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Our Next is Now!

Genesis 6:11-22 (CSB)

11 Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with wickedness. **12** God saw how corrupt the earth was, for every creature had corrupted its way on the earth. **13** Then God said to Noah, "I have decided to put an end to every creature, for the earth is filled with wickedness because of them; therefore I am going to destroy them along with the earth.

14 "Make yourself an ark of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it with pitch inside and outside. **15** This is how you are to make it: The ark will be 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high. **16** You are to make a roof, finishing the sides of the ark to within eighteen inches of the roof. You are to put a door in the side of the ark. Make it with lower, middle, and upper decks.

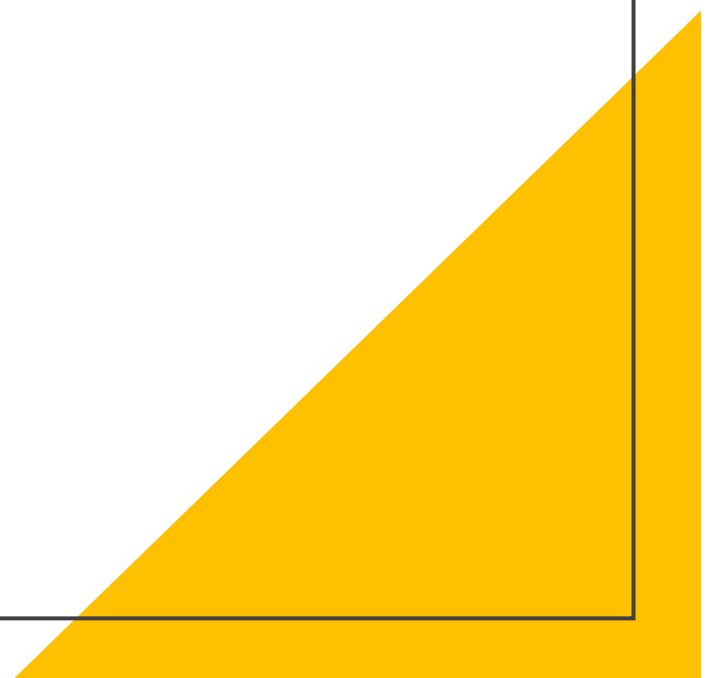
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17“Understand that I am bringing a flood — floodwaters on the earth to destroy every creature under heaven with the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish. **18**But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark with your sons, your wife, and your sons’ wives. **19**You are also to bring into the ark two of all the living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. **20**Two of everything — from the birds according to their kinds, from the livestock according to their kinds, and from the animals that crawl on the ground according to their kinds — will come to you so that you can keep them alive. **21**Take with you every kind of food that is eaten; gather it as food for you and for them.” **22**And Noah did this. He did everything that God had commanded him.

“We are God’s House.”

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2025: The Year of the Builder



**BUILD SANCTUARIES HE
CAN LIVE IN.**



**RAISE BUILDERS HE CAN
WORK THROUGH.**

Summary

When God builds His house, He adds children.

God children are builders.

Builders have unique attributes.

Let God do His work in you so He can build through you.

Attributes of Builders

- Not perfect, but faithful – Hebrews 3:2
- Worshippers – Gen. 12:6-7
- Obedient – Gen. 6:22
- Consecrated – 1 Samuel 13:14; Acts 13:22
- Prepared [with a plan] – 1 Chron. 28:19
- Focused -- Proverbs 4:26-27

Attributes of Builders

- “Doers” (action) – James 1:22
- Prayers – Nehemiah 4:4-5
- Worshipers – Genesis 8:20
- Trust the Lord – Hebrews 11:7
- Family-centered – Genesis 8:18-19

Noah



**When you build what God wants
it blesses you, your family, and
community.**



The Door



AIG - Ark Encounter in

A photograph of a wooden door with a vertical crack down the center. Two blue crosses are mounted on the door handle. The background is black. The text 'JESUS IS' is written in large yellow letters across the top, and 'The Only Door' is written in white letters on the right side.

JESUS IS

**The
Only
Door**

Builders Embrace a Family Spirit.



Genesis 8:18-19 (ESV)

18 So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him. **19** Every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out by families from the ark.

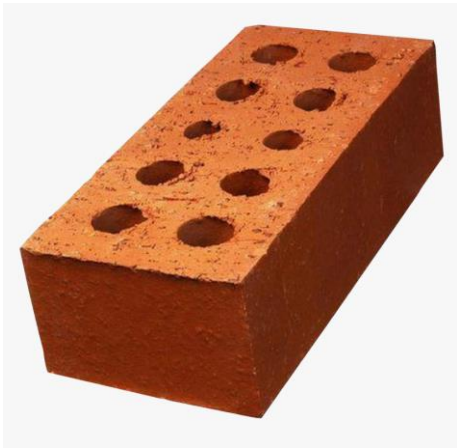
Ephesians 2:18-22 (NLT)

18 Now **all of us** can come to the Father through the same Holy Spirit because of what Christ has done for us. **19** So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of **God's family**. **20** **Together, we are his house**, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. **21** We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord. **22** Through him you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit.

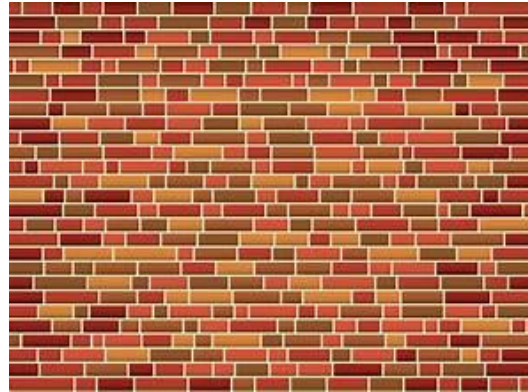


Stages of House Construction

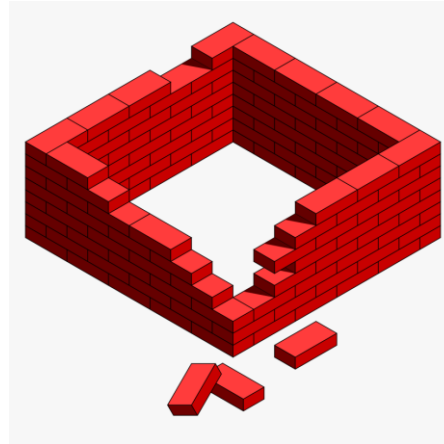
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“You can’t have disloyalty until you have proximity. You learn a lot about people when you let them get close to you. Beware of familiarity and the lack of an honor code. Offense comes with proximity. You can’t be offended by people you aren’t close to. Offense is perceived injury. Therefore, offense is a choice based on the way an act was perceived. Look at Jesus, “Father, I forgive them...” – Apostle Tobi Arayomi



Consequence of **OFFENSE**



Builders Face Opposition and Prevail Together.



Nehemiah 4 (NLT)

1Sanballat was very angry when he learned that we were rebuilding the wall. He flew into a rage and mocked the Jews, **2**saying in front of his friends and the Samaritan army officers, “What does this bunch of poor, feeble Jews think they’re doing? Do they think they can build the wall in a single day by just offering a few sacrifices? Do they actually think they can make something of stones from a rubbish heap—and charred ones at that?”

4Then I prayed, “Hear us, our God, for we are being mocked. May their scoffing fall back on their own heads, and may they themselves become captives in a foreign land! 5Do not ignore their guilt. Do not blot out their sins, for they have provoked you to anger here in front of the builders.”

6At last the wall was completed to half its height around the entire city, for the people had worked with enthusiasm.

7But when Sanballat and Tobiah and the Arabs, Ammonites, and Ashdodites heard that the work was going ahead and that the gaps in the wall of Jerusalem were being repaired, they were furious.

8They all made plans to come and fight against Jerusalem and throw us into confusion. **9**But we prayed to our God and guarded the city day and night to protect ourselves.

10Then the people of Judah began to complain, “The workers are getting tired, and there is so much rubble to be moved. We will never be able to build the wall by ourselves.”

11Meanwhile, our enemies were saying, “Before they know what’s happening, we will swoop down on them and kill them and end their work.”

12The Jews who lived near the enemy came and told us again and again, “They will come from all directions and attack us!” **13**So I placed armed guards behind the lowest parts of the wall in the exposed areas. I stationed the people to stand guard by families, armed with swords, spears, and bows.

14Then as I looked over the situation, I called together the nobles and the rest of the people and said to them, “Don’t be afraid of the enemy! Remember the Lord, who is great and glorious, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes!”

15 When our enemies heard that we knew of their plans and that God had frustrated them, we all returned to our work on the wall. **16** But from then on, only half my men worked while the other half stood guard with spears, shields, bows, and coats of mail. The leaders stationed themselves behind the people of Judah **17** who were building the wall. The laborers carried on their work with one hand supporting their load and one hand holding a weapon. **18** All the builders had a sword belted to their side. The trumpeter stayed with me to sound the alarm. **19** Then I explained to the nobles and officials and all the people, “The work is very spread out, and we are widely separated from each other along the wall.”

20When you hear the blast of the trumpet, rush to wherever it is sounding. Then our God will fight for us!”

21We worked early and late, from sunrise to sunset. And half the men were always on guard. **22**I also told everyone living outside the walls to stay in Jerusalem. That way they and their servants could help with guard duty at night and work during the day. **23**During this time, none of us—not I, nor my relatives, nor my servants, nor the guards who were with me—ever took off our clothes. We carried our weapons with us at all times, even when we went for water.

Nehemiah 6:15-16 (NLT)

15 So on October 2 the wall was finished— just fifty-two days after we had begun. **16** When our enemies and the surrounding nations heard about it, they were frightened and humiliated. They realized this work had been done with the help of our God.

Keys to Finish Building

- Knowledge
- Prayer
- Strategy
- Encouragement
- Armor of God



Summary

God's builders hear Him and respond.

God's builders embrace a family spirit.

God's builders face opposition.

God's builders prevail together.

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