Lessons From Noah

John Lasater · 2 Peter 3:3–13

INTRODUCTION

- We have a great source of not only evidences, but also a great example of faith.
- The earth is more a reflection of what happened during this enormous catastrophe than how it was originally created.

1 The Grand Canyon: Testimony of the Great Flood

- It's actually an extraordinary testimony, among many other things, of the great flood that happened at one time.
- If all the factors were the same, at that rate, the Grand Canyon would have been cut in 274 years, not 70 million years.
- How did that river run uphill 3,500 vertical feet to get over those mountains? And they say, I'm the one that needs faith.
- I guarantee you, the flood of Noah's time was much greater than that of the 1927 flood.

2 The Quantity of Fossils, Oil and Coal

- You know what clams do when they die? They open up.
- That's evidence that they were not only covered up quickly, they were contained quickly to where they then were fossilized in that way.
- No more oil and coal is being made. Why? Because we don't have the conditions that make oil and coal today. That happened because of this catastrophic event.

3 A Vapor Canopy That Surrounded the Earth

Genesis 1; Genesis 2

- In other words, when God made the world, he made a paradise of a perfect climate.
- That it had not rained, but there was a mist that went up and watered the ground.
- So it affected not just man to live to 969 years old, but all these animals where we have these enormous dinosaurs.
- I believe he took dinosaurs on the Ark. But he didn't have to take the grown ones. He could take the babies.

4 How Did Anyone or Anything Survive?

- The only way he could have survived was first of all with God's warning, and secondly, with God's providence.
- And it's a story that exists in cultures around the world. Almost every culture has a flood story in their legend.

- Every person that's alive today is a descendant of Noah.
- This is one that God revealed to us as one that we can be confident in.

5 Noah's Faith: Conviction of Things Not Yet Seen

2 Peter 3:3–7; 2 Peter 2:5; Hebrews 11:7

- And it motivated him to do some things based upon that faith.
- And maybe that's why some people don't want to acknowledge this. Because it means I'm going to have some accountability.
- God did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly.
- By faith, Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household.
- He didn't save himself. God saved him. But he had to do what God told him to do. And that's a great example of what faith really is.

6 The Like Figure: Who Was He Really Trusting?

1 Peter 3:18–21

- The like figure whereinto baptism does also now save us.
- Why was it he was careful to use gopher wood? Why was it that he used the dimensions that God gave him?
- It's not a matter of us saying, I'm going to save myself. It's a matter of saying, no, I'm dependent on God to save me, so I want to listen to what God says and do things in his way.
- And Noah knew that. And we should too.

THE CHALLENGE

There's another day of destruction coming that's going to be even more intense than the great flood. It's going to happen. And so, since that's the case, how should that affect us?

MY NOTES