

"Storm Warning"

Genesis 6

Introduction: We live in a day in which we know the weather conditions at least a week before the weather actually happens. Meteorologists can pattern the winds and the storms, and they have an accurate guess as to when the storms are going to hit. They can predict the wind speed of hurricanes, they can tell how many inches of rain will fall, and they can tell how many inches of snow will fall.

Recently in our world the news has taken their predictions and they have worded things in a way to cause people to fear. Instead of a snowstorm it is now a "polar vortex". It is called "dangerous", "catastrophic", and "deadly". People panic and run to the grocery store and buy all the bread and milk. Schools and businesses are closed in anticipation of the coming storm.

Down at OBX where we vacation it is not snowstorms, but it is hurricanes. There is a four-lane bridge that goes to the island and when there is a hurricane evacuation, they use all four lanes to exit the island. Years ago, it was only two lanes. If your car stalled and would not start, they would gather enough men to pick it up and dump it over the rail. When it was time to escape the storm nothing else mattered but getting away safely.

It is so sad that people do not heed the warnings given by God with the same urgency.

This morning I want to take you back to Noah's day to show you what happened and then we will carry the thoughts right into our day today.

I. The Fear

Genesis 5:5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 20, 27, 31

⁵ *And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.*

⁸ *And all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years: and he died.*

¹¹ *And all the days of Enos were nine hundred and five years: and he died.*

¹⁴ *And all the days of Cainan were nine hundred and ten years: and he died.*

¹⁷ *And all the days of Mahalaleel were eight hundred ninety and five years: and he died.*

²⁰ *And all the days of Jared were nine hundred sixty and two years: and he died.*

²⁷ And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty and nine years: and he died.

³¹ And all the days of Lamech were seven hundred seventy and seven years: and he died.

Genesis chapter 5 reads almost like an obituary column in a newspaper. This was the greatest fear of those in Noah's day.

Application:

The same is also true in our day today. People fear death and they do all they can to escape it and to keep from thinking about it.

Hebrews 2:14-15

¹⁴ Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

¹⁵ And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

II. The Sin

Notice Genesis 6:1-4

Now to help us to understand what was happening there are a few points we need to consider.

1. This all started after the fall.

Notice Genesis 6:1

2. The "sons of God" were fallen angels.

Job 1:6

⁶ Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.

Job 2:1

Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.

The angels who were involved in what was taking place in Genesis 6 are now lock away in chains.

Jude 1:6

⁶ *And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.*

So, what was happening here in Genesis 6?

It appears that Satan had convinced man to join with him in a false religion that encouraged demon possession.

Genesis 6:5

⁵ *And 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.*

Genesis 6:11

¹¹ *The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.*

Angels are spirits and cannot have physical relations with man, so they possessed the men to get to the women and the offspring became the elites of society. They were not half man and half angel as some teach.

This false worship was agreed to by the people in an attempt to escape death.

Notice Genesis 6:3

God does not say, "My Spirit shall not always strive with the angels." He says, "My Spirit shall not always strive with man." This tells us that man bought right into this false worship that completely excluded God.

III. The Warning

Notice Genesis 6:3, 7, 13

God made the announcement that in 120 years He would bring a judgment that would destroy man from the earth. The judgment would come in the form of a flood and man would die. God gave Noah this message and commanded him to build the ark.

Notice Genesis 6:14-17

Now the warning would come to the people in several ways.

1. Noah preached to the people.

2 Peter 2:4-5

⁴ For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

⁵ And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

2. Noah worked on the ark for over 100 years.

3. The animals came in pairs.

Notice Genesis 7:8-10

⁸ Of clean beasts, and of beasts that are not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth,

⁹ There went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah.

¹⁰ And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth.

Application:

There is coming upon this earth something far worse than the flood of Noah's day which killed somewhere around 8-10 billion people.

Matthew 24:21

²¹ For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

Isaiah 13:9-16

⁹ Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

¹⁰ For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.

¹¹ And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

¹² I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.

¹³ Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.

¹⁴ And it shall be as the chased roe, and as a sheep that no man taketh up: they shall every man turn to his own people, and flee every one into his own land.

¹⁵ Every one that is found shall be thrust through; and every one that is joined unto them shall fall by the sword.

¹⁶ Their children also shall be dashed to pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be spoiled, and their wives ravished.

Just as in Noah's day, God is sounding out His warnings to mankind today. How so?

- a. Through preachers proclaiming prophecy.
- b. Through the events that are unfolding in the world.
 - 1. Radical changes.
 - 2. Push for globalism.
- c. The ever-increasing sinfulness of mankind.

2 Timothy 3:1-4

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

² For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

³ Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

⁴ Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

Matthew 24:10-12

¹⁰ And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

¹¹ And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

¹² And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

IV. The Salvation

In Noah's day salvation was offered in the ark. Noah preached and warned people of the coming judgment and offered them the way of escape. But only 8 people entered the ark, the remaining billions drowned.

Matthew 24:38-41

³⁸ *For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,*

³⁹ *And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.*

⁴⁰ *Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.*

⁴¹ *Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.*

Application:

God has provided a way for man to escape the Great Tribulation also. It is not in an ark, but it is in a MAN. Jesus died to save us from our sins.

1 Corinthians 15:3

³ *For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;*

God promises that all who have accepted Jesus Christ as Savior will be raptured away before the Tribulation.

1 Thessalonians 1:10

¹⁰ *And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.*

Notice Jesus' Words to the church at Sardis.

Revelation 3:10

¹⁰ *Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.*

Ephesians 2:8-9

⁸ *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:*

⁹ *Not of works, lest any man should boast.*

John 14:6

⁶ *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

There is a storm coming like the world has never seen. God has provided a way to escape the storm of judgment through His Son Jesus Christ.