

# Noah Today



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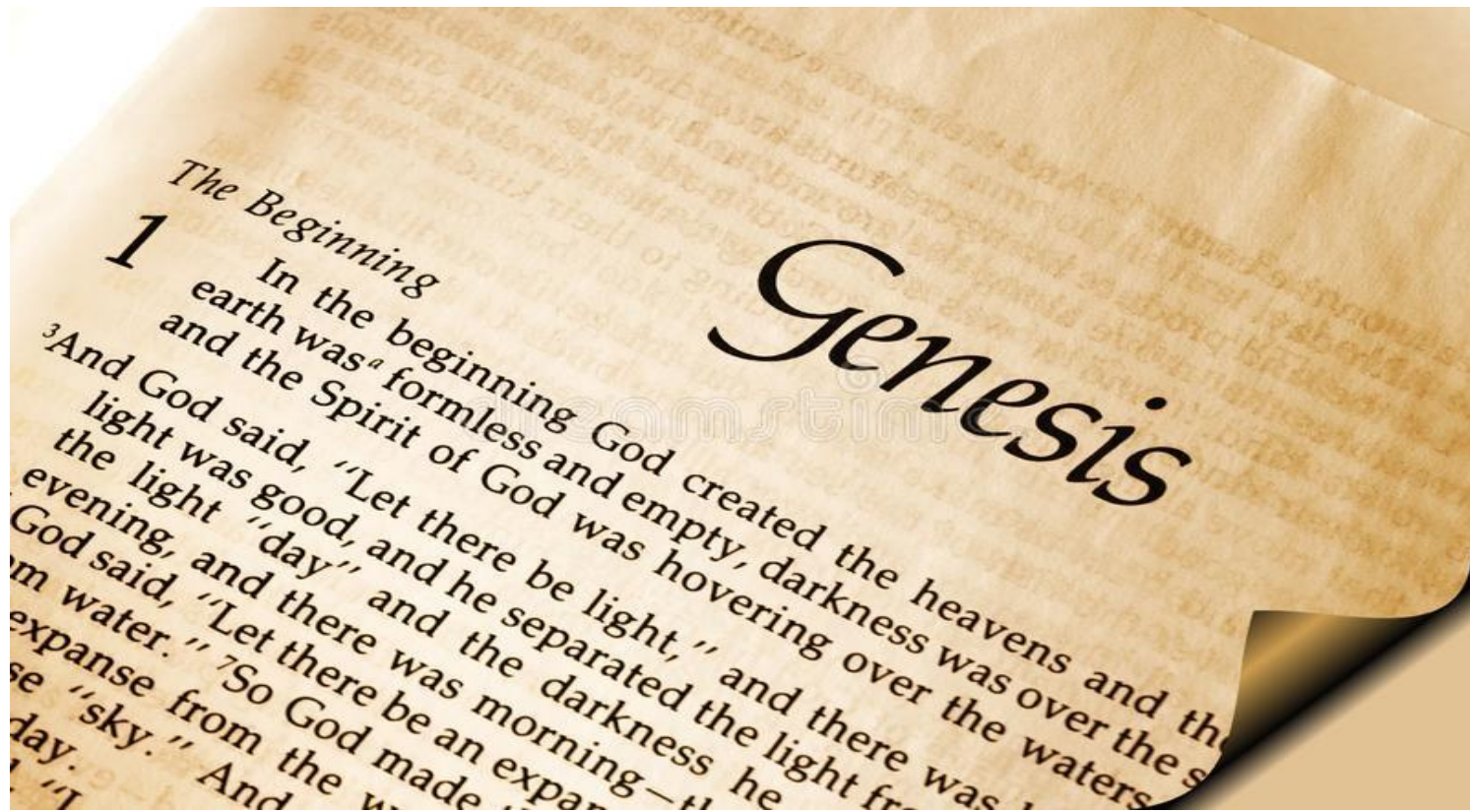
# Objectives

- To know the present status of the world
- To know whether Noah complete the task given by God
- To understand the situation of work in the modern world
- To understand use of vocabulary and language



# The Christian Prediction

- The Genesis (the first book of old Testament )
  - Noah



## Who is Noah?

- The biblical figure
- the hero of the biblical Flood story in the Old Testament (book of Genesis)
- the originator of vineyard cultivation, and, as the father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth, the representative head of a Semitic genealogical line. ... A righteous man, **Noah** “found favour in the eyes of the Lord” (Genesis 6:8).

# Noah



## The Lord spoke to Noah

- “Noah, in six months, I’m going to make it rain like hell and there will be **deluge**. The whole world will be covered with water and everything will be destroyed.
- But, I want to save a few good people and two of every living thing on this planet.
- So, I’m ordering you to build an ark and collect the people and other things so that you are ready for the floods.”
- *Deluge: severe flood (biblical flood)*

# Noah's Ark



## the Judeo-Christian **flood story**

- God became angry with the sins of mankind. He told his faithful servant, **Noah**, to build an **ark** large enough for his family (which included eight people; his wife, his three sons and their wives) and two of every creature on earth.



## Noah and lord conversation

- And, in a flash of lightning he also mentioned the specification of the ark and the things to be collected.
- “OK” said Noah, trembling with fear, “I’m your servant and I’ll do what you have ordered me to do.” He noted down the specifications of the ark and drew the blueprints.
- “Remember, my son You have only six months and the ark must be ready,” thundered the lord.

## Whether Noah succeeded?

- Six months passed; dark clouds began to gather and it began to rain in the torrents; it rained cats and dogs, non-stop for days together. The Lord looked down and Noah was sitting in his yard and weeping; there was no ark

## Noah today

- ‘Noah’ thundered the Lord, “Where’s the ark?’ Noah trembled.
- “Lord, please forgive me, begged Noah. “ I did my best to obey you but there were many problems in building an ark. First, I had to get the plans approved and get a permit from the competent authority. They told me that your plans are not according to the specifications and they are to be modified. I hired an engineer to redraw the plans but the officers kept on delaying and the files didn’t move.

## Noah's response

- Then they told me that the 'competent authority' must be taken care of. I didn't know what it meant till the clerk told me the meaning. What can I do? Somehow, I managed to get the files moving.
- Next, I was told that I must get the environmental impact statement to get the clearance from another 'competent authority'. I knew, by now, how to take care of the 'competent authority' but poor Noah can't afford to take care of so many compitant authorities

# Environmental Impact Statement

## Environmental Impact Statement Process

Notice of Intent

Scoping Process

Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Public Review

Final Environmental Impact Statement

Record of Decision

Public Participation Throughout

We are here

## Noah's response

- Still I didnt want to disobey your orders. Then, they wanted a report from **meteorological department** on your proposed floods and how it has been predicted. I told them it was the order of the supreme being but they laughed at me and told me that there was no one called 'Supreme being' in that department. They thought I was mad and asked me to get a medical certificate to prove my mental sanity!

# meteorological department



## SPCA Objections

- When I started gathering two animals of each kind, the animal protection groups like the SPCA filed a suit against me, saying that it was cruelty against animals.



# SPCA (society for Prevention of Cruelty on Animals)



## Noah's efforts in vein

- The court gave a stay order, asking me not to proceed with my work.



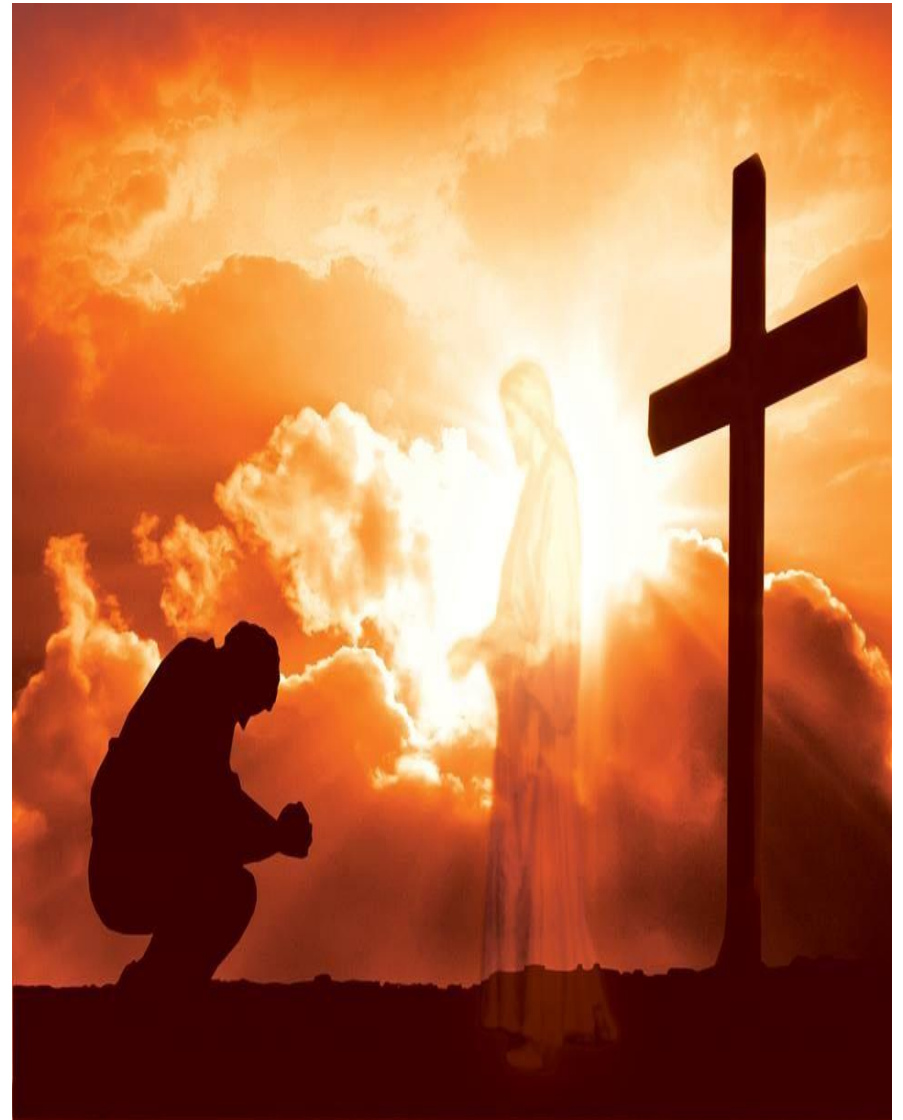


- The Equal Opportunities Commission gave me notice, asking me how I propose to select the people I want to save and how many from minorities community, how many women and how many from the weaker sections.
- I am still collecting the data and you may not know how difficult it is because everywhere there is a 'competent authority '.

## Noah's situation

- I think it will take, at least, another ten to fifteen years to complete this work, but, in the mean time the governments may change and there will be new 'competent authorities'.
- When Noah finished his sob story, the sky cleared, the sun began to shine, and rainbow arched across the sky.

- Noah looked up and kneeled down to pray.
- He thanked the Lord and said, “So you have decided not to destroy the world, my Lord!”



## Lord's reply

- The Lord smiled: “No, there is no need for me to do it now. Your leaders, bureaucrats and greedy people are doing a better job: so, I left it to them.”



## Tail Piece

- Three old men went to see God. The first one was an American named Paul: eating junk food had taken its toll and he was looking really old. He asked God when his country will come out of the economic recession.
- God said, ‘a hundred years’
- The American started weeping profusely and, ‘God, I will not live to see that day.’”

## Tail Piece

- The second one was a Russian named Ivan, smelling vodka. He too asked God, “God, when will my country prosper?”
- God said, ‘fifty years’. The Russian too started crying and said, ‘God, I will not live to see that day.’”
- Finally, an Indian – incessant starving having taken its toll on him, he was unable to walk- asked God, ‘God! When will my country become free from corruption and misrule?’”
- God started crying profusely and said, ‘My son, I may not live to see that day!’



**Any questions?**

# Thank You

