

NOAH'S ARK

We are currently studying the Days of Noah taken from Matt.24:37-39.

(Matt.24:37) “For the coming of the Son of Man will be **just like** the days of Noah.”

Since we are living in the Days of the Son of Man, we are studying the specifics of the Days of Noah as they might pertain to today, during the Days of the Son of Man.

This lesson will study five aspects of The Ark Built by Noah.
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It was certainly a **constructional wonder** of the Antediluvian Civilization.

The word **Ark** is mentioned seven times in our lesson text. The Hebrew word for Ark is (tebah). It describes a floating box. Many biblical scholars believe it was introduced to Moses from Egypt where the word referred to a box, chest, or coffin.

You will recall that Baby Moses was put in a **tebah** and placed in the Nile River (Ex.2:3). The Greek word used for Ark, that was used by Jesus, was (kibotos) in (Matt.24:38; 1Pet.3:20).

This lesson will study five homiletic words that will cover our lesson text and subject:

- **Condemnation** (Gen.6:11-13)
- **Construction** (Gen.6:14-16)
- **Cataclysm** (Gen.6:17)
- **Cargo** (Gen.6:18-20)
- **Captain** (Gen.6:21-22)

1. **Condemnation of the Antediluvian Civilization was given in (Gen.6:11-13).**

We will examine three aspects of God's condemnation.

- **Wickedness:** “Every intent of the thought of man’s heart was only evil continuously” (Gen.6:5); “earth was filled with violence (Gen.6:11); and “all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth” (Gen.6:12-13).
- **World of ungodly:** “And did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when **He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly.**” (2 Pet.2:5)
- **Warned:** “By faith Noah, **being warned by God about things not yet seen**, in reverence prepared an ark for th4e salvation of his household, by which he **condemned the world**, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.” (Heb.11:7; 2 Pet.3:5-7)

2. **Construction of the Ark was given in (Gen.6:14-16).**

We will examine three aspects of the construction.

- **Material** (Gen.6:14): gopher wood and pitch inside and outside.
- **Measurements** (Gen.6:15): 450ft x 75ft x 45ft (biblical cubit was 1.5ft); estimated weight, 35,000 tons.

- **Multiple decks** (Gen.6:16): three decks, each 15ft high, with rooms and air vent across the top and one door that closed from outside, and it was the Lord who shut the door! (Gen.7:16)

3. The terms “Cataclysmic flood”, Hebrew (mabbul) and Greek (kataklusmos) (2 Pet.2:5), was used only with the Antediluvian Civilization flood (Gen.6:17-18).

We will examine three aspects associated with the Flood.

- **Water (drown):** “Behold, I, even I am bringing the flood of water upon the earth, to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life, from under the heaven; everything that is on the earth shall perish.”
 - The water reached 22.5ft above the highest mountains (Mt. Ararat at 17,000 ft) (Gen.7:20; 8:4-5).
- **Weddings:** “For as in those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying, and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the Ark.” (Matt.24:38)
- **Warranty:** “But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall enter the Ark.” (Gen.6:18a)

4. Cargo was put on the Ark for the Post Diluvian world (Gen.6:7, 19-21) [They had a boarding list].

We will examine three aspects associated with the Cargo.

- **Saved people:** Noah and seven others called, “The salvation of his household.” (Heb.11:7a; 2 Pet.2:5).
- **Species animals:** Pairs (male and female) (Gen.7:14-16; 8:17).
- **Sacrificial animals:** Seven kinds of clean animals (Gen.7:2; 8:20) All Shadow Christology! (Heb.8-10).

The migration of the animals to the Ark must have been a huge visual aid to the unbelievers of a long-suffering God, wishing that none would perish (Gen.6:20; 1 Pet.3:20; 2 Pet.3:9).

5. The Captain was God and the Chief Officer, second in command, was Noah.

As Chief Officer, Noah was responsible for inside the Ark and its cargo. **As Captain**, God was responsible to maneuver the Ark through the flood and to the Ark’s resting place (Gen.6:22).

We will examine three aspects associated with the Crew and Voyage.

- **Character of the chief officer** (Gen.6:8-9):
- **Commission of Ark** (Gen.6:18, 23; 8:1, 4, 13-16, 21-22):
- **Calendar of trip** (Gen.7:11-24) “In the second month, in the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry.” (Gen.8:14)

The flood started (our) February 17th, 600 BC (Gen.7:4) **and ended** February 27th, 601 BC (Gen.8:14). The internal security and welfare inside the Ark were the responsibility of Noah and his family for over a year afloat on stormy flood waters.

How important is it for God to be in charge of directing your daily lives, whether on stormy flood water or on the dry land? (1 Thess.3:11) “May the Lord direct your way.” (2 Cor.12:9)

Jesus: “As it was in the Days of Noah, so shall it be the Days of the Son of Man.” (Matt.24:37-39)