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### While the ARK was a preparing... CONTENTMENT!

oah found <u>GRACE</u> [UNDERSERVED FAVOR] in the eyes of the Lord because he <u>BELIEVED</u> God, and during his days, he was the <u>ONLY</u> man that did!

"By FAITH Noah, being WARNED OF GOD of things NOT SEEN AS YET, MOVED WITH FEAR [TO BE CIRCUMSPECT; TO BE APPREHENSIVE; TO REVERENCE], PREPARED an Ark to the SAVING of his house" (HEBREWS 11:7).

#### **CIRCUMSPECT**

means that <u>Noah</u>, after <u>hearing</u> God's <u>warning</u>, <u>BELIEVED</u>, and was <u>CAREFUL</u> to <u>CONSIDER</u> all <u>related circumstances</u> before <u>acting</u>, <u>judging</u>, and <u>deciding</u>!

Noah had a GREAT cloud of witnesses during his lifetime. Adam was still alive when his father Lamech was a young man. Adam lived 930 years, and during his lifetime, Seth was born, and Enos, Cainan, Mahalaleel, Jared, Enoch, Methuselah, and Lamech, the father of Noah. Then, ADAM DIED!

The people of Noah's day <u>KNEW FIRST HAND</u> of <u>Creation</u>, and how <u>SIN</u> entered the world in the <u>Garden of Eden</u>. More importantly, they <u>KNEW</u> what was <u>REQUIRED</u> to <u>COVER their SIN</u>.

While the Ark was being <u>prepared</u> (1 PETER 3:20), God gave mankind <u>120 years</u> before the world was to be <u>judged</u> (GENESIS 6:3). During this time, <u>Noah</u> was "...a **PREACHER OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**" (2 PETER 2:5) <u>until the day</u> that God said to <u>Noah</u>, "COME THOU and all thy house INTO THE ARK" (GENESIS 7:1).

<u>Noah</u> must have reminded the people how <u>God created the world</u>, the animals, and all things; you <u>KNOW</u> he reminded them that <u>God created Adam in His Own Image</u>, <u>after His Own Likeness</u>; and how

He placed the man in a Garden, and gave Adam a wife; and how <u>the Tempter</u> introduced them both to **SIN**.

You KNOW that Noah must have reminded them of old man Enoch, who was NEVER FOUND, "...for God TOOK HIM" (GENESIS 5:24; HEBREWS 11:5), and bringing to their remembrance what Enoch SAID before he disappeared: "...Behold, the Lord COMETH with TEN THOUSANDS of His SAINTS,

"to EXECUTE JUDGMENT upon ALL, and to CONVINCE [TO CONVICT FULLY; TO PUNISH] ALL that are ungodly among them of ALL their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly COMMITTED, and of ALL their HARD SPEECHES which ungodly sinners have SPOKEN AGAINST Him" (JUDE 1:14-15).

Yet, with <u>120 years</u> of Noah's preaching, not **ONE PERSON BELIEVED!** They ate, they drank, they married wives, and were given in marriage.

But while the <u>ARK</u> sat on <u>DRY GROUND</u> for <u>SEVEN DAYS</u> (GENESIS 7:4) before the Flood came, the people remained <u>CONTENT</u>, "...UNTIL THE DAY that Noah ENTERED into the Ark, and the flood came, and <u>DESTROYED THEM ALL"</u> (LUKE 17: 27).

Likewise today, people are <u>STILL content</u> to believe in <u>religious tales and myths</u> instead of <u>the Word of God</u>. But when a soul <u>RE-PENTS</u>, he or she <u>ENTERS</u> [OR IS ADDED TO] the <u>spiritual rock and invisible church</u> which is a type of Noah's <u>ARK</u>, the <u>body of Christ</u> (1 COR. 12:27).

Soon, <u>the church</u> will be taken up in the air, while this world will <u>suffer</u> <u>SEVEN</u> years of <u>Tribulation</u>, followed by the <u>Battle of Armageddon</u> and the <u>Great Judgment</u>.

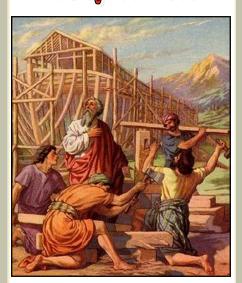
<u>THERE will be</u> Catholics, Baptists, Episcopalians, Methodists, Jehovah Witnesses, United Church of Christ,' Pentecostals, members of the Church of England, and any other member of any other religion...

### IN HEAVEN

## with us because of... ONE COMMONALITY...

...we ALL HEARD THE WORD OF GOD, and became PRICKED IN OUR HEART [A PRICK-ING OF THE CONSCIENCE; A SHARP FEELING OF UNEASINESS BROUGHT ON BY A SENSE OF GUILT], and it is THIS "...GODLY SORROW [that] worketh REPENTANCE to SALVATION" (2 COR. 7:10), because...

# ...we ALL BELIEVED the RECORD... that God gave of...HIS SON!



Today, the Lord is <u>preparing</u> a <u>LAST ARK</u>, <u>JESUS CHRIST THE RIGHTEOUS</u>, who "...DIED FOR OUR SINS according to the scriptures; and that HE WAS BURIED, and that HE ROSE AGAIN THE THIRD DAY according to the scriptures" (1 COR. 15:3).

Are you <u>IN CHRIST</u>? "For as IN ADAM [THE NATURAL MAN] ALL DIE, even so IN CHRIST shall ALL be made ALIVE" (1 COR. 15:22).

**REPENT** to God of your sins, and ask Him for His *forgiveness*, and to **SAVE** you!