

Gen 7:4

For after seven more days I will cause it to rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and I will destroy from the face of the earth all living things that I have made.”

From creation up to the days of Noah, it had never rained on the earth. Yet for a hundred years while Noah was building the Ark, he was also preaching to those who lived at that time.

† **2 Pet 2:5** *and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly.*

But while he did, I don't think that Noah was walking around saying that it was going to rain, because people would have said, "Rain, what's rain?" I think Noah would have said something more like, "God will **bring floodwaters on the earth**, and that's how this Ark that I'm building on dry land will move." Also Noah was warning the people of what was to come and urge them to change their ways.

† **Gen 6:17** *And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die.*

I'm sure for hundred years that people made fun of, or mocked Noah and his family, and they probably thought that they were crazy. Until the day that Noah had been preaching about came true.

† **Gen 7:10-12** *And it came to pass after seven days that the waters of the flood were on the earth. In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights.*

But you know what, the same is true even today. We talk about the cross to people and they just don't get it. We sound like a bunch of fools to them talking about heaven and hell, and the cross, and death, and Jesus rising from the dead.

† **I Cor 1:18** *For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*

It's all Greek to them, because they don't see the things of God. Just like back in the days of Noah, they couldn't understand how water would fall from the sky and cover the entire earth with water.

† **Luke 17:27** *They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.*

Yet how many will finally get it when the church is raptured?
I pray all would see and understand before then.

So don't get discouraged when people don't want to hear the gospel or when they make fun of you. Keep praying for them and know that all things happen in God's time and according to His will, not ours.

Also, don't pray that a revival will happen after the church is raptured, because it can't. A revival is an awakening of the believers, but we will be in heaven. Rather pray for a flood of salvation to come upon the earth, and that people will flood into the kingdom of heaven during this time.

† **2 Peter 3:9** *The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.*