

A HISTORY OF ISOLATION AND OPPORTUNITY

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The Bible contains many stories of people who needed to go into lockdown to escape a variety of threats coming upon the earth. On all of these occasions, preparations and warnings were made to all people; offering everyone a way of escape. There was always a great need for God's people to listen carefully to his survival guidelines. Some obvious examples were Noah and the ark, the Passover when the tenth plague destroyed the first born, also the modern spirit filled church is a vessel of separation for escaping spiritual death.

Noah and his family are our first example. **GEN 7:1** And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation. **2** Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that are not clean by two, the male and his female. **3** Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth. **4** For yet **seven days**, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth. *The principle of 'first mention' applies here... The door being open for seven days is a representation of the seven prophetic days (7 thousand years) of God's dealing with humanity. This spans from Adam till the end of the millennium. In all these ages, God has provided a means of escape and safety for those who choose to enter into eternal life.*

&15 And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life. **16** And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the **LORD shut him in**. *God sealed the door before the judgment came upon the unbelievers. There was a huge opportunity for everyone who saw the ark and heard of its purpose (just like the modern church)... choices will be made.*

The ark & church fully sealed as the door is shut. **GEN 6:14** Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt **pitch** (3722 Kaphar, same word as mercy & atonement) it **within** and **without** with pitch. **2COR 1:22** Who hath also **sealed** us, and given the **earnest** (promise) of the Spirit in our hearts.

Like the ark, the church has only one entry door. **JOH 10:1** Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. **2** But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.) *Only those who entered in through the door could be saved. Repentance, water baptism and receiving the Holy Spirit... evidenced by speaking in tongues (Acts 2).*

We are in the world, yet separated from it at the same time. **JOH 17:16** They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. **17** Sanctify them (to be protected or sealed against judgment) through thy truth: thy word is truth. **18** As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. **JOH 10:9** I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

Another encouragement to be spiritually safe. **2COR 6:17** Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and **touch not** the unclean thing; and I will receive you, *This reference is to spiritual isolation. One thing this current virus outbreak has taught us, is to be very cautious about the effects of what we touch and where we go. This is the key to our spiritual health as well... Adam was told not to touch as well.*

The end of this age will be as it was in the days of Noah. **MAT 24:38** 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, **39** And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. *The church will be safely sealed away before the world faces judgment, just as God sealed the ark door before the rains came.* **REV 7:3** Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have **sealed** the servants of our God in their **foreheads** (metaphor... those who have their spiritual priorities in order).

God wants everyone to be spiritually healthy and escape the reality of certain death. **MAT 24:14** And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. *The end is very close and many are looking for an answer... opportunities have never been better.*

Further references to the door. **REV 3:7** And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; **8** I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

ISA 22:22 And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.