



### **The Name of Separation**

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*And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the Ark, because of the waters of the flood. ( **Genesis 7:7** ).*

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

- Noah lived in a generation of exceeding wickedness. Sin was pursued to the fullest. The crime rate had reached its peak.
- God looked down and saw the wickedness of that generation and repented He ever created man on the earth. He had no alternative, but to destroy the sinners and start over with Noah and his family.
- We can rest assured today, that God will not tolerate sin. Sin may endure for a moment of time, but in due season, it will be judged, and punishment handed out.
- God tried to save some of Noah's generation by preaching. God could have thundered from Heaven, as He did on Mt. Sinai, and cause the people to repent, but He uses the preacher of righteousness. God speaks His message to man through man.
- It is not the will of God to frighten people into living for Him. He wants people to live for Him in freedom of choice and love.
- Noah began to preach to his generation concerning the coming judgments God was to send.
- People laughed and made fun of his preaching. "What a joke." "God will not destroy us." "There will not be a flood." "Old Noah is just building sermon material."
- Noah kept on preaching and building the Ark.
- Methuselah was the son of Enoch. He was the oldest man who ever lived on earth. He lived to be 969 years old. Why did God favor him over Moses? Why did God favor him over Adam? Why was he the oldest man who ever lived? God had a reason for allowing Methuselah to live 969 years.
- The Hebrew names of men had a meaning. Methuselah's name in Hebrew meant, "When he dies the end will come." He was a sign to his generation. The people knew what his name meant. When he was to die, the flood was to come on the world.
- God in His mercy, allowed Methuselah to live 969 years because He, in His mercy, wanted to save the generation of Noah. Extended mercy was given to the sinners of that day, as reflected in the longevity of Methuselah.
- In 30 days, after the death of Methuselah, the flood came. The rains came down and the fountains of the deep were opened up. The underground springs began pouring their water on the ground above.
- The water began to rise as people ran to the Ark. The earth was filled with screaming, crying, and praying.
- Their time of mercy had run out.
- Noah had preached for 120 years to their dulled senses and deaf ears. They rejected the sign of Methuselah. They were so content to live in sin.
- God had to shut the door of grace and mercy. Noah could not open the door to the Ark of safety. As the flood covered the highest mountains, all flesh perished in the waters.
- In the Ark also, was Shem, a son of Noah. Shem's name in Hebrew meant, "The Name." He was a type of the "Great Name of God." As God looked down on the Ark, He looked on His Name. God put His Name on that Ark.
- It was the Name of separation.  
It was the Name of salvation.  
It was the Name of grace.  
It was the Name of mercy.

- It was the joy of God to put His Name on people of righteousness. God put His Name on Jerusalem ( Kings 14:21 ).
- Jesus said, "As it was in the days of Noe, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."
- Our generation is as wicked as the generation of Noah. Sin is abounding everywhere. Preachers of righteousness are declaring the gospel of Jesus, and warning of coming judgment
- People laugh and make fun of the Man of God. No one seems to have time for church People are saying today, "God is a God of mercy and love, He will not destroy our generation." God is a God of mercy and love, but His mercy and love is limited to a time.
- There comes a time when God's Spirit will not always strive with man. A line has been drawn on sins dark highway called the point of no return.
- Our generation has its preachers of righteousness. Our generation has its signs of the time. Israel, the fig tree, was established in the year, 1948, this is the greatest sign to our generation. We have a spiritual ark of safety, the church. God will raise the church above the coming judgments, as He raised the Ark above the flood. God has put His name on the church.
- The church is called by His Name ( Acts 15:17 ). The Name of the Lord is a strong tower and the righteous runneth into it and are safe ( Proverbs 18:10 ).
- The Name of Jesus Christ is the only Name given among men whereby we must be saved ( Acts 4:12 ).
- When God looks at His church, He is looking on His Name. The church is stamped with the name of separation, separation from the world.
- The church is hated of all nations for the Name of the Lord ( Matthew 10:22 ).
- We are not hated because we worship.  
We are not hated because we sing.  
We are not hated because we pray.  
We are hated because we bear the Name of Jesus Christ. Those who have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ ( Galatians 3:27 ). We have put on His Name.
- Satan hates the Name of Jesus Christ. That Name has all power and authority in Heaven and earth ( Matthew 28:18 ).
- When that Name is spoken by faith, the devil trembles, demons flee, and a shudder rings down the corridors of Hell.
- Do you have that Name today?
- Are you wearing the Name of Jesus Christ?
- Wherever I go, the Name goes. Wherever the church goes, the Name goes.
- The church carries the saving Name.  
The church carries the holy Name.  
The church carries the highest Name.  
The church carries the glorified Name.  
The church carries the only Name.  
The church carries the Name of separation.
- The cup of iniquity is almost full on our wicked generation. The rapture of the church is near, even at the door. Judgment is soon to be poured out.
- Get into the ark of safety. Do not be lost. Do not perish in sin. Get into the Name of salvation, the Name of separation from the world.
- That Name will save you.  
That Name will deliver you.  
That Name will redeem you.  
That Name will cleanse you.  
That Name will resurrect you.
- The church of Ephesus held fast that Name of separation ( Revelation 2:3 ).  
The church of Pergamos held fast that Name of separation ( Revelation 2:13 ).  
The church of Philadelphia held fast that Name of separation ( Revelation 3:8 ).
- When the church stands on the streets of glory, redeemed out of all nations by the blood of Christ, God will write upon us His New Name ( Revelation 3:12 ).
- We will wear that Name forever throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity. Yes, there is something about that Name.

