

GOD'S PROVISION FOR NOAH

Genesis 7:1

Introduction: Many times it has seemed that there were fewer faithful than there really were as in the days of Elijah, and in our times in such places as China and Russia but there were more faithful in Elijah's day than he realized and there are believers today in China, Russia and other places thought to be totally without belief in God. However it just wasn't so in Noah's day. All the world except Noah had left God. God declared that He was going to destroy all the world except for Noah and his family, what about Noah and his family. How were they going to be spared when everybody else would perish?

I. GOD MADE PROVISION FOR NOAH AND HIS FAMILY'S SECURITY

Man's righteousness does not require God to bless yet it pleases God when men try to do good and are faithful. For this reason Noah and his household were saved by God's provision.

1. God provided an Ark to save Noah and his family.
 - God instructed Moses in building the Tabernacle.
 - God instructed David and Solomon in building the Temple.
 - God instructed Noah in how to build the Ark.
 - None of these men could have or would have ever devised such complete plans.
 - Who could or would have ever conceived the heir of salvation being through the death of God's Son, Jesus? Men have their own ideas of how to reach and please God, even today there are those who want to change or add to God's own divine plans on how to have eternal life.

2. The Ark was wisely designed.
 - It was not much to look at in beauty.
 - There were no steering mechanism or sails to propel for God was in charge of it all.
 - God designed the ark to "save" and the only ones saved owed their lives to God alone.
 - God's Church is designed without any human assistance.
 - It is an offense, a stumbling block to the unbeliever because it has no place for human contribution, no place for a person to boast.
 - It is for whosoever, anyone, all may enter, but through Jesus Christ only.

3. The Ark was adequately furnished.
 - There were no golden tapestries or fancy wood working.
 - Without all the fancy trimmings, no creature aboard lacked for anything necessary for it's stay.
 - Thus it is so with God's Church.
 - "Milk" for the babes and the weak.
 - "Meat" for the growing and mature.
 - Protection and love for all.
 - Nothing is lacking in God's Church and all are equal.

II. NOTE GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS TO NOAH: "COME..."

1. God has issued similar instructions to others since that day.
 - Jesus said, "*...I am the door...*"
 - It was by faith that Noah and his family entered the ark.
 - It is by faith that we enter into God's Church today.
 - If Noah had waited just one single day, he would have drowned with all the others.
 - If one waits today to obey God's instructions, he/she could face Hell tomorrow.
2. Those in God's Church (Ark) should call out to those outside to come aboard.
 - We must warn, encourage and do our best to bring our families and friends to Christ.
 - There didn't appear to be any danger when God called Noah and his family to get on board the ark.
 - There doesn't appear to be any danger today of any immediate disaster.

CONCLUSION:

1. What happened to those outside the ark when God's judgment fell upon the earth?
2. What happened to those inside the ark when God's flood came?
3. What shall happen to those outside God's church when He calls it home and judgment comes upon the earth?
4. What shall happen to those inside God's Church when He calls it home?
5. Where are you? Are you inside God's Church or are you still on the outside?
6. Follow God's instructions for He is the great designer and provider and He says that His Son, Jesus Christ, is the only means of getting into His Church. Believe in Him.