LEARNING FROM NOAH (Gen. 6:1-22)

Most people outside of fundamentalism view the story of Noah's Ark as a very old fairy tale, or a much embellished bible story that may have happened but in a much smaller scale than is written. However, those that doubt the Genesis account of what happened to Noah and the entire world during this great worldwide disaster have to call several writers of scripture liars because several books of the bible mention Noah including quotes from The Lord Jesus Himself.

LESSONS FROM NOAH'S LIFE

Matt. 16:26 Lesson one is that we better not miss the boat!! Notice that when Noah was told to get into the Ark with his family that they got in when God told them to get in. If they would not have gotten in they would have drowned with the rest of the world.

Matt. 25:1-13 Lesson two is that building the Ark was actually Noah planning ahead. Remember, it hadn't rained when Noah started building the Ark. We should be planning ahead for eternity as well.

Matt. 20:1-7 Lesson number three is that we better stay as fit as possible. Remember that Noah was 600 years old when God called him to start building. Remember Abraham and Moses weren't young fellows either when God called them into service to do something great for His glory.

I Cor. 1:23-27 Lesson number four, remember that the Ark was built by amateurs and the Titanic was built by professionals. God uses people like you and me in order for Him to get the glory, not us.

Lu. 8:22-26 Lesson number five, remember no matter how severe the storm may be, if we are in the boat with the Lord, we are going to make it to the other side.

THE DAYS OF NOAH

Lu. 17 26-27 The "days of Noah" that Jesus referred to were not the days before the rapture, but he days preceding His second coming. Imagine how evil the world will become after the rapture! Today the days are evil enough, we are in the days leading up to the most evil times the world has ever seen.

Gal. 5:19-21 The word 'manifest' means to be obvious, or clearly understood and apparent. These works of the flesh have been going on for thousands of years and only show the tip of the iceberg as far as what will be going on when the church and Holy Spirit leave this world to those that are lost.

Lu. 21:34 The word 'surfeiting' means to over indulge or to be in excess. The scripture is warning those that hear God's word to be careful and watchful and not be caught up in worldly pleasures.

Matt. 24:9-13 The generation that Noah lived in was the same type of people that Jesus talked about in these verses, yet Noah was found to be righteous and faithful in that he walked with God. God expects us to live and walk like Noah did, even though people will turn away from following God.

NOAH DID NOT QUIT

Heb. 11:7 God told Noah to build an Ark that was approximately 540'L x 90'W x 54'H. Noah had no power tools, no treated lumber and no engineers to help him. What he had was FAITH in God.

Jude 17-18 Noah had people mocking, laughing and refusing to believe what God had told him.

I Cor. 4:1-2 Noah worked for over one hundred years by faith on the Ark, this should encourage believers today to stay faithful to the work God has called us to do.

I Cor. 3:8-10 Just as Noah and his sons labored together to build the Ark for their safety, God is building a vessel He calls the church. Believers today must not quit the work until He calls us home.