

UNIT 4

40 DAYS AND 40 NIGHTS...

I/ The Flood

A. Local or global?

B. How did it happen?

C. Geological evidences?

II/ The Ark

A. Dimensions

B. Seaworthiness?

C. The animals

D. Location?

III/ The Message

[36] “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. [37] **For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.** [38] For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, [39] and **they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away**, so will be the coming of the Son of Man...[44] **Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.** (Matthew 24:36-39, 44)

[7] **By faith** Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the **saving** of his household. By this he **condemned the world** and became an heir of the **righteousness that comes by faith.** (Hebrews 11:7)

[20] **...God's patience** waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. (1 Peter 3:20)

[5] if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought **a flood upon the world of the ungodly...** [9] then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until **the day of judgment**, [10] and especially those who indulge in the lust of defiling passion and despise authority. (2 Peter 2:5, 9-10)

[3] ...knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. [4] They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation." [5] For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, [6] and that **by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished**. [7] But **by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly**. (2 Peter 3:3-7)

"This is a hard verse (7:16), and I am thankful that Noah did not have to shut the door. Knowing that men would soon be drowning all around him, I don't see how Noah could have done it. But he wasn't asked to. He was asked to be faithful – a preacher of righteousness. He was asked to believe God and God' propositional promise. He was asked to build a boat. But after he built the boat, the time came when God shut the door. That was the end of the time of salvation... God's judgment falls against sin, for God is holy and there are moral absolutes and we live in a moral universe. If God does not hate and judge sin, then there is not a holy God, there are no moral absolutes and we do not live in a moral universe. **But the whole Bible resounds with emphasis: God does hate sin and God will judge sin. There comes a day when God shuts the door.**"
–Francis A. Schaeffer, *Genesis in Space and Time*

[10] And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and **those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut**. (Matthew 25:10)

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, **now is the day of salvation**. (2 Corinthians 6:2)... **"I am the door. If anyone enters by me he will be saved."** (John 10:9)