

Noah: What Really Happened

(Genesis 6-8)



- Introduction:
1. Ari Handel, co-writer of “Noah” said, “What I’d tell people is it’s very important to us that nothing we actually did directly contradicted the Genesis story. There are some places where people think we did, and I’d just say, ‘We didn’t.’ It was all grounded somewhere. It wasn’t just the Genesis story the way you expected it. But it’s grounded.”
 2. A summary of the movie.
 3. Back to what Handel said, “Everything was grounded somewhere.” It’s just a shame that it wasn’t grounded in the Bible!
 4. It is not my aim to retell the familiar story of Noah and the ark, but to share with you some important truths from this biblical account.

I. God’s Grace Doesn’t Not Mean Our Ease

- A. (Genesis 6:8).
- B. Think of how difficult it must have been for Noah to have built the ark.
- C. Becoming a Christian won’t bring an end to difficulties in your life.

II. Noah Had A Faith That Persevered

- A. Consider how frustrated Noah must have been.
- B. 120 years pass with no converts to his preaching (2 Peter 2:5; Genesis 6:3), and no sign of any flood (Hebrews 11:7).
- C. We need to stop being so “results oriented” and focus more on simply being faithful.

III. God Won’t Abandon The Faithful

- A. (Genesis 7:1) “Come” into the ark.
- B. (Genesis 6:20) the animals came to Noah.
- D. (Matthew 28:19-20).
- E. The absence of evidence is not the evidence of absence.

IV. There Is A Limit To God’s Patience

- A. (Genesis 6:5-7).
- B. (Hebrews 10:28-29).

- Conclusion:
1. From the biblical record of Noah and the great flood, we learn that:
 - a. God is gracious and wants to save.
 - b. But he will not tolerate rebellion forever.
 - c. There will be a day of judgment, and when that day comes, we had better be in his ark of safety.