fulfillment of God’s impending doom.

## JUDGEMENT

### 2. Never without Warning

## A. Warnings

- (1) "...being **warned by God concerning events as yet unseen.**" *Hebrews 11:7*
  - (a) Noah was the warning God provided for the people.
  - (b) "If he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a **herald of righteousness**, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly." 2 Peter 2:5 ESV
- (2) Yahweh charged Noah with two totally different tasks:
  - (a) He charged Noah with the building of the Ark,
  - (b) And while doing so, Yahweh also charged Noah with "**preaching righteousness**" to a totally wicked and perverse generation.
- (3) Noah should have had a fairly easy message to preach
  - (a) "It's going to rain..."
    1. But, no one, at that time, had ever seen rain. This is the period known as the period of the *antediluvians* (*before the flood*).
  - (b) Preach Righteousness against evil
    1. Just like in the days of Jonah when God asked Jonah to preach against the Ninevites.
    2. "Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great

city, and call out against it, ***for their evil has come up before me.***" Jonah 1:1-2 ESV

(4) Do you disagree with this assertion?

(a) Noah, a believer of Yahweh, did not allow himself to be washed away by the behavior of society in his days.

(b) If we were to compare the society of Noah's day, I would venture to say it would be fairly easy to assess that Noah might have had it worse than any of us does in our present day.

1. "The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was ***only evil continually.***"

Genesis 6:5 ESV

(5) What excuse do we have for not staying on track ***walking with God?***

(a) Should we assume that Noah didn't have the same temptations to throw in the towel, per say, because he did not have internet, social media, etc.?

(b) If anything, it should have been easier for him to not stay with Yahweh's request, as the Holy Spirit had not yet been poured out on the Earth to empower him to complete such a task.

## KINGDOM MEN

### 3. Saving Your Own Household

#### A. Fear of the Lord

(1) “...*in reverent fear* constructed an ark *for the saving of his household.*” Hebrews 11:7

(a) A Kingdom minded man is *reverently fearful* of his King. Said *reverent fear* is displayed in his obedience to the commands of his King.

(2) Noah had no disagreements or disputes when Yahweh commanded him to build the Ark.

(a) *Slow obedience* should always be considered *disobedience.*

(b) The outcome regarding Noah and his family would have been totally different had he not *promptly obeyed* Yahweh’s request to build the Ark.

(1) It could be argued that the process to build the Ark might not have been finished on time had Noah not *promptly started* the work of building it.

(c) Obedience to Yahweh organically separates believers from unbelievers.

1. There is never a need to pull away from the unbeliever once the journey of obedience is initiated. The separation naturally develops.

- (3) Regardless how the unbelieving world reacts to the lifestyle of the believer. There is never a need to doubt if a believer is missing out on anything.
- (a) Noah did this—“...he did ***all that God commanded him.***”Genesis 6:22 ESV
  - (b) All that ***God commands you to do*** is the very minimum of what you should do!
  - (c) Jesus said it best—“If you love me, you will ***keep my commandments.***” John 14:15 ESV

## DEPRAVITY

### 4. Knowing God, and yet, Not Acknowledging Him

#### A. The Wrath of God

- (1) No one can escape knowing ***that there is a Creator:***
- (a) For ***the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.*** For ***what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.*** For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. ***For although they knew God, they did not honor him***

*as God or give thanks to him*, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. ***Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity***, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

Romans 1:18-25 ESV

1. No one can escape knowing ***that there is a Creator***. Intuitively, every human, innately knows that there is an Intelligent, Moral, and Holy being who initiated life.
2. A person, having known this, and purposely having turned to ***denying Yahweh's existence*** finds himself in a very precarious condition due to their human desire of self-glorification, self-aggrandizement, self-pleasure and self-preservation.
3. Ultimately, they will be turned over by God to their own lusts and desires.

- (2) Now ***the earth was corrupt*** in God's sight, and the earth ***was filled with violence***. Genesis 6:11 ESV
- (a) Left to its own desires, the human race would ultimately live in utter chaos. We would have destroyed ourselves already were it not for the Grace of God, His Laws and His ultimate plan for His creation!
  - (b) Yahweh knows the depraved condition of the human heart apart from a close walk with Him. He is the only one that knows the deceitfulness and wickedness it is capable of.
  - (c) Yahweh through the prophet Jeremiah provides some insight:
    - 1. “The heart is ***deceitful above all things***, and ***desperately sick; who can understand it?*** “***I the LORD search the heart and test the mind***, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds.” Jeremiah 17:9-10 ESV

JUST LIKE NOAH AND LOT

## 5. The Days of Noah and Lot

### A. History Repeats Itself

- (1) In Luke 17:26-27 Jesus provides the following warning:



- (a) ***“Just as it was in the days of Noah,*** so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. ***They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage,*** until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. Likewise, ***just as it was in the days of Lot—they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building,*** but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all— so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed.” Luke 17:26-27
- (2) Would it not make sense for believers to understand the overall picture of those two societies in order to recognize how they compare to the current one?
- (a) What was the whole of society like these days?
1. *Scientific achievements:* “Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch. When ***he built a city,*** he called the name of the city after the name of his son, Enoch Genesis 4:17 ESV.
    - a) Zillah also bore Tubal-cain; ***he was the forger of all instruments of bronze and iron.***” Genesis 4:22
  2. *Social plagues:* Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, ***and the earth was filled with violence*** Genesis 6:11 ESV.

- a) “If Cain's revenge is sevenfold, then Lamech's is seventy-sevenfold.” Genesis 4:23 ESV (spirit of revenge)
- 3. Sexual perversion: “The sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And **they took as their wives any they chose...**” Genesis 6:2 ESV.
  - a) The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when **the sons of God came in to the daughters of man** and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown. Genesis 6:4 ESV

## CLOSING

### 6. Compared to the present day, the days of Noah and Lot look like child's play...

#### A. Sodom-like and Gomorrah-like Judgement

- (1) Based just on the assertions of topic #5, one could argue that the days in which we live are rapidly beginning to make the days of Noah and the days of Lot look like child's play in comparison.
  - (a) One could also argue if it were not for the Righteous who are still alive in this world (and more specifically for us, the United States) would undoubtedly (in my

view) have been judged by Yahweh in the likeness of Sodom and Gomorrah.

- (2) Current society construct is one where *scientific, social and sexual perversion* have accelerated themselves to be the standard by which men and women can be assimilated into society.
  - (a) If one does not agree and does not go along with the so-called scientific, social and sexual accomplishments (Wokeness) of the day, you will certainly find yourself on the outside looking in.
  - (b) However, what the unbelieving world does not recognize is that these days will be like the days of old and unfortunately for them, we will be the ones looking out from the inside of God's Kingdom, much like Noah was looking out of his one cubit window on the Ark.
  - (c) While the whole earth was drowning in its own stupor, so will modern mockers be in God's appointed time.
  - (d) There is coming a time when those who call themselves "*believers*", while meddling in the world, as to intervene for those who are living in disgrace, will participate in worse sins themselves than the unbeliever they intend to correct. Their end will be a disgrace.
  - (e) Listen to the Prophet Ezekiel:

1. “Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had pride, excess of food, and prosperous ease, but did not aid the poor and needy. They were haughty and did an abomination before me. So I removed them, when I saw it. Samaria has not committed half your sins. You have committed more abominations than they, and *have **made your sisters appear righteous by all the abominations that you have committed.*** Bear your disgrace, you also, for you have ***intervened*** on behalf of your sisters. Because of your sins in which you acted more abominably than they, they are more in the right than you. So be ashamed, you also, and bear your disgrace, for you have made your sisters appear righteous.” Ezekiel 16:49-50 ESV

- (3) It is rather easy to get discouraged when looking out into the world, if we don't understand what the overall picture looks like.
- (a) I'm sure in Noah's day, seeing how those around him were living, it would have been a impossible for him had he believed that it would be more fun, prosperous or beneficial to fit in.

- (b) In a nutshell, if he were envious or covetous, and needed acceptance from those around him, he too would have ended up conforming.
  - 1. Do you need acceptance from Society more than living in God's will?
  - 2. Do you find yourself questioning and doubting what the Bible says you should do, instead of questioning and doubting what Society instructs you to do?
  - 3. If you are, I can safely say you are in dangerous territory.
- (4) If you are on the right of this equation, stay engaged and stay the course, just as Noah did in the midst of a wicked and perverse generation, knowing that the day is coming when the Son of Man will be revealed!
  - (a) "Where the corpse is, the vultures will gather"
  - (b) What is your challenge and your job? .... ***Be a preacher of righteousness!!***

## QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

### 1. Noah lived out the perfect definition of what faith is supposed to look like:

- A. What factors made Noah's faith so extraordinary?

B. How, in your life, are you demonstrating “faith like Noah”?

C. In what areas is your faith weak?

**2. Peter poses a scary question in 2 Peter 2:5:**

A. In your own words, describe why this is a frightening warning to the world.

**3. What two tasks was Noah charged to complete?**

A. What protected Noah from being carried away with everyone else in their wicked ways?

**4. How does Noah’s saving of his own household apply to you today?**

A. How does reverent fear of Yahweh relate to obedience to Yahweh?

**5. Relate man’s descent into depravity in Romans 1 to the condition of the earth at the times of Noah.**

A. How does this condition relate to the denial of Yahweh’s existence?

**6. How are we warned by Y’shua that history will repeat itself?**

A. Why is it important that we compare our current conditions to the historical events of Noah and Lot?

B. What does it say about those who claim to be believers, but are carried away with the perversions of the world?