

The First Plan of Escape

TEXT: Genesis 6:5-22; 7:1-24

SUPPLEMENTAL SCRIPTURE: Matthew 24:37-39

KEY VERSE: Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. — Isaiah 26:20

Just a few generations after Adam's sin, God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. Being grieved with this condition, God decreed judgment upon corrupt mankind, but "Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord" and he and his family were spared from destruction. Thus we find from the beginning of God's dealings with men that His love provides, for those who repent, a way of escape from judgment.

1. Why was Noah told to build the ark, and from what source did he receive instructions to build such a vessel?

2. Give a description of the ark. How did Noah know that it would be seaworthy, or even float?

3. What took place as soon as Noah was finished building the ark? What space of time came between this event and the actual Flood? What significance can be placed upon this circumstance?

4. Who shut the door when Noah and his family were in the ark? Why?

5. Because Noah was a righteous man, he was saved from the Flood. Do you feel that God will eventually destroy the righteous with the wicked when He sends judgment upon the earth again? Why or why not?

6. Explain how the earth will eventually be destroyed. See 2 Peter 3:10.

7. What similarity is there between the days of Noah and the days in which we live? Matthew 24:37-39.