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JESUS CHRIST, THE ONLY ARK OF SAFETY

When Noah and his family fled into the ark, they did so because they had faith that the Lord was going to do what He said He would do. They desired to escape the wrath of God upon a sinful world and the ark was the only safe place.

Please note that Noah and his family were not saved by the water. They were saved from the water by seeking refuge in the ark. They were saved by the ark, not the water.

One day in the future, the wrath of God will once again fall upon this sinful world. There will only be one safe place from the destruction that the Bible predicts. That place will be Jesus Christ, our ark of safety.

¹³Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. ¹⁴We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage each other with these words. (1st Thessalonians 4:13-18 – New International Version)

The Bible tells us that the next time Jesus Christ returns He will stop in mid air and call only His Father's children. They will rise, meet Him in the air and He will carry them back to the Third Heaven where His Father has His throne.