



THE IRON ROD

Hold to the rod, the iron rod; 'Tis strong, and bright, and true.
The iron rod is the word of God; 'Twill safely guide us through.



March/April 2023

NOAH

Noah (נֹחַ), meaning 'rest' or 'consolation', was the tenth and final of the antediluvian patriarchs. He was the great-grandson of Enoch, and the son of Lamech.

We are first introduced to Noah in chapter 5 of Genesis. We are simply told that when Lamech was 182 years old he had a son and named him Noah, "saying, This same shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands." When he was 10 years old, he was ordained to the priesthood by his grandfather, Methuselah.

Noah became a preacher of righteousness and declared the gospel of Jesus Christ, even as Enoch, teaching faith, repentance, baptism, and the reception of the Holy Ghost. His life was sought by unbelievers, but he was preserved by the power of God.

When he was 500 years old, Noah had three sons: Japheth, Shem and Ham.

We read in Genesis chapter 6 that the Lord was grieved over the wickedness of man and decided to destroy man from the face of the earth. Noah, though, had found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

The Lord told Noah to make an ark of gopher wood. He was to make it 300 hundred cubits long and 50 cubits wide and 30 cubits high (about 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high). He said he would flood the earth, to destroy all flesh and that he would establish a covenant with Noah. He told Noah to "of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female." (Gen. 6:19) He was told to take seven pairs of clean beasts and two of unclean beasts.

When Noah was 600 years old he and his sons Japheth, Shem, and Ham, and their wives, making eight in all, boarded the ark and the flood of waters began. We are told that the flood was in "the second month, the seventeenth day of the month" (Gen. 7:11) and that it rained for 40 days and 40 nights. (Gen. 7:12) The water was 15 cubits (25 feet) deep. The water prevailed upon the earth 150 days. (Gen. 7:24)

After seven months the waters had receded enough that the ark rested on the top of the mountains of Ararat. The waters decreased continually for ten more months before the tops of the mountains were seen. Forty days later Noah sent a raven out, to see if the waters had dried up. He also sent out a dove. The dove returned to the ark. Seven days later he sent the dove out again. This time she returned with an olive leaf. He waited another seven days, and sent the dove out again. This time she did not return.

Noah and his family and all the animals left the ark in his 601st year. He built an altar and offered burnt offerings.

God blessed Noah and his family and told them to be "fruitful and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein.

The Lord also established a covenant with Noah and his family. The Lord's covenant with Noah affirmed that the earth would never be covered with a flood again. The token of this covenant was a "bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth." (Gen. 9:13)

The tradition of a great flood is found in nearly every ancient culture. A Babylonian account closely resembles the record in the Bible, but the biblical account differs from all others in its religious value and the purpose of it. The scriptural account teaches that the Flood was sent to cleanse the earth because of the wickedness of the people. Noah and his family were saved because they were righteous. The authenticity of the Genesis account of the Flood is confirmed by latter-day revelation as recorded in Moses 7:34, 42-43; 8:8-30. See also Ether 13:2.

We learn from latter-day revelation that Noah is also the angel Gabriel.

Noah, a righteous man, holds the keys of a dispensation and stands next to Adam in authority. Other references to Noah are Isa. 54:9; Ezek. 14:14, 20; Matt. 24:37-38; Luke 3:36; 17:26-27.

Well, that's enough for this time around. I hope you enjoy this and the following discussions. I pray that they are helpful to you in your endeavors in studying the scriptures.

Before you speak...

T - is it True? H - is it Helpful? I - is it Inspiring?

N - is it Necessary? K - is it Kind?



It's what's on the inside not what's on the outside. Be gracious.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY CORNER

But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. (Matthew 24:37)

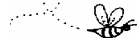
NOTE: All verses quoted from the Bible are from the Authorized or King James Version (KJV). Other references are from the Book of Mormon, Doctrine & Covenants, and Pearl of Great Price. These books of Scripture are the Standard Works of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things. (Genesis 9:3)

For this is as the waters of Noah unto me: for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee. (Isaiah 54:9)

And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. (Matthew 7:25)

By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith. (Hebrews 11:7)



Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. (1 Peter 3:20)

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 Peter 2:5)

For this, the waters of Noah unto me, for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee. (3 Nephi 22:9)

Wherefore Enoch saw that Noah built an ark; and that the Lord smiled upon it, and held it in his own hand; but upon the residue of the wicked the floods came and swallowed them up. (Moses 7:43)

And it came to pass that Noah continued his preaching unto the people, saying: Hearken, and give heed unto my words; (Moses 8:23)

And the Lord said: I will destroy man whom I have created, from the face of the earth, both man and beast, and the creeping things, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth Noah that I have created them, and that I have made them; and he hath called upon me; for they have sought his life. (Moses 8:26)

BYU ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS
WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/@BYURELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CARL BRETZKE
WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/@KARLOVSKY2005

PRIMARILY SCRIPTURE
YOUTUBE.COM/@PRIMARILYSCRIPTURE

BIBLE TRIVIA

1. Who kept Paul in prison, hoping Paul would try to bribe him for release?
2. Who advised that the Egyptians be taxed 20 percent of their produce in order to prepare for famine?
3. Who taxed the Israelites in order to pay off Pul, the king of Assyria?
4. Who did Jesus send fishing in order to get money for taxes?
5. Who warned the people of Israel that having a king would mean having taxation?
6. What figure did Jesus use as a contrast to the humble tax collector?
7. What did the hungry Esau give up to Jacob in exchange for food?
8. What was Judas given to betray Jesus?
9. By what other name was the tax collector Matthew known?
10. What did John the Baptist tell the tax collectors who came to him for baptism?

*Do not ask God what He can do for you,
but ask God what you can do for Him.*

HYMNS OF FAITH LET ZION IN HER BEAUTY RISE

Hymns 1985, #41



Let Zion in her beauty rise;
Her light begins to shine.
Ere long her King will rend the skies,
Majestic and divine,
The gospel spreading thru the land,
A people to prepare
To meet the Lord and Enoch's band
Triumphant in the air.

Ye heralds, sound the golden trump
To earth's remotest bound.
Go spread the news from pole to pole
In all the nations round:

That Jesus in the clouds above,
With hosts of angels too,
Will soon appear, his Saints to save,
His enemies subdue.



That glorious rest will then commence
Which prophets did foretell,
When Saints will reign with Christ on earth,
And in his presence dwell
A thousand years, oh, glorious day!
Dear Lord, prepare my heart
To stand with thee on Zion's mount
And nevermore to part.

Questions About the Bible

1. Why did Israel rebel against Rehoboam? (See also Map 9; Bible Dictionary, p. 708, s.v. "Israel, kingdom of") (1 Kings 12)
2. Whom did Israel make their king?
3. Which tribe followed Rehoboam?
4. Why did Rehoboam refrain from fighting against the house of Israel?
5. What did Jeroboam do to anger the Lord? Why?
6. What did the prophet prophesy would happen on the altar? (1 Kings 13)
7. What sign did the prophet give that this event would happen?
8. What happened to Jeroboam when he ordered his servants to seize the prophet?
9. How was Jeroboam healed?
10. What happened to the prophet after he came back? Why?

Questions are taken from *A Reading Guide to the Old Testament* by David H. Mulholland, published by Deseret Book Company, 1989

BIBLE - Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth

100 WAYS TO STUDY SCRIPTURE

56. Memorize with cue cards
57. Choose a Scripture to memorize
58. Understand then memorize Scriptures
59. Sing along with the Scriptures
60. Check out apps