

	<h2>Before the Flood Part 1</h2> <p>147 minutes</p> <p>Transcripts are not available but Whittier College Professor Jake Carbine provides the following description.</p>
Time	
Elapsed time in minutes	Scene description
1	Kuimen Gorge — We see a wide rocky valley. This film is about the effect of the Three Gorges Dam Project on towns and villages along the Yangtze River.
2	2002 Fengjie County - River / boats / town. A wedding party walks through a field.
3	Ferry docking / porters rush to ferry / the push and shove.
4	Inside boat they carry fish in blue barrels. Crowding and pushing
5	Carry various heavy items off the boat. Up steep stairs —
6	—looking down on the harbour we see how far they have travelled.
7	Porters run through a market, we follow into a large building/market.
8	Continue following as they walk a great distance. The stop and dump fish in to vat. A newlywed couple gets photographed in market.
9	Back on boat the porters scramble for jobs. An angry woman confronts a porter. They yell at each other.
10	Another porter carries huge bundles on a pole across his shoulders. We are at the Xiang Family Hostel. The porters eat meals out of tin boxes.
11	The porters eat and chat about one of them that had his buckets confiscated.
12	The hostel owner goes over is horoscope.
13	We are at the Indo Gate an Ancient City Wall. Many shots of vendors on the streets. Inside a church. A man plays an organ badly a woman cries at the gate.
14	One of the pastors sits and opens her mail. She complains about people being late for a meeting to two nearby women
15	The pastor complains about always getting the morning shifts.
16	She complains about someone being late. The man shows up. He is an assistant pastor.
17	The people come in and give excuses about being late. The meeting starts

18	Some higher up church organization want money that they don't have. Discuss a way to protect their funds - two sets of books?
19	Someone resists the idea of two sets of books. Other insists they don't have the money to cover the request.
20	Continue the above discussion Wondering if anyone there would leak the figure that they actually have.
21	There is a long silence. Title: Fengjie Protestant Church. Street scenes. People examine publicly posted compensation tables for homes.
22	Yongan District Gov Offices. A man objects to gov officials entering his house
23	In an office a man is denied compensation for his house by the Deputy Mayor. The mayor explains the system --- why he can't get compensation.
24	The residents argue with the Deputy Mayor and berate him. A women who seems to be in charge takes over the government side of the issue.
25	They continue to argue how policy should be determined. They berate each other for being out of line.
26	The Deputy Mayor pleads for their co-operation. Says the man built his house illegally after the the building ban took effect.
27	the man accepts that he can't get compensation but asks if there might be some in the future. Mayor does not know
28	Others continue arguing their cases. The Deputy Mayor clears up some rumours that are circulating. Berates them for spreading rumours.
29	More arguing about compensation and policy.
30	TITLE: Three Gorges Dam Stage two flood line 146.7 meters. We see farm land and the city in background. Jiaochang Village. Farmers work in felids.
31	Children in narrow streets. A couple worries about money and the relocation. Residents attend a meeting
32	Continue at the meeting. A man reads from a policy document. They discuss gov space allotment sizes.
33	They say that the city folks are getting the best houses and they will get the worst. They discuss the unfairness of it and lack of compensation.
34	The continue to discuss details of how badly they are getting screwed. They warn each other against going to the housing lottery.
35	We are at the housing lottery. Various shots of people. A song plays in the B/G. Almost no residents have shown up.
36	Many empty chairs. The officials wait.
37	An official says the low attendance might be because of the rain.

38	He says that if the ones that showed up don't like their house they can exchange it for one of the houses of the those that didn't bother to show up.
39	A few straggles enter the auditorium. The small crowd waits, some smoke
40	The deputy mayor speaks explaining the new scheme.
41	The lottery proceeds. Many people crowd near the back of the room.
42	The mayor begins calling names. The person called is not in attendance.
43	Officials try and get one man to draw and he refuses. They call another name
44	One man finally draws. People argue and swear at each other.
45	A women draws. There are now more people. They keep calling names. Nobody answers.
46	Night time. We are looking at boats on the river. Inside the hostel men play cards. They complain about taxes
47	They attend to small chores and tasks. They get ready for bed. Many in one room.
48	They chat and laugh as they get ready for bed. Morning - on the street with their blue barrels.
49	The hostel owner checks his luck for the day. His lucky direction is south.
50	He asks his wife(?)for change for the bus. She is annoyed with him.
51	He continues to try to perused her as she walks into the next room. She comes back and gives him five yuan.
52	He goes to a house and talks to the people there about renting a house. They say not it's being torn down.
53	He walks through a slum looking area. He asks for a rental house.
54	Now he is on a bus. He arrives at the newly constructed city of Fengjie. Walks up huge set of stairs
55	Looks at big tent like structure under an enormous bridge
56	Makes his way down a steep embankment.
57	Continues to make his way down, walks to edge of cliff.
58	Now far below us. He walks under the bridge and disappears
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61	The Hostel owner is back at home. Says he almost fell the other day. His wife talks, says he better not fall or get sick.
62	He says he is getting old. Talks about dying. She says better off falling then getting sick.

63	She berates him for his actions says she will not help. She cries, he cries. Next day they watch tv.
64	He talk as if he is giving up, like his wife has. Says he does not have the ability or resources to keep fighting.
65	Two men take care of a garden. Very green plants
66	Long pan of river basin. We go to the church. The pastor cleans the pews / streets / outside city/ Title: February 2002
67	Very tight crowd of people on steps of a building. A police man gives orders that are ignored. A man wants a photo of himself.
68	There is about to be a demolition. People wait and watch. We see it go down from several angles.
69	Now we are in a house and see the same thing on a TV Screen. We hear the news commentary on the demolition. An official says how well the relocation is going. Street scenes at night.
70	Morning Vegetable market 4:00 am. people buy, sell, weigh food. There is a wedding party being silly. Men work on the rubble of the demolished building.
71	In a square a band plays a women sings. An argument breaks up in the crowd. hundreds of people play a game with tiles.
72	Title July 2002: people work outdoors / river basin/ much demolition going on
73	People are moving their possessions by boat. A women shouts directions.
74	People work / the church publicly broadcasts the amounts the individuals have donated
75	A pastor says the church will spend the money wisely.
76	A group in the church counts money and takes names.
77	women talk about underground vs legal churches. An older couple read a hymn book
78	A group of men are angry about the price of something. People leave the church / three people walk through the streets
79	Demolition workers swing sledge hammers. The porters hang around the kitchen of the hostel. Men talk about work and money.
80	They talk about how hard it is to move a safe for a bank. They talk about the long hours and hard work.
81	They say it is a well paying but a difficult job but you get paid at the end of everyday. More workers demolishing buildings
82	Moving tucks make their way through the city. People complain about the size of their new allotments and houses
83	Some women hand out eviction notices. An old women complains that it is too soon that she has nowhere to go.

84	People squabble with government workers handing out eviction notices.
85	Men move furniture along busy streets on carts. As demotion continues there is more rubble everywhere. Kids sit on rubble.
86	A boy watches a tv show. The hostel owner phones the relocation office — there is no answer.
87	Men stack scrap metal from the demolition onto a cart.
88	They weigh the metal at a metal buyer. The church is being taken apart. Men examine the structure and materials that make up the church.
89	the pastor ask about costs of demolition. He is given a figure
90	Metal scavengers examines the metal around the church. The church council votes on agreeing to a cost, there is some squabbling.
91	The discussion continues on who gets the demolition contract
92	More discussion on the particulars, and proper protocol, and payment
93	The meeting ends. A man tries to take off the metal railing with a hammer the hammer breaks
94	It is raining people go to the river. An official paints over a public notice - DEMOLISH
95	On old women yells at gov officials that she and her husband have no place to go . A women attacks the official, a fight breaks out.
96	We see that the city is now in near in ruins. A barge moves on the river.
97	A man moves a box through the rubble strewn streets.
98	We see the deterioration of the city. There seem to be fewer people around. People sleep in the open.
99	An old man does a kind of walking tai chi on the concrete docks, people sleep nearby. A bulldozer works in the mud
100	A women rakes mud in what used to be a bedroom. The man tries phoning the relocation office again.
101	A man carries a bathtub through the streets on his shoulder. We are at the office or relocation committee. They deal with the hostel owner that wants compensation and was denied before.
102	They discuss the situation with the deputy mayor. The man gets on the phone with the deputy mayor.
103	He is told the matter is under further investigation, the deputy mayor hangs up on him. The man is very angry

104	They continue to discuss the matter. She tells him if he was to show more respect to the deputy mayor it might make matter better
105	He says that even if they gave him a home now he would not take it. He continues to rant against the mayor's office
106	He promises not to bother the relocation committee again. He leaves. We are now on a busy street. A demolition and relocation sound truck blares messages. Construction crews are everywhere
107	We follow them down an alley. A man on a balcony yells at an office about what is going to happen to the statues.
108	Women berate the official about broken promises by the government. the official says everyone has to make sacrifices. The residents say they want more money.
109	The residents continue arguing many points. A couple argues about renting vs buying
110	They discuss possible places at the new sites that they can rent. They compare prices.
111	They worry about where they will get the money for the new house. They talk about borrowing.
112	They start getting angry at each other. The wife leave in a huff
113	The man helps his grandma to lay down...looks like she is an invalid.
114	He makes sure she is comfortable We are looking at a slum - then up at the river.
115	On the docks a women yells for help moving her cargo. She berates some men for not doing their jobs. Several men set in place the gang plank
116	We are back with the relocation committee as they walk through the streets. They discuss which houses to tear down next.
117	Some gov officials are angry that the demolished is not proceeding on schedule. They put a lot of pressure on the local team to get people moved out.
118	The local relocation team says the whole neighbourhood is resisting the move. They continue arguing and making excuses.
119	They officials walk around inspecting the neighbourhood. the local team talks about how cooperative the residents have been. There is an argument in the half demolished church between the pastor and the assistant pastor.
120	They blame each other for calling other contractors in. She calls him a two face liar. The church committee meets and she vents to them
121	there seems to be some sort of dispute with the demolition contractor. The contractor recounts the circumstances of the deal.

122	The committee listens to him. The pastor says he never actually gave the man the contract.
123	The contractor begins to take offence, claims he is being disrespected. The pastor says they never gave him the contact just the right to bid on it.
124	The contractor has his long winded say, is vaguely threatening.
125	He continues to berate and threaten the assistant pastor and his team.
126	He finally stops talking, we see shots of the members present. Nobody speaks
127	They finally agree on a contract. The church will pay a token amount.
128	They discuss the contribution of the relocation office.
129	They go look at the work to be done. The matter appears to be settled.
130	Next day they begin packing up and taking the church apart
131	They pack up more stuff from the church and move it out on a truck. The truck drive away.
132	The entire city in near rubble now. Workers salvage metal
133	Men start removing electrical wire from above the streets / and water pipes from the ground.
134	A man struggles to bring pails of water up some stairs.
135	He carries it into the next room. Outside people line up to get water from a public tap.
136	On a boat moving on the river. Back in the city workers kick a scavenger out of their area. They take down walls with hammers and winches.
137	The church facade is razed. TITLE: The Xiang Family Hostel. It is just a shell of a building among other rubble. IDO GATE is the same
138	Back on boat. Men manually manoeuvre barges around.
139	City at night - no electricity, the only light is from cars and trucks head lights. There is a bon fire.
140	Eating by candle light a man says it is finally time to leave the city. They talk about how their friends are fairing.
141	They turn in by candle light.
142	Day time. A man has collected many doors. NOV 2002 . A building is blasted, come down. Many more are razed as well.
143	And yet more come crashing down. Men sort through and stack bricks
144	We follow two men as they carry a barrel. Turns out it is liquor they are selling. The place is a complete waste land.

145 | They walk and ask, nobody buys. END
