**R818 - Rumination for October 4, 2020 by K.C. Ung**

The **T**heme: **Noah**[berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com/)

The **T**ext: ***Noah*** *found grace in the eyes of the LORD* Gen. 6:8

The **T**hots:

*Noah* occurs 54 times in the KJV Bible as *Noah* 46 occ. in O.T.; *Noe* (5 occ); *Noah* (3 occ) in N. T. – Strong

1. **The Historical Noah among Men.**
2. He lived in a **W**orld of **W**icked Men. Gen. 6:5
3. Their **W**ickedness and **C**ontinual evil: *And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth,*

*and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*

1. Their **W**aywardness and **C**orruptness: Gen. 6:11

*The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.*

1. God’s **W**arning to **C**ondemn them to destruction: Gen. 6:7

*The LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth;*

*both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth Me*

*that I have made them.*

1. But Noah was a Man who **W**alked with **G**od:
2. He *was a just man and perfect in his* ***G****enerations, and Noah* ***W****alked with* ***G****od.* Gen*.* 6:9
3. *Noah found* ***G****race in the eyes of the LORD.* Gen. 6:8
4. He was a **G**odly man. Gen. 6:22; 7:5
*Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.*
5. After the Flood **W**aters had subsided.
6. Noah **B**egan a new **G**eneration after him. Gen. 9:1

*God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.*

1. God **B**lessed **N**oah with a **N**ew covenant: Gen. 9:17ff

*God said unto Noah, This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between Me*

*and all flesh that is upon the earth*

1. **The Prophetical Noah of the Coming Messiah** **Matt. 24:37, 38**
2. The **C**ondition of Noah’s Days was a **F**orecast of the **C**oming of the Messiah. Matt. 24:37

*But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.*

1. The **C**ircumstances then that will **F**eature in the **C**oming of the Messiah. Matt. 24:38, 39
2. *For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking,*

*marrying and giving in* *marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark.*

1. *And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.*
2. The **C**aution to be **F**it for **C**hrist’s **C**oming: Matt. 24:44

*Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.*

1. **The Model Noah was of a Man of Faith. Heb. 11:7**
2. His Faith in God **P**repared him for the Flood - *By faith Noah…*
3. His **F**ear of God - *Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear*
4. His **F**amily for God - *prepared an ark to the saving of his house*
5. His **F**aith recognised - *became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.*
6. His Faith in God made him **P**reach **P**atiently to the **P**eople of the Coming Flood. II Pet. 2:5b
7. He was God’s **S**ervant: *a* ***P****reacher of righteousness*
8. The **S**ubject of his **P**reaching: *bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;*
9. God’s **S**pirit was working with him for a **P**eriod of 120 years: Gen. 6:3
*And the LORD said, My Spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh:*

*yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.*

1. **The Exceptional Noah among other notable Men. Eze. 14:20 cf. 14:14**
2. The **C**oming **J**udgments on **J**udah and **J**erusalem. Eze. 14:12-21
3. The **C**ondemnation of **J**ehovah – no one would escape.
4. Even if the three **J**ust men were living then, they could not save the people except themselves.

*Though Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, they shall deliver*

*neither son nor daughter; they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness.* Eze. 14:20

1. Only **J**esus **C**ould, He was the **J**ust (*Righteous*) Who died for the unjust (*unrighteous*). I Pet. 3:18, NRSV

*For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous,*

*in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit,*

* Today, let us remember Him Who was Judged for our sins, that we might be made **J**ust and set free.

*Faith led to Abel’s sacrifice, To Noah’s preservation;*

 *It shone in Enoch’s holy life, And wrought a grand translation.* H. B. Beegle

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R. 818**

1. Israel had sinned against God grievously. The whole nation had committed the sin of idolatry and put God away from their hearts. God was going to punish them: **Eze. 14:4-5** –

*Thus saith the Lord GOD; Every man of the house of Israel that setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet; I the LORD will answer him that cometh according to the multitude of his idols; That I may take the house of Israel in their own heart, because they are all estranged from Me through their idols.*

God would punish them all and they would not escape. They had adopted Babylon’s idolatry and wickedness. A series of God’s four judgments would come upon them and no one could save them, yea, not even the three righteous men, Noah, Daniel and Job if they were living at that time. They could not save any by their righteousness except themselves.

Thus. Eze. 14:12-23 – 12*The word of the LORD came again to me, saying…*

*13Son of man, when the land sinneth against Me by trespassing grievously,*

*then will I stretch out mine hand upon it…*

The Four Judgments:

1. *and will send* ***famine*** *upon it, and will cut off man and beast from it:*
2. *15If I cause noisome* ***beasts*** *to pass through the land, and they spoil it, so that it be*

 *desolate, that no man may pass through because of the beasts:*

1. *17Or if I bring a* ***sword*** *upon that land, and say, Sword, go through the land;*

 *so that I cut off man and beast from it:*

1. *19Or if I send a* ***pestilence*** *into that land, and pour out my fury upon it in blood,*

*to cut off from it man and beast:*

*20****Though Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness****.*

Compare Eze. 14: 14, 16, 18 also.

Thus, even if the above three righteous men were living at that time, their righteousness could save no one in that idolatrous land from these judgments because of their utter wickedness, hard-core idolatry and heinous depravity.

*21For thus saith the Lord GOD; How much more when I send my four sore judgments upon Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the noisome beast, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast?*

 Yet God in His Grace and Mercy would save a remnant who could see the justification of His judgments and come forth to declare how just were God’s righteous judgments and He indeed was justified and just in meting them out on the people for the evil they did.  *22Yet, behold, therein shall be left a remnant that shall be brought forth, both sons and daughters: behold, they shall come forth unto you, and ye shall see their way and their doings: and ye shall be comforted concerning the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, even concerning all that I have brought upon it. 23And they shall comfort you, when ye see their ways and their doings: and ye shall know that I have not done without cause all that I have done in it, saith the Lord GOD.*

However, a day would still come when these four judgments would merge into one and be poured out on this wicked world in the Terrible Day of the Great Tribulation that will come upon all nations – *I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.* Rev. 6:8.

Compare these with the four judgments in Ezekiel’s prophecy. (Eze. 14:21)

Today the righteousness of our Lord, the Just Who died for the unjust, can redeem us from the Judgments to come so that we need not have to go through the Terrors of the Great Tribulation.

Have you been redeemed by His blood to be free of this Terror to come? **REFLECT**

1. If Noah were living today and he preached to the people of the world that the Covid\_19 Pandemic could be God’s judgment on them for their rebellion against, and rejection of, Him and His Gospel of Grace and peace, do you think the people would repent and return to God? Consider the multitudes who had died and the millions still standing on their human rights refusing to be restricted in their movements, in social distancing and in being quarantined especially in the western world? Is God justified to mete out this judgment? **REFLECT**

**POINTS TO PONDER:** *At this time of Covid\_19, which is more important –*

*Getting our Human Rights or Getting Right with God?*