

THE HOLY BIBLE

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Episode 1002

"The Decay of Mankind"

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TEASER

EXT. CITY - DAY

SUPER: "1056 Anno Mundi"

It looks like a normal city. Men and women walk to and fro, doing their daily duties. TWO MEN walk into a house.

Moments later, they burst out of the house holding various articles including carved gods. The HOMEOWNER runs out behind them. He wears some decorative jewelry.

HOMEOWNER

Hey! Stop them! They took my gods!

He appeals to some bystanders who just watched.

HOMEOWNER

Please, get help. We have to stop them.

The BYSTANDER pushes him violently away.

BYSTANDER

Get off me. Take care of it yourself.

The bystander looks closely at the homeowner. He rips off the man's necklace and runs away.

HOMEOWNER

Hey!

Behind him, another MAN enters his house. A scream permeates the air. The homeowner whips around. It is coming from his house.

HOMEOWNER

Zaba?

He runs into his house.

INT. HOUSE - DAY

The woman is back up against a wall. Part of her garment is torn off of her, exposing an indecent amount of skin. The HUSTLER is working to strip her entirely, but she is trying to resist.

HOMEOWNER

What are you doing?

HUSTLER

What are you waiting for? We can share her, can't we?

Without missing a beat, the homeowner snaps back.

HOMEOWNER

You know very well you cannot sleep with my wife until you pay me.

WIFE

What? I never agreed to that.

The homeowner rears back and slaps his wife.

HOMEOWNER

Why don't you be a good little girl and do as you're told! It's not for you to agree or disagree. You pay me and she's yours to do with as you please.

HUSTLER

Do you want to join me?

HOMEOWNER

I believe I shall.

The homeowner grabs the wife's legs, and the two carry her out the room.

WIFE

No!

EXT. CITY - DAY

The screams continues, but no one pays any attention. As the city is further regarded, thieves ransack businesses, people are lying in the street, beaten senseless or dead, women are dragged into secluded rooms, men appear to be having TOO friendly a conversation.

INT. PALACE - DAY

The ruler, METHUSELAH, now 369, looks out over the failing kingdom. From his vantage, he can see a temple to a god fashioned from iron, that resembles a plant of some sort.

METHUSELAH

How easily man turns away from his creator...

He shakes his head. A servant enters behind him.

SERVANT

My lord, it is a boy.

Methuselah smiles and strides behind the servant who leads him to another room.

In this room, ASHMUA, the wife of LAMECH, 182, lies on a bed, exhausted. Lamech holds up the baby for Methuselah to see.

LAMECH

Father, look! I have a son.

METHUSELAH

Well done, Lamech, my son. At 182, you waited almost as long as I did. How is Ashmua?

LAMECH

She is resting. Would you like to see your grandson?

METHUSELAH

Of course.

Lamech walks over to a MIDWIFE, standing in the room. He retrieves the BABY from her and carries him to Methuselah.

METHUSELAH

Have you decided on a name for him?

LAMECH

I know the grandson of Methuselah, son of Enoch, should have a name of strength in these darkest of days. I was going to call him Menachem, because this one will comfort us in our works and miserable toil on the earth, which God has cursed.

METHUSELAH

That is the world we live in now, but the time is coming when the Lord will have his way with the world, and this will not be so. He should be called Noah, because the earth in his days will be at rest and free from corruption.

LAMECH

Oh, that the day would be today.

METHUSELAH

It will be neither today, nor tomorrow. In fact, we will not see it...but he will.

NOAH looks towards Methuselah and smiles. Methuselah smiles back at him.

END OF TEASER

ACT ONE

EXT. HEAVEN

In the vast brightness of heaven, a voice issues out of the light on a throne. Angels stand around listening to God speak. Their expressions saddened.

GOD

Every man has made himself a god.
Judges plunder and take men's
wives by force. They have corrupted
the animals, by mixing the species.
All flesh has corrupted its ways
upon the earth: all men and all
animals. Therefore, I will blot
out man that I created from the
face of the earth; from the man to
the bird of the air, together with
cattle and beasts that are in the
field for I repent that I made them.
None of the men who have followed
me and obeyed my commandments will
see the punishment I will bring
upon the wicked of the world.

MICHAEL, one of the angels, steps forward.

MICHAEL

Oh, Sovereign Lord, will you
destroy all of mankind which you
have created, and all of the
animals?

GOD

Noah, the son of those who have
followed me, will be chosen, along
with his children, to raise up a
new seed on the face of the earth.

RAPHAEL

When you do this terrible thing?

GOD

Soon.

EXT. GROVE - DAY

SUPER: "480 Years Later"

SUPER: "1536 Anno Mundi"

Methuselah (now 849), Lamech (662), and Noah (480) stand beside the grave of JARED.

METHUSELAH

Old and full of years was Jared,
the father of Enoch.

NOAH

He was a good man. Walked in the
ways of God.

LAMECH

As do you, Noah, my son.

NOAH

I follow as best as I can.

LAMECH

You do well. However, it disturbs
me that at 480, you still have not
taken a wife.

NOAH

What's the point? Grandfather has long
since been removed from his position.
No one cares of the ways of God
anymore. We are all that remains of
God's people. God is going to
destroy this world, so why should I
have children? I would only watch
them die.

METHUSELAH

Noah, I don't know what is delaying
God's judgment on the people.
He, of course, knows more than any
of us, and perhaps there are more
people who follow him. Or perhaps,
if we are all there is, then he is
simply waiting for us to die out,
so we will not experience his wrath.

LAMECH

That's not comforting.

METHUSELAH

I didn't say it would be.

NOAH

Unless God commands, I will not
take a wife.

LAMECH

I can respect that. Well, I must
be going. I'll see you later.

METHUSELAH

Go with God, Lamech.

NOAH

Good-bye, father.

Lamech leaves them. Noah and Methuselah continue walking.

METHUSELAH

My son disturbs me, Noah. Have
you noticed?

NOAH

I know my father does not walk
fully in the ways you have laid
down.

METHUSELAH

It saddens me that I cannot
prevent his downfall, but I
rejoice that your walk has always
been pure.

NOAH

What are we to do?

METHUSELAH

God will guide us.

A light suddenly shines down upon them from above.

GOD

Noah. Methuselah.

Noah and Methuselah drops to their knees in reverence.

NOAH & METHUSELAH

Here we are.

GOD

You are to speak to the sons of men, saying, "The Lord commands you to return from your evil ways and forsake your works, and the Lord will repent of the evil that he declared to do to you, so that it will not happen. For the Lord has said, 'I will give you a period of 120 years; if you turn to me and forsake your evil ways, then I will also turn away from the evil which I told you, and it will not exist.'"

NOAH & METHUSELAH

We will do it.

The light goes away. Noah and Methuselah rise to their feet.

METHUSELAH

Now we know.

NOAH

Man has 120 years, or God will destroy them. We have to tell them.

METHUSELAH

Enoch spoke to them in the middle of the city, and many inclined to his words. Let's go.

Methuselah and Noah head off towards the city.

EXT. CITY - DAY

Noah and Methuselah walks past the booths being robbed and idols being worshipped until they find themselves in almost the same place that Enoch did over 800 years earlier. Now, there is a statue of some god sitting there.

NOAH

Should we knock it down?

METHUSELAH

Absolutely. It's just a chunk of metal.

NOAH

It'll certainly get some attention.

METHUSELAH

Go on. I'll try and stop anyone if they try to attack you.

Noah leaps up onto the pedestal, and pushes the god to the ground. It lands with a crunch. People turn to the insolent man who dares attack their god.

NOAH

Listen to me. All of you. The Lord God who created this world and everything in it has sent us to give you a message. Return from your evil ways, and forsake your works, and the Lord will repent of the evil he will do to you. You have 120 years to turn away from your evil ways. Turn away from idols carved by your own hands. Turn away from plundering, turn away from immorality. If you turn from your ways, the Lord will turn away from the evil he will do to you, and it shall not exist.

Noah and Methuselah stand still for a moment. The people are silent. Suddenly, they lift up stones and throw them at Noah.

METHUSELAH

Run!

Noah jumps from the pedestal. He and Methuselah run for a place of safety. The mob follows them, throwing stones the whole time.

The pair cuts around a corner and disappears into an open door. Outside the mob roars by.

NOAH

Well, that didn't go very well.

METHUSELAH

We can't give up.

NOAH

I know.

EXT. CITY - DAY

Noah and Methuselah emerge on a rooftop overlooking the mob below. The mob is wandering aimlessly, most reverting back to torturing one another again.

NOAH

People of the world, hear us!

Someone points to the rooftop.

PERSON

There they are!

They scramble around on the ground to find a way up as Methuselah speaks. Noah watches the entrance.

METHUSELAH

Return from your evil ways and forsake your evil works, and the Lord will turn away from you the evil he has prepared. You have 120 years to turn from your evil ways, and follow his. If you return to Him, he will take this evil away from you and it shall not exist.

The people burst through the door to the roof.

NOAH

Move!

Noah and Methuselah leap from rooftop to rooftop to escape the angry mob. They leap onto the ground and keep running.

METHUSELAH

Lamech's!

Noah nods. They burst through the door to Lamech's.

INT. LAMECH'S HOUSE - DAY

They close the door behind them and stand with their backs against it for a moment. When they hear the footfalls of the mob pass by again, they relax.

METHUSELAH

Lamech?

NOAH

Father?

They look about the house for a moment.

NOAH

Wonder where he went.

Suddenly, the door bursts open. Noah and Methuselah jump back. Lamech stands at the door. He looks at them angrily.

LAMECH

Have you completely lost your minds?

NOAH

What do you mean?

LAMECH

You know very well what I mean. I walk out of the food market and what do I see? My father and son running away from a crowd throwing stones. When I ask someone why they are doing this I learn that you two were preaching repentance from a rooftop and telling everyone how bad they are. We know how bad everyone is. We also know that they don't care. What is bringing this on?

METHUSELAH

We heard from the Lord, my son.

LAMECH

You did?

NOAH

He set a time for the destruction of the world. He instructed us to tell the people to turn from their ways and forsake their works and he will turn from the evil he intends to do.

LAMECH

How long?

METHUSELAH

120 years.

Lamech soaks this in for a moment. He shakes his head and scoffs.

LAMECH

You know how crazy this sounds?

METHUSELAH

What?

LAMECH

Seriously. God will destroy the world? And if Kenan and Enoch are right, it will be with water. A flood of water. How is water going to flood the land? Will the land sink? The only way water gets on the plants is the morning dew. Water doesn't fall from the sky.

NOAH

Father, do you doubt the Almighty God?

LAMECH

No, I doubt you. What about us?
Will God destroy the righteous
with the wicked?

METHUSELAH

We are mankind. If God wishes
us to be destroyed, then we will
be destroyed.

LAMECH

Listen to yourself! It's one
thing to consider the evil of the
world has elevated to the point
that God wants to destroy mankind,
but it's another thing entirely
to threaten people with a date.
120 years!

NOAH

It is what God told us.

LAMECH

When?

NOAH

After Jared's funeral.

LAMECH

Why didn't he speak to me?

METHUSELAH

Perhaps he dislikes your disbelief.

LAMECH

I believe in God.

METHUSELAH

But you do not do as he commands.

LAMECH

I don't have to stand here and
take your insults.

Lamech turns to leave.

METHUSELAH

You're right, Lamech. You don't.
But judgment is on all mankind.
I don't know if God will save us,
but you have to follow him to have
a chance.

Lamech pauses for a moment to consider this, but finally leaves.
Noah looks to Methuselah.

METHUSELAH

I didn't want to admit it to myself,
but he is caught up in the ways of
this world, and slowly falling away
from God with the rest of them.

NOAH

So we are alone?

METHUSELAH

Yes.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

EXT. CITY - DAY

SUPER: "1554 Anno Mundi"

SUPER: "102 Years Remain"

A crowd is shouting and throwing things at Noah and Methuselah, who continue delivering the message about the coming destruction from a rooftop.

METHUSELAH

Destroy your idols. Cease your immorality. Turn your hearts to the one Almighty God who created this world and everything in it. Stop mixing the species of animals to create what God did not intend. Do not get drunk on the fruit of the vine. Turn from your evil ways and incline your hearts to God.

NOAH

Time to go!

Noah and Methuselah slip out a side exit. A crowd charges the roof and stops, looking around for their prey.

Noah and Methuselah slip out a side door of the house and walk down an alleyway away from the crowds.

NOAH

We're not getting anywhere. After 18 years, they refuse to listen to us.

METHUSELAH

If we are to preach to them for the next 100 years in vain, I will die in peace knowing I have done the Lord's commands.

EXT. NOAH'S HOUSE - DAY

Noah walks alone to his modest dwelling. He has fields around that are undisturbed and modestly planted. Noah walks over to a plant and takes of its fruit. He eats as he enters his house.

INT. NOAH'S HOUSE - DAY

Noah finishes his fruit. He kneels in his house and prays.

NOAH

Father in heaven, we have done as you have asked, and still mankind rebukes us. What is to become of those you consider righteous in this wicked generation?

GOD

Noah.

Noah looks up.

NOAH

Here am I.

GOD

Noah, it is time for you to take a wife and have children, for I have seen that you are righteous before me in this generation.

NOAH

Forgive me for asking, Lord, but why am I to have children if you are going to destroy the world?

GOD

Because I have found you to be righteous, you shall raise up your seed in the midst of the world, and your children will begin a new generation of mankind after this wicked one has been destroyed.

NOAH

If you intend to destroy it, are we to continue to try and turn the hearts of the people?

GOD

If mankind will turn their hearts to me, then I will not destroy them.

NOAH

Thank you, Lord.

(beat)

Almighty God, who am I to choose?

GOD

You will know.

NOAH

Yes, Lord.

Noah leaves his house.

EXT. NOAH'S HOUSE - DAY

Noah walks through his fields away from his house. He stops and looks around.

NOAH

(to himself)

Who would the Lord have me choose for a wife? She should be of the lineage of the righteous since she will be the mother of the future should mankind continue in its decay.

Noah continues onward.

INT. METHUSELAH'S HOUSE - DAY

Noah and Methuselah sit at a table in Methuselah's house. They have cups before them. Methuselah takes a sip. A WOMAN places a bowl of fruit in front of them. Noah and Methuselah take a piece.

METHUSELAH

So, you got what you asked for.

NOAH

Yeah, God told me to find a wife.
But who should it be?

METHUSELAH

Enoch had a daughter about 13
years before the Lord took him.

Noah thinks for a moment.

NOAH

Naamah?

METHUSELAH

Naamah.

NOAH

She would be around 580 now,
wouldn't she?

METHUSELAH

Yes. When I've considered a
wife for you, I've always thought
of Naamah. She would be a good
choice, and since she is my
sister, I would be the one to
approve of the marriage.

NOAH

And do you approve?

METHUSELAH

Of course I do.

NOAH

Where is she?

METHUSELAH

I am the eldest son, and she is the youngest daughter. She lives with me. God has never found her a husband probably because she is intended for you. All of our other relations are married or have decayed with the rest of mankind.

Methuselah walks into another room. Noah stands. Methuselah returns with Naamah (who doesn't look a day over 340).

METHUSELAH

I know you both know each other already, but Naamah, Noah has asked for your hand in marriage, and I have approved. Will you have him?

Naamah smiles shyly at Noah, who smiles in return.

NAAMAH

I would be honored.

NOAH

The honor is mine.

Noah and Naamah take each others' hands.

METHUSELAH

Then in the name of Almighty God, may you be husband and wife, and cleave to each other and be one flesh. It is finally time, Naamah for you to leave the house of your brother and live with your husband.

Noah and Naamah embrace.

INT. LAMECH'S HOUSE - DAY

SUPER: "1654 Anno Mundi"

SUPER: "2 Years Remain"

Methuselah, now 967, stands waiting in the foyer of Lamech's home. Noah and Naamah enter along with THREE YOUNG MEN, SHEM (95), HAM (93), and JAPHETH (98).

NOAH

Where is he?

Methuselah points off to another room. Noah walks into the bedroom and finds Lamech lying on his bed. Noah takes his hand.

NOAH

My father, is it your time?

LAMECH

It is, my son. I know how I have walked this life, and I know it was not how I should have. You were right to follow my father, Methuselah, and not my own ways. But our Lord had mercy on me, and allowed me to die before he inflicted his evil on the world of the wicked.

NOAH

He stands with those who follow him.

LAMECH

Yes. I am glad you took a wife. Where are my grandchildren?

Noah gestures back. Shem, Ham, and Japheth come forward.

LAMECH

Has the Lord said how you are to be saved?

NOAH

No. We live every day in the faith that if he destroys the world, he will find a way to bring us through it.

Lamech looks at each of Noah's sons.

LAMETH

Shem. Ham. Japheth. Walk in the ways of your father for the Lord has declared him righteous and upright in this generation of wickedness. As I go the way of my fathers, you will go on to a new world that the Lord will give to you. Remember to always follow the commands of God with all your heart. I lived a harder life than I should have because I didn't.

Lamech takes a deep breath. Noah's sons step back and stand with Naamah. Noah and Methuselah come forward.

LAMECH

Forgive me for my sins.

METHUSELAH

God will forgive, my son. Rest now.

NOAH

Rest in peace, father.

Noah takes his father's hand. Lamech smiles and then dies.

EXT. GROVE - DAY

Noah and Methuselah stand at the fresh grave of Lamech along with Naamah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Naamah places her hand on Noah's shoulder. Noah nods. Naamah leaves with the boys.

NOAH

What's going to happen?

METHUSELAH

I wish I knew.

GOD

Noah. Methuselah.

Noah and Methuselah fall on the ground face down.

NOAH

Yes, Lord.

METHUSELAH

We are here.

GOD

All the sons of men who knew me have now died before I bring the evil to the world. I willed them to die so they would not behold the evil I am bringing upon their brothers and relatives, as I declared to them I would do. Now, stand to all men and proclaim to them all the words I have spoken to you previously, so that perhaps they will turn from their evil ways. If they will repent, I will turn from the evil and will not bring it.

Noah and Methuselah look at each other.

EXT. CITY - DAY

Noah and Methuselah stand atop the roof of another house in the center of the city.

NOAH

Men of the world, hear us!

Everyone stops and turns to them.

METHUSELAH

We have been proclaiming the word of the Lord to you that he commands you to turn from your evil ways and forsake your wicked works.

NOAH

The Lord told us to come to you one more time before he destroys you all. You have 2 years to repent or the Lord will bring his wrath down upon all of you.

METHUSELAH

It is not too late. The Almighty God is merciful and wants you to return to him and follow his commands. Turn from your wicked ways.

NOAH

Do not steal from one another. Do not worship your idols of stone and metal. Women, do not take the draught of barrenness, for it defiles the Lord's command to be fruitful and multiply. Do not engage in unnatural relations with one another.

METHUSELAH

People of the world, what is your answer? This is your final warning. Are you for God or for yourselves?

NOAH

If you are for God, you will live long upon the earth. If you are against him, you will die in 2 years' time. What is your decision?

Everyone stands for a moment. Suddenly, a stone is thrown and it hits Noah.

MAN

Get out of here!

Everyone throws stones at Noah and Methuselah. They run across the rooftops away from the throng and climb back down to the ground. The crowd doesn't chase them any further.

NOAH

That's it.

METHUSELAH

Now what?

INT. NOAH'S HOUSE - NIGHT

Noah enters his house. Naamah greets him. Shem, Ham, and Japheth sit around the table.

NAAMAH

You went into the city again?

NOAH

Yes.

SHEM

What happened?

NOAH

The same as before, Shem. They would not heed our warnings. They will not come to God. God will destroy the earth in 2 years' time, and they don't care.

HAM

What is to become of us, then?

NOAH

I don't know, Ham. I will ask God what he plans to do, and he will tell me.

JAPHETH

We are with you.

NOAH

Thank you, Japheth.

Noah walks into his private room and closes the door. He kneels.

NOAH

Father of all mankind and all the earth. We are now 2 years before you are to destroy us, and rightfully so, as we are sinful. You have said that my children are to be a new beginning for the world. Show me, Lord, what I am to do. How will you save us?

A light issues from overhead onto Noah. His head remains bowed.

GOD

I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. This is how you and your family will endure this evil: Make yourself an ark of gopher wood; make rooms in it and cover it with pitch inside and out. This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high. Make a roof for it and make a door to open at its side and finish it to within 18 inches of the top. Make also lower, middle, and upper decks.

NOAH

What does this ark do? I don't understand it.

GOD

I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will die. But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark - you and your wife and your sons' wives with you.

NOAH

My sons do not have wives.

GOD

You will choose three maidens for your sons from the daughters of men, and they shall be wives for them.

NOAH

Yes, Lord.

GOD

When the ark is complete, you are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. You are also to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them.

NOAH

And I have two years to do this?

GOD

As I have declared.

The light fades. Noah stands, taking in the gravity of the task ahead of him. He exits his room and re-enters the room with the rest of his family.

SHEM

What is it, father? Did God speak
to you?

NOAH

Yes, Shem, he spoke to me.

NAAMAH

What did he say?

NOAH

We have a lot of work to do.

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

INT. METHUSELAH'S HOUSE - DAY

SUPER: "1656 Anno Mundi"

SUPER: "10th day, second month"

SUPER: "7 Days Remain"

Methuselah (969) lies on his deathbed. Noah (600) is with him.

METHUSELAH

I knew it was not for me to see
what the Lord planned in his
righteous judgment, but I die
knowing how you will be saved.

NOAH

Yes, we did it. Just in time.

METHUSELAH

I am glad your sons took well
to my granddaughters.

NOAH

They each chose their own, and
the women agreed with the choices.
They have been as useful as the
men in making the Lord's ark.

METHUSELAH

I wish I could have been more help,
but it seems Adam's sin has finally
caught up to me.

NOAH

As it will to all of us.

METHUSELAH

Always remember your God, and teach
your grandchildren what God desires
of us.

NOAH

I will.

METHUSELAH

I don't think a burial will be necessary in my case. You can let me sleep peacefully in my bed.

Noah laughs through his sadness.

METHUSELAH

Go with God, Noah. He will go with you.

NOAH

Rest in peace, grandfather.

Methuselah dies. Noah sheds a few tears and hugs Methuselah. Finally, he stands and leaves.

EXT. ARK SITE - DAY

TWO MEN stand atop a hill overlooking a large open plain.

MAN 1

What is it?

MAN 2

I don't know, but they been working on it non-stop over the last couple years.

MAN 1

But what does it do?

MAN 2

This guy thinks his god is going to destroy the world with water, and that thing will save him.

Man 1 laughs.

MAN 1

What a kook! Water doesn't fall from the sky!

The pair laughs as Noah walks past them, ignoring them. Noah walks down the hillside to the home of he and his family. He enters the dwelling.

INT. NOAH'S HOUSE - DAY

Noah enters. His wife, sons, and daughters-in-law stand at his entrance.

JAPHETH

Methuselah?

Noah shakes his head. Japheth's countenance drops.

NOAH

He was a good man, son. His life was full of years, and he is resting with our fathers. He knew he would not see what God had planned.

NAAMAH

We will miss him.

SHEM

Does this mean it is time?

JAPHETH

The ark is complete. We've been over it inside and out with pitch, and haven't missed a spot.

HAM

What comes next?

GOD

Noah.

Noah and his family lower themselves to the ground.

NOAH

Yes, Lord.

GOD

Go now with your household into the ark. I will gather to you all the animals of the earth, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the air, and they will all come and surround the ark. You shall go and sit by the door of the ark, and all the beasts, the animals, the fowls shall assemble and place themselves before you. The ones which bow to you, you will deliver into the hands of your sons who will bring them into the ark, but all that stand before you shall leave.

Noah stands.

NOAH

Let's go. Bring what you wish to bring with you, so when the time comes, our load will be light.

Noah, Naamah, Shem, his wife Sedegetelebab, Ham, his wife Adatan'eses, and Japheth and his wife Ne'elatama'uk, gather bundles of food and items and walk out their door.

EXT. THE ARK SITE - DAY

As the family walks out their door, THE ARK comes into view. It is an awesome sight. Coated with pitch, it is primarily black in color. A huge ramped door ordains the side of the vehicle, and its design is boxier than one might think (remember, these people have no idea what a boat looks like).

They enter through the enormous door and walk up stairs that lead to the upper decks. The sons each go to his own room with his wife, and Noah and Naamah place their things in their room.

A sound issues from outside the ark. It is a loud, distant sound, like a large animal.

JAPHETH

What in the world was that?

ADATAN'ESES

I have no idea.

NOAH

Come on.

The family of 8 runs to the door.

Over the ridge near the ark, a line of animals approaches. Like the line that Adam named, this group is of every creature that God made that walks along the earth with the breath of life in them. They all approach the land around the ark.

The family continues to watch in awe as these creatures are led to them by God.

HAM

Amazing!

SHEM

Amen.

NOAH

Boys, prepare to receive the animals. Naamah, take their wives to the upper deck.

Shem, Ham, and Japheth run inside followed by Naamah, Ne'elatama'uk, Adatan'eses, and Sedeqetelebab.

The animals approach the ark and take up the majority of the open plains around it. There are more than two of each animal.

Noah watches the animals in wonderment. The first group of animals approach the ark. Of the group, two of them kneel to him. Noah admits the pair that knelt, and sends away the rest. Another group of animals approaches, and the same thing occurs.

Inside the ark, Shem, Ham, and Japheth take the animals and deposit them in a myriad of stalls on the various levels, larger animals on the lower level, smaller ones as the levels rise.

A group of sheep approach Noah. Instead of a pair, seven pair kneel before him. Noah admits the 7 pairs of sheep. Shem arrives to attend them, and looks momentarily confused.

SHEM

Seven pairs?

NOAH

Seven knelt before me, so seven
will be admitted. God finds these
animals to be acceptable sacrifices,
so we would require more than just a
single pair.

Shem nods and takes the sheep in.

The animals continue in their procession to get into the ark.

EXT. THE ARK SITE - DAY

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The animals who were not permitted to enter the ark stand around
it. The door stands open. The scene is very peaceful. Nothing is
happening.

INT. NOAH'S HOUSE - DAY

Noah and his family eat a meal around the table.

HAM

How much longer do we have?

JAPHETH

The animals are loaded. It can't be
long.

NOAH

God will give us a sign.

NAAMAH

How long do you think we'll be on
the ark?

NOAH

No way of knowing. I really don't
know what God is going to do. We
know it will be a flood, but how
the water is to accumulate on the
earth is a mystery. The morning
dew has already lifted.

SEDEQETELBAB

What can we do while we wait?

SHEM

Everything is finished. We're here
until it happens.

Everyone sits quietly, waiting.

Suddenly, a huge earthquake shakes the house and knocks everyone
to the ground.

NE'ELATAMA'UK

Was that a sign?

JAPHETH

Ne'elatama'uk, if that isn't a sign,
I don't know what else it could be.

NOAH

Let's go.

EXT. NOAH'S HOUSE / THE ARK SITE - DAY

The family runs outside. They look into the sky with wonder.
Dark clouds roll in, blocking out the sunlight. Thunder rolls.

HAM

What's going on?

NOAH

I don't know.

Lightning strikes causing a huge thunder clap. The family
cringes in fear and curiosity. Suddenly, the first rain falls
onto the earth. As they slowly get wet, they ponder the drops of
water falling on their heads.

ADATAN'ESES

(with wonder)

Water is falling from the sky.

NOAH

This is how God will flood the
earth. Let's get into the ark.

They run across the field towards the ark. The animals only casually look at them as they pass by. The rain comes down harder as they run. They all charge up the ramp into the ark.

INT. ARK - DAY

The family runs into the ark. Japheth stops just inside the door.

JAPHETH

How do we close the door?

As if by request, the door closes by itself. Japheth looks at it for a moment.

JAPHETH

I guess God has that covered,
too.

The thunder continues to rumble and the rain beats down upon the outside of the ark. Japheth runs through the ark to join the rest of the family on the upper deck.

HAM

So this is it. This is the evil
God planned to release on mankind.
Water falls from the sky and
destroys them all.

NOAH

This is what God wished to spare
from the eyes of the men who walked
in his ways.

Sounds issue from outside the ark. Sounds of many, many men. Noah walks over to a window and opens it.

EXT. THE ARK SITE - DAY

Through the increasing downpour, 700,000 people gather outside the ark. They tramp through growing puddles of water. They all stop outside the ark.

MAN

Noah! Hey, Noah!

Noah looks down on them from his high window.

NOAH

What do you want?

MAN

Open up, so that we may join you
in the ark, otherwise we will
die. Do you want us to die?

NOAH

Haven't you all rebelled against the
Lord, saying he doesn't exist?
The Lord has brought this evil on
you to destroy and cut you off from
the face of the earth. Isn't this
what I spoke you to about over the
last 120 years? Only now, do you wish
to listen to the voice of the Lord.
Only now do you wish to live upon the
earth.

MAN

We are ready to return to the Lord.
Just open the door for us so we can
live and not die.

NOAH

So now that you see the trouble of
your souls, you wish to return to the
Lord. Why didn't you return during the
120 years the Lord gave to you as a
grace period? But now that your lives
are threatened, you come, but the Lord
will not listen to you, so that now
you will not succeed in your wishes.

MAN

Open this door!

NOAH

God has closed the door, and will not
open it again until the appointed
time.

The man steps back from the ark, angry. He turns to his fellows.

MAN

I don't care what he says, I'm getting
in there. Come on!

The men rush the ark and start to pound on its sides as the water slowly rises around them. Suddenly, the animals that have been standing docile around the ark turn on the men, and attack them.

The attack continues until the men flee.

INT. ARK - DAY

Noah and his family close the windows.

NOAH

Well, that is that.

JAPHETH

What do we do now?

NOAH

We wait.

EXT. ARK - DAY

The rain falls and falls. Slowly the water rises further and further until the ark is lifted off the ground.

INT. ARK - DAY

The family is standing around inside the ark until they are shifted off their feet.

NE'ELATAMA'UK

What was that?

NOAH

We moved.

Shem and Sedeqetelebab walk over to the window and open it. They look out.

SEDEQETELEBAB

The ark is floating on top of
the water!

SHEM

Look at the city.

EXT CITY - DAY

The water rushes through the city streets. People stand on their rooftops, trying to get above the waters, but the water is already flowing over the tops of the houses.

People are desperately praying to their idols of wood and stone. One idol of wood floats down the street.

INT. ARK - DAY

The family closes the window. Their faces betray their regret of beholding the horror of God's wrath.

ADATAN'ESES

It's terrible.

HAM

It'll only get worse, too.

NAAMAH

I think we should keep the windows closed.

SEDEQETEBAB

I agree.

EXT. ARK

The ark rides atop a plain of shifting water. The rains continue falling, and the water buffets the ark around. Day and night seem immaterial under the dark clouds.

INT. ARK

The sounds of animals complaining in the form of bleats, roars, trumpets, mews, howls, etc, resonates through the ark. Noah's family makes a vain attempt to sleep, but are mostly unable to.

Noah sits up. He walks out of his room and checks on the others. Shem sits awake against the wall of the ark. His eyes are bloodshot, and it looks like he hasn't slept in days. Noah sits beside him.

NOAH

Speak to me, Shem.

SHEM

The animals. They won't stop. We're being tossed around like pottage in a cauldron, and they are frightened. We are frightened. Sedeqetelebab sleeps only out of exhaustion.

NOAH

It is the only slumber we can find at this time, but we will endure it. God has promised that we will live.

SHEM

Forty days this rain has continued. The screams of the people haunt me. I understand the why, but part of me feels horrible for being the ones left behind out of so many who died.

NOAH

They were not ignorant of their fates. For one hundred and twenty years, Methuselah and I warned them of what would happen.

SHEM

What of us, though? I feel like we also have reached the gates of death. How long will this continue?

NOAH

I will speak to God on our behalves. Perhaps he will redeem us from all of this water.

Shem nods. Noah walks to a stairway that leads to a door. Once Noah opens the door, rains and winds rush in. Noah exits the ark as Naamah and the others come out of their rooms.

NAAMAH

What just happened, Shem?

SHEM

Father went outside to talk to God.

NAAMAH

Let us hope that God's judgment on
mankind is completed.

The others nod.

EXT. ARK

Noah crawls across the top of the ark, fighting against the storm. He kneels face down on the ark, with the winds and rains whipping around him. He shouts over the storm to be heard.

NOAH

Oh, Lord, help us! For we have no
strength to bear this evil that
has encompassed us! For the waves
of the waters have surrounded us;
mischievous torrents have terrified
us; the snares of death have come
before us. Answer us, oh Lord,
answer us. Light up your
countenance towards us and be
gracious to us. Redeem your
servants and deliver us!

As if on command, the rains cease. Winds take the dark clouds away revealing the sun behind the clouds. The waters are still and calm. Noah, drenched from the rain, looks toward the sun and smiles.

NOAH

Thank you, Lord. Your mercy is
boundless.

The door opens and the other seven members of the family emerge. They squint in the sunlight.

SHEM

It's over?

NOAH

God has listened. The waters have
stopped.

They all rush onto the top of the ark, cheering and hugging each other, having survived the first part of the Great Flood.

END OF ACT THREE

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