



Out of the water

What if God shut the door to the world? What if the path of humanity went the wrong way? What if God decided that only 8 people were worthy of surviving a total annihilation of the world. The Path for the human race was set. The path for Noah was laid. This pathway begins by giving Noah plans for a boat. Then as the rain began to fall, God locked them in. It's how God rolls.

God was watching humanity. There was great debauchery during the time of Noah. Sin was everywhere. There is an account of the Nephilim. Who were they? What were they? It also said the Sons of God had sex with the women of men. Who are the Sons of God? Some say angels. In any case Genesis 7 is all the data that we have on this event. There are so many unanswerable questions. Yet, underneath, there is a theme: things had taken a nasty turn. Within all this, God could be described in two ways: distressed and hopeful. He was distressed over the state of the land. Yet, he was hopeful in a man named Noah. God was watching and planning a pathway.

Think about it. God gave Noah a job to do. It took about 120 years to build this ark. In all that time only his immediate family members joined him in the ark. It is said that in that day men and women were too busy eating and drinking to be concerned with God. It's our life too. If things are good, why worry?

The First 11 chapters of the Bible are one big pathway. A path that leads down to one family, one nation, and one way. Eventually this leads to one person in the form of Jesus. Yet, the first chapters are about division. Adam and Eve are divided from God. Cain is divided from his family. Noah is divided from former creation. The tower of Babel divides all the human race. God sees the things we do. Our choices tend to divide people.

God continues to use the theme of division to make a pathway. God combined the divided waters above with the waters below and flooded the earth. He divided the red sea to make a path. Divided the nation into Israel and Judah. A curtain hung in the temple of God dividing the people from God. When Jesus died the temple curtain was torn in two to complete a path to salvation. Through great floods and adversity, God made a way. Sometimes it was to divide and other times it was to combine.

I find it interesting that Jesus was asked about marriage. He said what God has joined let man not separate. All through the Bible we see God finding a pathway for us to follow. Throughout this we see man trying to separate himself from God. Over and over God asked us to go his way. Moreover, God then provides a way through. In this Noah story people have gone bad. God needs to purge the land of sin. So, he provides a boat. A way through a divide.

This is a messy path. The world had gone wrong. Yet, the rain came and God shut the door on humanity. Afterwards we have a strange story of Noah getting drunk and his son seeing him naked. Much has been written about that. Even in Noah's story there is a mess. Still, God kept his promise to Noah even after Noah faltered. A promise to make a path back to God.

John 14:6 **“Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”**