

# Noah and the Coronavirus



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Did you know that Noah, his family and all the animals were on the ark for over a year?

When we study about him and the big boat, we often think it just lasted 40 days and 40 nights. The end. Exit with a rainbow. In reality, it was a lot longer and a whole lot harder than that!

Today-to me, no other Bible story applies more readily to the Coronavirus. In the book of Genesis, we read that God told Noah, to build an ark...and he did. God told Noah to go into the ark with his fam...and he did. (They were in there for one whole week before it started raining!)

And then the rain came. And came. And came. It was

like forever! The rocking, the mewling, the hissing-oh, you KNOW there were SNAKES! The family was stuck together. Did they play charades? Hide and seek in the animal pens? Did the daughters-in-law all get along?

Noah had only a few instructions from the Lord. He hadn't been told the WHOLE plan. Probably a good thing!

There were no daily updates from the governor of the land or the President of his nation. There was only trusting in God! Because of that, Genesis 8:1 tells us something fabulous: "God remembered Noah..."

After a million-non-NTI days-on the water (actually 150), they finally docked on top

of a mountain. May the Lord be praised! But...

THEY STILL COULDN'T GET OFF. Dad gum it! (I'm hearing their conversations in my head!) It makes sense: everything would have been completely muddy and gooey. They wouldn't have even been able to stand up! The timing was not right...yet. So they had to wait two and a half more months. On the ark. With the animals and the family. (It feels like WE are on the ark, too, these days!)

And...then at just the right time...God said it was OK to disembark. I'm picturing the humans off before the animals! Men, women, and probably beasts, praised the Lord! Did

they EVER stop talking about their voyage?

At just the right time, our Coronavirus quarantine will be over. We will remember these days for the rest of our lives. What stories will we tell? Has it made us better? Has it made our faith grow?

While we are in "our ark" (aka quarantine), let's make sure we are doing good things to gear up for our release: reading our Bibles, taking time to pray, enjoying-or trying to enjoy-close time with our family. When it's over, we, too, will move about without restrictions and we will praise the Lord for our freedom!

We may even see a RAIN-BOW!

# OBITUARIES

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Wednesday, April 1, 2020

## Joyce Ann Stewart, 60

Joyce Ann Stewart, age 60, of Irvine Road in the Mina Station Community of Clark County, Kentucky, widow of Raymond "Mac" Stewart passed away Wednesday, April 1, 2020.

She was born August 20, 1959 in Clark County to the late David Brock and Edna Ruth Allen Brock.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her daughter, Christina Martin (Richard); her son, Anthony Lloyd Wells; seven grandchildren: Joetta and Richard A Martin; Dakota and An-

thony Wells II; Wyatt, Jackson and Liam Wells; a sister Glenna Doughty (Richard); a brother, James David Brock (Stephanie); and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and father, she is preceded in death by a sister, Linda McVey.

Due to COVID-19 Virus, a private graveside service was held Saturday at Boonesboro Cemetery.

Rolan G Taylor Funeral Home of Winchester was in charge of arrangements.

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## seeds of Hope



Not long ago I was stopped by a police officer who motioned to me to pull to the side of the street. When I looked up to see what was going on I saw two large trucks coming toward me with a home that had been cut in half and placed on two trailers. The two halves were slowly being moved to a new location where they would be joined together and the home would look the same as it had in the past.

It was almost unnerving as I waited patiently for them to pass by. For years it rested comfortably on a corner across from an elementary school. Soon it would have a new address in a new neighborhood and perhaps new owners.

How things have changed. Years ago people rarely moved from one home to another. There was a certain permanence in life that brought a sense of security to families. Now, moving from one place to another is a routine part of life that seems to go with the turmoil in the world.

Everywhere we look, we see signs of instability. We awaken each morning wondering what devastating news awaits us. What once was a world that made sense is now a world that longs for the "good old days."

Psalms 93, however, gives comfort to the Christian. It begins with a burst of hope and assurance, a promise of peace and predictability. "The LORD reigns."

And it ends with a reminder of His faithfulness: "Your statues stand firm...for endless days!"

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## Noah's Day and the Coming of Jesus

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In Matthew 24:35-36, Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. <sup>36</sup>But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only."

Then, the Lord gives us a synonymous example, saying, "But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. <sup>38</sup>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, <sup>39</sup>And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." (verses 37-39)

I suppose that there are many who may be searching their Bible to see if the present Coronavirus is to be found therein. But, if you will notice the words that our Lord gives us, these are just everyday events within the lives of many. There have been many major events and catastrophes that have occurred in the past; but none of them stands out in particular in the Bible except "perilous times" mentioned in 2 Timothy 3.

The people in Noah's day weren't alarmed while Noah was building the ark. Some may not have even accepted the notion until they began to swim as the earth beneath their feet disappeared. Then, they were all believers.

The Sodomites laughed with scorn when the message from the Angels reached their ears, but the scorning stopped when the skies began to rain down fire upon them.

I don't know of any event that may occur that will ever get man's attention to the which they will turn to the Lord, but I doubt if anything will do it, for very few have done it before.

I believe the Bible gives us some information of events that will take place among unsaved men at the return of Jesus. Notice in Revelation 6:12-17, the earth will begin to shake, the sun will become darkened, and the moon will look like blood. Even the stars of the heaven will fall like figs from their tree. Then, the heaven will begin to be rolled back as a scroll; the high mountains and the islands of the sea will be moved out of their place.

Then, every unsaved man or woman will begin to hide themselves in the dens, caves, rocks of the mountains. Matters not, even though they be kings, great men, rich men, chief captains, mighty men, slaves or free men; praying to the rocks and mountains to fall on them to hide them from the face of Jesus sitting upon his throne, fearing the wrath of the Lake of Fire unto which they are headed into.

This is called the Last Day, a day of his mighty wrath, and the question is asked, "Who shall be able to stand?"

The Word of God holds the answer for this question, only those that have been washed in the blood of the Lamb (Jesus). Romans 6:3-5 tells of baptism into Jesus for the remission of our sins, remaining faithful until we die. Eternal life only awaits those who obey Jesus. Hebrews 5:9 says so.

Notice Hebrews 9:28, "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation."

So, I encourage all not to look for unusual signs or events that lead to the return of our Lord, for no special event or occurrences dominate the words of Jesus, "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only." (Matthew 24:36) So, take heed, listen, learn, consider and then obey what our Lord says for you to do to secure your soul against that day! If we can help, call.

Sincerely, Bob Casey, (1-859-369-4165), local

## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Micah in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Luke 15, the woman who searched her house with a lantern was looking for a lost...? Soul, Child, Bird, Coin
3. In Judges 16, how many locks of hair did Delilah have

cut from the mighty Samson's head? 1, 3, 5, 7

4. Where were Peter, Andrew and Philip, the first of Jesus' disciples, from? Zion, Bethel, Hebron, Bethsaida
5. From Genesis 26, who planted crops that were reaped a hundredfold? Adam, Isaac, Abraham, Cain
6. How many psalms in the book of Psalms are attributed to Moses? 1, 5, 34, 74

Answers on bottom of Page 12

"Test Your Bible Knowledge," with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in bookstores and online.

## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Then Peter opened his mouth and said, In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.

ACTS 10:34,35

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## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

JAMES 1:12

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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