

LIVE OAK CHURCH

Noah: Facts, Faith, & Finality

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Genesis 6:7-22; Hebrews 12:1-2

Bible Says “In The Last Days, Perilous Times Will Come”

I. What are we seeing today?

- A. Mass/school shootings
 - 1. Schools
 - 2. Malls
 - 3. Churches
 - 4. Parades
- B. Terrorist attacks
- C. Threats of WWII
 - 1. Middle East
 - 2. China
 - 3. Russia/Ukraine
- D. Perversion promoted from pulpits
- E. Spiritual confusion, division
- F. The mind on evil continually

II. How do we manage perilous times?

- A. Think prophetically, not photographically
 - 1. Photographic thinking: only for the moment
 - 2. Prophetic thinking: looks to the prize in the future
 - 3. Examples: athletes, scholars, cooks
- B. Noah looked prophetically

- 1. Judgement was coming
- 2. He was told to prepare

III. The power of faith/confidence

- A. Our confidence is in Him - God will have the last word
- B. Faith creates victory that overcomes the world
- C. Faith doesn't demand miracles; it produces miracles
- D. Faith begins to occur before you know how things will turn out
- E. Faith grows as we fight the good fight
- F. Faith helps you walk fearlessly & run victoriously
- G. Faith is developed by the Word of God
 - 1. Hear it
 - 2. Apply it

IV. Signs you have lost your confidence: in God, in others, & in yourself

- A. You “push back” when called to begin a new chapter in life
- B. You focus on your failures more than your victories
- C. You begin to settle for mediocrity as you omit God from the equation
- D. You believe the worst about yourself & others rather than believe the best
- E. You stop/quit before you finish what God has given you to do
- F. When you speak more excuses than prayers

V. Top 10 excuses (questions) Noah could have made during his generation

- A. Too old

- B. Never done this
- C. What will people think?
- D. Where will I get the resources?
- E. Will I look foolish if this doesn't happen?
- F. Will anyone help me?
- G. Where do I start?
- H. How will I get those animals on the ark?
- I. What about my other job?
- J. What if this fails?

VI. How do you maintain confidence in a dark world?

- A. Endurance is the key
 - 1. It is a key theme in the Bible
 - 2. Is a key theme in life
- B. People with talent often fail if they lack a heart of endurance
 - 1. They quit
 - 2. They give up
 - 3. They leave
- C. Endurance & determination will often win the prize
 - 1. To win the prize you must finish the race

VII. How did Noah endure perilous times?

- A. He walked with God
- B. He listened to God
- C. He relied on God to fulfill His word
- D. He believed God would do something amazing
- E. We live in a culture of quit...
 - 1. Jobs, sports, & churches
 - 2. Goals & friends
 - 3. Marriages & children

VIII. The result of Noah's endurance, confidence, & prophetic thinking in perilous times

- A. His family was spared
- B. He entered in the ark the minority, exited the patriarch of the world

IX. The world changed forever

- A. The biosphere
 - 1. Fossils produced
 - 2. Geological evidence
 - 3. Archeological evidence
- B. Lifespan of all things change
 - 1. Humans
 - 2. Reptiles
- C. The ark: a naval engineering miracle
 - 1. According to naval engineers, the dimensions made it almost impossible to flip over
- D. Jesus references Noah
- E. Other ancient cultures reference the flood
- F. Archeological findings & research continue to this day

X. Here is the application

- A. What would happen if Noah had quit?
- B. What was missed because you quit?
- C. What was achieved because you didn't?
- D. Will you think prophetically?
 - 1. Jesus did
- E. Will you allow endurance to build your confidence?
- F. Confidence is needed in perilous times

Jesus Warned Us To Be Ready For The Days Of Noah