

## **Noah and the Ark**

Films on bible stories continue to be popular. Recently I watched the new film "Noah" on TV. A very old story in the Old Testament, well known in my school days but perhaps not so well known today when few go to Sunday school or Junior Church. I remember the beautifully coloured Arks and Noah and his family, and the animals that went in "two by two." There were great coloured books with the story, given for birthdays, at Christmas or as Sunday school prizes.

I enjoyed the film. It showed clearly the reason given by the Bible story for the flood. Mankind was wicked with corruption and violence. God was fed up with them. They must be destroyed. But Noah was a good man and he and his family will be saved to make a fresh start. "I will tell him to build an Ark."

Our danger today comes from two main threats.

1. Global warming. Scientists have been warning us for some time now that our exploitation of the wonderful planet earth could bring disaster.
2. More and more inventions of deadly weapons of destruction and the fearsome nuclear bombs would, if used, bring an end to life on the planet Earth. A few fanatical political militarists could press the nuclear buttons.

But let us not forget at the end of the Noah story there is a Rainbow.  
Let us hope there are RAINBOW people in every nation like Noah.

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