

"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 perish. But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you. You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you." (Genesis 6:17-19)

Could you imagine Noah singing a song like this? I don't think so. God told him that he was going to send a huge flood to cover the earth, but God also told him to build an ark. The future of humanity and the animal kingdom was going to be placed in that one box. The ark meant the hope of rescue to Noah but also the reminder of death to come.

God's Word describes that there will be an end to this world. Jesus predicted that he will come again in the clouds with his holy angels, but Jesus didn't say when he will come.

When Christians just focus on the cross and resurrection of Jesus, they don't worry themselves about when the end is coming or try to decipher everything that happens in the world. They don't panic. They don't try to build an ark, because the "ark" has been built by Jesus' death for the sins of the world. They just believe in God's promise in Christ, and they want the world to take him seriously and believe. It is a message of hope and salvation for all to hear.

The rainbow was God's symbol of his promise to Noah and all people that he would never destroy the Earth again by a flood. The Rainbow is an abiding symbol of God's faithfulness. **More information is located online at WhatAboutJesus.com. Look for the *What About ... Prominent People* link.**