



“Things Not Yet Seen”

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7 [Prompted] by faith Noah, being forewarned by God concerning events of which as yet there was no visible sign, took heed *and* diligently *and* reverently constructed *and* prepared an ark for the deliverance of his own family. By this [his faith which relied on God] he passed judgment *and* sentence on the world's unbelief and became an heir *and* possessor of righteousness (that relation of being right into which God puts the person who has faith).- Amplified

The Ark-Encounter- **Williamstown Kentucky**



The dimensions are staggering – 450 ft long, 75 ft wide, and 45 ft high.

**Fun Comparisons Width = 2 school buses Height = 3 giraffes stacked
Length = 1.5 football fields Volume = 483 semi-trailers**

This boat covered over $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre. It took him about 100 – 120 years to build the ark!

When the ark was completed and all were aboard, God shut them in. That very day, “all the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened.” It rained for 40 days straight. Floodwaters covered the peaks of the highest mountains for 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ months. Over a year after Noah boarded the ark, the waters finally went down enough for him to step out onto dry land. He built an altar in worship to the God who had

saved him, and the Lord promised never again to destroy the earth with water. God's symbol was the rainbow!

☺ He said that her name was "Grace," because [Genesis 6:8](#) says that "Noah found Grace."

☺ What kind of lights did the Ark have in it? Flood lights!

☺ How many of each animal did Moses bring onto the ark?

1 Peter 3:18- For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, ¹⁹ by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while *the* ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. ²¹ There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.

2 Peter 2:4- For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast *them* down to hell and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; ⁵ and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, *one of eight people*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;

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*, but saved Noah, one of eight people, **a preacher of righteousness**, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;*

BY FAITH

A look at what he did:

Genesis 6

6 Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, ² that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they *were* beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose. ³ And the Lord said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he *is* indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years." ⁴ There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore *children* to them. Those *were* the mighty men who *were* of old, men of renown. ⁵ Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every intent of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. ⁶ And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. ⁷ So the Lord said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them."

✓ ⁸ **But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.**

⁹ This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. ¹⁰ And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. ¹¹ The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹² So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. ¹³ And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth. ¹⁴ Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. ¹⁵ And this is how you shall make it:

✓ ²² **Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.**

Genesis 7

7 Then the Lord said to Noah, "Come into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen *that* you *are* righteous before Me in this generation. ² 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; ³ also seven each of birds of the air, male and female, to keep the species alive on the face of all the earth. ⁴ For after seven more days I will cause it to rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and I will destroy from the face of the earth all living things that I have made." ⁵

✓ **And Noah did according to all that the Lord commanded him.** ⁶ Noah was six hundred years old when the floodwaters were on the earth. ⁷ So Noah, with his

sons, his wife, and his sons' wives, went into the ark because of the waters of the flood.

¹⁰ And it came to pass after seven days that the waters of the flood were on the earth. ¹¹ In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. ¹² And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights.

²³ So He destroyed all living things which were on the face of the ground: both man and cattle, creeping thing and bird of the air. They were destroyed from the earth. Only Noah and those who *were* with him in the ark remained *alive*. ²⁴ And the waters prevailed on the earth one hundred and fifty days.

Genesis 8

Then God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the animals that *were* with him in the ark. And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided. ² The fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were also stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained. ³ And the waters receded continually from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters decreased. ⁴ Then the ark rested in the seventh month, the seventeenth day of the month, on the mountains of Ararat. ⁵ And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month. In the tenth *month*, on the first *day* of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen.

¹⁵ Then God spoke to Noah, saying, ¹⁶ "Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁷ Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that *is* with you: birds and cattle and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." ¹⁸ So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him. ¹⁹ Every animal, every creeping thing, every bird, *and* whatever creeps on the earth, according to their families, went out of the ark. ²⁰ Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. ²¹ And the Lord smelled a soothing aroma. Then the Lord said in His heart, "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. ²² "While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease."

Genesis 9

9 So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. ² And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be on every beast of the earth, on every bird of the air, on all that move *on* the earth, and on all the fish of the sea. They are given into your hand. ³ Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. I have given you all things, even as the green herbs. ⁴ But you shall not eat flesh with its life, *that is*, its blood. ⁵ Surely for your lifeblood I will demand *a reckoning*; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man's brother I will require the life of man. ⁶ "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man. ⁷ And as for you, be fruitful and multiply; Bring forth abundantly in the earth And multiply in it."

⁸ Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying: ⁹ "And as for Me, behold, I establish My covenant with you and with your descendants after you, ¹⁰ and with every living creature that *is* with you: the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you, of all that go out of the ark, every beast of the earth. ¹¹ 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." ¹² And God said: "This *is* the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that *is* with you, for perpetual generations: ¹³ I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. ¹⁴ It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud; ¹⁵ and I will remember My covenant which *is* between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that *is* on the earth." ¹⁷ And God said to Noah, "This *is* the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that *is* on the earth."

²⁸ And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years. ²⁹ So all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years; and he died.

By faith Noah,

Seven Powerful Indicators of Faith

➤ 1. He was in the position to hear from God

By faith Noah, being divinely warned

Samuel- Speak Lord

Isaiah- Here am I send me

What is God saying to you? Are you listening?

Jeremiah 33:3

Isaiah 55: Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.-ESV

➤ 2. He demonstrated faith in regard to the things not yet seen

Of things not yet seen

Seen ([blepo](#)) can denote simple voluntary observation and so mean to look at, behold. Many NT uses convey the sense of becoming aware of or taking notice of something, of perceiving or discerning or understanding. Blepo means to discern mentally, observe, consider, contemplate, look to in the sense of taking care, take heed. It means perceive with your eyes. Have your eye on so as to beware of.

2 Corinthians 4:18; 5:6, 7

Hebrews 11:13

1 Peter 1:8

It's one thing to hear God, it's another thing to believe what He says.

Romans 8:28

Philippians 4:6-8

Proverbs 3:5-6

John 10:10; 15:11

➤ 3. He was moved with godly fear

moved with godly fear

The Greek word means “to act cautiously, circumspectly, to reverence, stand in awe of” in this context. Noah acted with “pious care, a reverent circumspection with regard to things enjoined by God, and as yet unseen, yet confidently expected on the strength of

God's word" (Vincent). The things not seen (Heb 11:1) were the contents of God's revelation to Noah regarding the flood (Gen. 6:13–22).

Zodhiates adds "Noah's action was not out of cowering, servile fear. Rather, he took what God uniquely revealed to him as if it were an oracle that He was going to flood the earth and that he should build an ark. Noah took God at His word, that what He was telling him was good and right, and he received it as such. He did not build the ark out of fear but from having received God's oracle as truth to be believed. (The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament)

- We must live with an awareness of God and the desire to please Him.

I pray for my children and grandchildren that they would be aware of the presence of God in their lives.

Ill. So easy to get busy and just go through the motions of life!

Proverbs 6:20-23- ***My son, keep your father's command, And do not forsake the law of your mother. ²¹ Bind them continually upon your heart; Tie them around your neck. ²² When you roam, they will lead you; When you sleep, they will keep you; And when you awake, they will speak with you. ²³ For the commandment is a lamp, And the law a light; Reproofs of instruction are the way of life,***

➤ 4. He obeyed God in preparing an ark

prepared an ark

Prepared (kataskeuazo from katá = intensifies the meaning of + skeuazo = prepare <> from skeuos = implement, vessel) is a verb which means to to equip, make ready, construct, or to cause to be thoroughly prepared. It includes the supply of all necessary furniture and equipment. It's the idea of adorning and equipping with all things necessary. Kataskeuazo was the word used to describe the preparing of a way before oriental monarch (Mt 11:10; Mk 1:2; Lk 7:27 from Malachi 3:1).

Doing must always be the result of hearing.

It is easy to do things tomorrow instead of now!

Ahora mismo- right now! Spanish

A life long mission!!!!

Persevere

Finish well

➤ 5. He impacted his family's future

for the saving of his household

For the salvation of his household –

Many will lose their children!

Adrian Rogers tells this story - Joyce and I make it a practice, as we did this morning to pray, O God, bless our children. We call them by name, morning and night, and say, O God, bless them. One time I prayed, and I said, some years ago, God, if any of my children are not saved—they're all professing Christians—but if any of them are not saved, O God, I want them saved. I had no reason to believe outwardly that any of them were not saved, but I didn't want them to have just second-hand religion. I prayed that week. That Sunday, when I preached, my darling daughter Gayle came down the aisle, and said, "Papa, Daddy, I'm not sure I'm saved. I want to be saved." Friend, I want all of my children in the ark. "Noah, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his household." Now, friend, listen to me. The religion that does not begin at home does not begin. Have you heard anybody say, "Well, you know, my loved ones are the hardest ones to witness to." You're not telling on them. You're telling on you. You know why they are the hardest ones to witness to? Because they know you. They know you. Many of us need to go and say, "Will you forgive me for the life that I have lived in front of you?" And then, don't even witness to them. Just say, "Will you forgive me? Just forgive me. I'm a Christian, but I have been a poor example." They'll be watching you for a while. They say, "Yeah, sure, I forgive you." Then, later on, you come back and say, "Would you forgive me for something else?" Well now, what do you want me to forgive you for? "I haven't shared with you the most important thing on earth to me. Would you forgive me for not sharing Jesus with you?" And just give you an open door to share the Lord Jesus Christ with your loved one. Noah had faith, and that faith was there for the saving of his household.

He stayed on task! **Practice what you preach!**

➤ 6. He did not buy into worldly philosophy

by which he condemned the world

Matthew 24:³⁷ But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Spurgeon - I do not read that Noah ever entered into any dispute with the men of his times. He never argued, much less did he wish them ill; he simply believed and told them the truth. He kept his own faith intact and went on building his ark, thus practicing what he believed. In this way he condemned those who criticized him. So you see that faith has a condemning power towards an ungodly world. You do not need to be constantly telling worldlings that they are doing wrong; let them see clearly the evidence of your faith (cp [Mt 5:16-](#), [Php 2:14, 15-](#), [1Pe 2:12-](#), [1Pe 3:16-](#)), for that will bear the strongest conceivable witness against their unbelief and sin, even as Noah, by his faith, “condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.”

Commenting on that verse, Spurgeon said: “I have heard it said that if there is a crooked stick, and you want to show how crooked it is, you need not waste words in description. Place a straight one by the side of it, and the thing is done directly. Noah condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.”

The New Testament calls Noah “a preacher of righteousness” ([2 Peter 2:5](#)), even though none of his “sermons” are recorded in the Bible. Perhaps it was Noah’s obedience to God in building the ark that stands as his greatest witness to a self-centered and violent generation. “According to all that God commanded him, so he did” ([Genesis 6:22](#)).

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Reflect & Pray

So let our lips and lives express
The holy gospel we profess;
So let our works and virtues shine
To prove the doctrine all divine.
—Watts

➤ 7. He became heir of the righteousness

and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

Ponder the picture in this passage! Imagine the roaring seas, spreading out over the land as the rains came falling down. Picture men and women and children crying out for help as the waters rose. O, how great is this salvation to which we have been called

and by which Jesus rescues us from the horrible (albeit righteous and just) wrath to come (1Th 1:10-)

The ark is also an illustration of salvation. It's a picture of the Lord Jesus Christ, a gigantic object lesson, Peter tells us in the New Testament. The ark is finished. Storm clouds begin to roil. The earth trembles. Great fissures open, water belches out. Rain comes down. But, just before that, God says, "Noah ..."—Genesis 7:1—"Noah, come thou into the ark." God didn't say, "Noah, go into the ark." He said, "come into the ark." That means God was in there. And then, the Bible says that God shut the door. There was a window on top, a door on the side. Noah was in charge of the window, God in charge of the door. You see, I daily can look into the face of God, but I have been shut in to the Lord Jesus Christ. The ark was sealed on the inside and outside with a gluey substance called pitch. It's the same word translated atonement in the Old Testament. God put atonement on the outside, and God put atonement on the inside. And not one drop of water could come through. Noah, come into the ark. It's a picture, dear friend, of what will happen when you come into Jesus. When you come into Jesus, God shuts the door. You're sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise. Not one drop of judgment can come to the child of God who is saved in Jesus.