

No. 38 How Can You Survive the End of the World?

NOTE: Clearly establish that the end of the world means the destruction of ungodly people. Help all to appreciate what they must do to survive. Use the artwork provided to illustrate points where indicated

WHAT IS “THE END OF THE WORLD”? (4 min.)

Many people fear that “the end of the world” will mean the destruction of the earth (Mt 24:3, KJ; g 9/12 4-7)

However, the Bible guarantees that planet Earth will never be totally depopulated or destroyed (Ps 37:29; 104:5; Ec 1:4)

Just as in Noah’s day, *God will destroy the world of ungodly people* (2Pe 3:5-7)

HOW WILL GOD DESTROY THIS WICKED WORLD? (8 min.)

Jehovah will turn wicked ones against one another (Eze 38:21)

He at times used this strategy to deliver the Israelites (2Ch 20:22-24)

Jehovah will also wield forces of nature to bring unrighteous ones to ruin (Job 38:22, 23; Eze 38:22)

He used natural forces in the past to immobilize the enemy and to destroy his opposers (Jos 10:11; Jg 4:13-16; 5:19-21; w17.04 29-30 ¶6-8)

Jehovah’s Executioner, Christ Jesus, with his heavenly forces will complete the extermination of evildoers (2Th 1:7, 8; Re 2:26, 27; 19:11-16; re 52 ¶18)

These powerful spirit creatures will completely annihilate their earthly foes (2Ki 19:35)

It will be impossible for people to hide from Jehovah’s judgment (Am 9:1-3; Re 6:16, 17)

WHAT MUST YOU DO TO SURVIVE? (15 min.)

Jehovah’s judgment against wickedness in the days of Noah teaches us how to survive the end of the world

Why did Jehovah keep Noah safe when He brought the Flood on a world of ungodly people?

[Read Genesis 6:9]

“Noah was a righteous man,” who “proved himself faultless among his contemporaries” (*it-2* 507 ¶1)

He rejected the violence and immorality of the world around him (Ge 6:4, 5, 11-13)

[Illustrate using artwork of Noah protecting his children from bad influences]

He did not allow the apathy of his contemporaries to influence him (Mt 24:38, 39)

We must keep separate from the world that will be destroyed (1Jo 2:15-17)

“Noah walked with the true God”

He did what Jehovah asked, and he enjoyed a close friendship with God (*ia* 17 ¶3)

We must “walk decently” before our God (Ro 13:11-13)

Noah exercised his faith by building the ark [Read Hebrews 11:7] (*w16.10* 27 ¶7)

He did not procrastinate, even though he did not know exactly when the Flood would come

[Illustrate using artwork of Noah and his family constructing the ark]

He maintained strict obedience (Ge 6:22)

He did not take shortcuts when constructing the ark (Ge 6:14-16)

We must be strictly obedient and not put off in our minds the end of this world (2Pe 3:3, 4)

Noah was “a preacher of righteousness” [Read 2 Peter 2:5]

He helped his family to remain united in sacred service (*w13* 8/1 14 ¶4-5)

We must warn others of the coming end of wickedness (Eze 3:18, 19)

THOSE WHO SURVIVE THE END OF THE WORLD WILL BE HAPPY (3 min.)

Imagine how happy and thankful Noah and his family were to be preserved through the Deluge!

How thrilling it must have been for them to step onto an earth cleansed of all unrighteousness! (Ge 8:15-20)

[Illustrate using artwork of Noah and his family leaving the ark]

People of godly devotion will be saved when God destroys this ungodly world (2Pe 2:9; Re 7:9, 10, 14)

May you be among the happy survivors!

[Adhere closely to the outlined material, and observe the indicated timing of each section.

Not all cited texts need to be read or commented on. See *Ministry School* book, pp. 52-55, 166-169]