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PART 4: NOAH AND THE FLOOD

NOAH

Noah was born 126 years after Adam died and the ninth generation after Adam. He was a great-grandson of Enoch and had his writings as well as the records of the creation of Adam and Eve. Adam had written down all the events that had taken place in the Garden of Eden, including the temptation by the serpent, and how Eve and he had eaten of the forbidden fruit.

Noah had knowledge of the fallen angels, who were procreating with human wives and he would have been careful in picking out a wife, as well as the wives for his sons, who were not offspring of this new hybrid race. **Genesis 6:1-4**

According to the Bible, Noah was 500 years old when he started a family which grew to consist of three sons named Shem, Ham and Japheth. **Genesis 5:32**

Noah was a preacher of righteousness. **Genesis 6:8-9; 2 Peter 2:5**

It had never rained on the earth prior to the flood. **Genesis 2:4-6; Hebrews 11:7**

There was water under the surface of the earth and a canopy of frozen water which encompassed the entire earth that shielded the surface from the ultraviolet rays of the sun. **Genesis 7:11-12**

SIZE OF THE ARK

With a population of some 600 million people, it is obvious that humanity did not live exclusively in the area of the Garden of Eden (modern day Iraq). They had learned to make ships and travel to different parts of the world. I say this because when God told Noah to build a ship, He did not explain to Noah what a ship was. The Lord simply told Noah the dimensions of the ship, that it would have three decks with a covered roof. God did not tell Noah to install a rudder, masts and sails on the ship. **Genesis 6:13-16**

The size of the ship was to be 300 cubits long, 50 cubits wide and 30 cubits tall. If we use the most common cubit measurement after the flood, which was the Egyptian measuring system, the size of the ship was 516 feet long, 86 feet wide and 51 feet tall.

The ship's volume would have been 2,263,176 cubic feet, which would be equal to 848 railroad boxcars. The USS Enterprise, a World War II carrier built in 1933, was 770 feet long, 83 feet wide and 56 feet high.

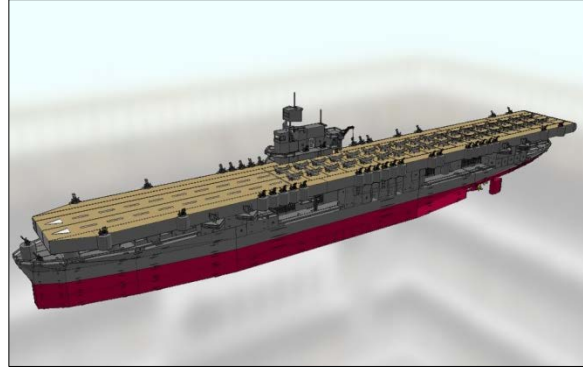
BUILDING THE ARK

It is obvious that four men could not build such a large ship by themselves. The Bible tells us that after the flood, the youngest son of Noah, Japheth, became the patriarch of the children who settled the different islands in the world, and thus were ship builders. **Genesis 10:1-5**





Photo of Ark replica. www.arkencounter.com



USS Enterprise CV-6

God was very specific about Gopher wood being used for this ship. We have no way of identifying that wood today, but it must have had the property of being bendable and structurally strong. The gopher tree would have also been large in order to make beams, pillars, and planks. **Genesis 6:14**

Through archeology and sketches of ships from the time of Noah, we know that the ships built after the flood had bows in the front to break the force of waves and a stern in the back.

A ship of the size of Noah's Ark would have needed a keel to give strength to the ship's hull. A keel is a structural beam that runs in the middle of the boat from bow to stern to provide the boat with stability and control while moving forward. A boat without a keel might slip or skim on the water, which is common in vessels with a flat bottom.

Building a ship of this size would require scaffolding around the ship and timber support on the sides to keep it from tipping over. This large amount of timber would need to be cut and trimmed. Pictures from the ship found preserved on Mount Ararat shows that holes were cut in the planks and wooden pegs were used to hold it together.

Since the fallen angels had shown mankind how to mine and produce iron to make weapons like swords and knives, they must also have taught humanity how to make metal saws to cut down trees, make planks, beams and support pillars for ships.

It is my belief that Noah and his family were wealthy. Through archeology we know that people before the flood used currency to pay for goods, services and property. Noah must have hired a large number of people to cut down trees, turn them into planks and support beams, and transported the materials to the place where the ship was being assembled. He would have hired a large number of carpenters to build the ship and ensure it was sea worthy.

How long did it take for Noah to build this massive ship? We can make reasonable guesses based upon the information provided in the Bible. Noah was 500 years old when he married and began having children. It would be at least 30 years for the sons to grow up and marry. The Bible states that all three were married when God told Noah to build the Ark. That leaves 70 years to build the ship since Noah was 600 years old at the time of the flood. **Genesis 7:6**

While the ship was in the process of being built, Noah preached repentance to the people that came to watch him build a boat on dry land.

MAKING THE ARK SEAWORTHY

God knew the Ark had to be structurally sound and watertight. God told Noah to treat the hull and the roof with pitch, not only on the outside, but also on the inside. **Genesis 6:14**

What is pitch? Most people today associate it with tar, a dark, thick, flammable liquid distilled from wood or coal, consisting of hydrocarbons, resins, alcohols, and other compounds. It is used in road making and for coating and preserving timber.

What kind of pitch/tar did Noah use? The building of wooden ships continued through the ages after the flood, and if we examine how ships were made watertight in the past, history will reveal how Noah got his pitch.

The pitch-making industry in Europe flourished for thousands years. This product assisted in the construction of wooden sailing ships which figured so prominently in European history. Since ships were part of the military establishment, making pitch was an important industry, and a nation's security depended upon a reliable pitch industry that could produce a first class product in large quantities.

The first ingredient was resin, which is a sticky flammable organic substance produced by fir and pine trees. A herringbone pattern of cuts was gouged into the tree trunk, and as the resin ran down the grooves, it was collected in a pot at the base of the tree.

When the resin had finished flowing, the trees were chopped down, covered in soil or ash, and burned slowly to produce a lightweight pure form of carbon called charcoal. The last step in the process was to add the powdered charcoal to the boiling pine resins.

Different proportions of charcoal would produce pitch of different properties. This mixture was then used to waterproof the large ocean-going wooden ships which existed prior to the ships built with steel hulls. I believe this was the kind of pitch that Noah used to make the Ark watertight.

STOCKING THE ARK

God did not tell Noah the Ark would float for 150 days and then it would be another 54 days before they could begin life on earth again.

Noah and his family along with all the other living creatures were on the Ark for a total of 6 months and 24 days. **Genesis 7:24; 8:1-16**

God told Noah to stock sufficient food in the Ark for the humans and animals. **Genesis 6:21**

We are not told if Noah also stocked up on water. As far as I am concerned, God not only supernaturally preserved the food supplies from decaying, but He also multiplied them like He did for the widow that took care of the prophet Elijah. **1 Kings 17:10-16**

God told Noah to bring in animals and birds to the Ark. Noah did not travel to the different continents of Australia, Asia, Africa, Europe, North and South America to

gather the birds and animals of every species. This would have been carried out supernaturally by God's holy angels, who brought them to the Ark and for Noah to situate them in the ship. **Genesis 6:19-22; 7:8-9**

Here is another assumption that I will make. Each species would only have so much space allocated on the Ark. The animals and the birds would have had a difficult time being confined to small areas unless they were asleep. Bears hibernate in the late fall and sleep until spring. If God can make bears to sleep for some six months of the year, could He not have done the same thing for all the animals on the Ark?

WHY DID GOD USE A SHIP?

Unless a Christian accepts the teaching from the Bible that an angel named Lucifer rebelled against God and started a war in heaven to dethrone his Creator, that Lucifer was defeated and sentenced to the Lake of Fire, the story of Noah does not make sense. At his trial, Lucifer objected to his harsh sentence and accused God of being unrighteous. How could a righteous God sentence one of His creatures to eternal punishment? Thus, mankind was created to prove God's righteousness. **Isaiah 14:12-21; Ezekiel 28:12-19; Revelation 12:7-10; Romans 3:21-26**

There was no redemption plan for Lucifer and the angels who followed him in his rebellion. God had a redemption plan for mankind, but it had to be carried out in such a way that Lucifer could challenge every human being and hinder them from being saved.

God allowed Enoch to travel to heaven a number of times and come back to earth before He took him home for good.¹ **Genesis 5:21-24; Hebrews 11:5**

The apostle John was allowed to visit heaven and come back again. **Revelation 1:10-20**

Evangelist Phillip was transferred supernaturally from one location on earth to another. **Acts 8:37-40**

God could have easily put Noah and his family on a spaceship and put them in an orbit around the earth while drowning everyone else on earth but that would have kept Lucifer out of the way in trying to hinder Noah from obeying the Lord. **Luke 22:31-32**

When God utilized Noah, Lucifer (Satan) had the opportunity to tempt, harass, make him stumble, and even refuse to work with God. Noah stood fast in his commitment to God during his first 600 years on the earth.

It had not rained on the earth since the creation of Adam and Eve and the oceans and lakes never went beyond their boundaries. Because of the canopy of water around the earth, the days were never cold or hot, the climate was perfect with pleasant sunshine every day. Noah believed what God had said about the flood and refused to look at circumstances. **Genesis 7:6; Hebrews 11:7**

God showed His power by having the Ark built in the midst of people who actively rebelled against God and even used them to build the ship for Noah. I am sure that Lucifer sent in crowds of spectators to harass and make fun of Noah on a daily basis just like he did with Jesus. **Matthew 27:27-43**

¹ 1 Enoch 14:24-25; 15:1-2

LIFE AFTER THE FLOOD

The devastation must have been depressing when Noah and his family finally stepped off the Ark after being aboard for nearly seven months. Instead of lush forests and meadows, there were only dead trees with lots of debris. More than likely there would have been human corpses lying on the ground reminding them of the bustling life before the flood.

It is likely that angels sorted out the animals and birds from the Ark and placed them in the different parts of the earth from where they originated. Since the waters had been as high as 22.5 feet above the highest mountain peak, any trace of civilization had been washed away by the force of the water as it had moved on the surface of the earth.

Genesis 7:20

Regardless of his emotions, Noah wanted to worship the Lord, and the first thing he did upon setting foot on land was to prepare a sacrifice to the Lord. **Genesis 8:18-20**

God was pleased and promised never to flood the whole earth again. **verses 21-22**

God made a covenant with Noah and his sons and expanded upon the laws previously given to Adam. **Genesis 9:1-11**

Since it had previously never rained upon the earth, Noah and his family saw a rainbow for the first time and God stated it was a sign of the new covenant. **verses 12-17**

THE FAILURE OF NOAH AND HIS THREE SONS

Noah and his three sons had witnessed the mass execution of some 600 million men, women and children. There was no doubt in their minds that God meant it when He stated that people should worship and obey Him only.

Instead of continuing to be a preacher of righteousness, Noah decided to get into the business of wine making. The Bible does not tell us what Noah thought, but since I have been a preacher for some 50 years, I know what it is like to feel so discouraged that you run from your calling and try to do something in the flesh.

Not only did Noah produce wine, he drank it to the point that he became drunk and passed out naked on the floor. **Genesis 9:20-21**

Sodomy had been a vice before the flood. Noah's son Ham discovered his father lying naked on the floor because he was drunk. My interpretation of the text is that Ham took the opportunity to sodomize his father. Many Christians will disagree with this, but if we look at these verses, Noah became enraged when he woke up and realized what Ham had done. He was so angry with Ham that he cursed him. **verses 22-25**

The world would have been a different place if Noah and his three sons had pursued the Lord and begun to proclaim the Word of God and teach the generations to come. The Devil made sure that this did not happen and God had to start over again.

A SINGLE BLOODLINE

God selected Shem to be the bloodline of redemption for the human race. When the tenth generation was born in Shem's line, we find a man named Abraham that God

would use to establish a nation that some 2,000 years later would provide the Messiah, Jesus Christ. **Genesis 11:10-26**

FAITH OR UNBELIEF

Pastors, evangelists and teachers are trained and educated in Bible colleges and seminaries. During my time at the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, California, very few of the professors actually believed there had been a flood and they scoffed at students which took the Bible at face value even though Jesus validated the flood account. **Matthew 24:37-39**

Are you going to believe God or the Devil?

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?