



Pastor's Comments

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They Survived!

On December 26, 2004, an earthquake beneath the Indian Ocean triggered a huge tidal wave as high as 100 feet tall that came crashing on shore across the region. The tsunami did damage as far as 5000 miles away. Over a quarter million people died in the rampaging waters and devastation. Entire island populations and coastal villages were wiped out. But, there was **one notable exception to the loss of life – the Morgan sea gypsies**. They are a small tribe of fishermen who spend much of the year on their boats fishing between India, Indonesia and Thailand. Each December, between fishing seasons, they live in small thatch huts on the beaches of Thailand. In December 2004 they were living directly in the path of certain disaster. Yet **every member of the tribe survived**, while most of their neighbors disappeared in the rampaging waters.

Why? The tribal chief explains, "For generations **our fathers warned us** that if the waters ever receded fast, they would quickly reappear." On December 26 when the sea suddenly drained away, many of their neighbors ran to the beach with baskets to pick up stranded fish. Not the Morgan sea gypsies. **The chief ordered his tribe to run in the opposite direction**, to the mountains and safety. When the tsunami hit, **the entire tribe was spared**.

There is a striking parallel to this recorded in Genesis 6-7. Earth's inhabitants became so corrupt that God brought worldwide judgment – the Great Flood. Everyone on earth perished **except one family**. **Noah's small tribe survived because they listened to the voice of their father and their father's God**.

Similarly, judgment is coming again upon a world filled with sin and corruption. "But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Mt. 24:37). God has spoken making it clear that the only hope of salvation is in accepting His Son, Jesus Christ. **Those who survive will be those who listen**.

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