

NOAH
(Genesis 6:9-22)

- I. Noah's ARK (Gen. 6:9-16)
 - A. A REAL, HISTORICAL event
 1. Testimony of the OLD TESTAMENT (Isa. 54:9; Ez. 14:14, 20; 1 Chron. 1:4)
 2. Testimony of the NEW TESTAMENT (Luke 3:36; Heb. 11:7; 1 Pet. 3:20; 2 Pet. 2:5)
 3. Testimony of JESUS CHRIST (Matt. 24:37-39; Luke 17:26)
 - B. Noah's sons: SHEM, HAM, and JAPHETH (6:9-10; 10:1*a*)
 - C. The coming DESTRUCTION (6:11-13)
 1. The earth "was CORRUPT"
 2. The earth "was FILLED with VIOLENCE"
 3. Mankind was CORRUPT
 4. The extent was UNIVERSAL
 - D. The PREPARATION of the ARK (6:14-16)
 1. Designed for CAPACITY—could hold between 125,000 and 320,000 SHEEP
 2. Designed for STABILITY—would avoid PITCHING and be nearly impossible to CAPSIZE
 3. Three DECKS, divided into ROOMS (lit. "NESTS")
 4. COATED inside and out with "PITCH" (cf. Lev. 17:11)
 5. A "WINDOW" around the top for LIGHT and VENTILATION
 6. One DOOR (cf. Jn. 14:6; 10:7-9)

II. God's PURPOSES (Gen. 6:17-21)

A. Destruction by FLOOD WATERS (6:17)

1. UNIQUE in history (Gen. 6-9; Ps. 29:10; Mt. 24:39; Lk. 17:27; 2 Pet. 2:5; 3:6)
2. WORLD-WIDE in scope

B. First mention of the COVENANT (6:18)

1. Made with NOAH (cf. 6:8)
2. Rescue provided for NOAH, his WIFE, their three SONS, and their WIVES

C. Preservation of the ANIMALS (6:19:21)

1. MALE and FEMALE of every "KIND" (cf. 7:2)
2. ADEQUATE for all of them
 - a. Fewer than 18,000 species of LAND animals today
 - b. Perhaps that many known EXTINCT species
 - c. Maximum of 75,000 animals aboard, average size much SMALLER than a SHEEP
 - d. Less than 60% of capacity needed for ANIMALS, leaving ample room for PROVISIONS and FAMILY LIVING QUARTERS
3. GATHERING the animals not a problem
4. PROVIDING for them not a problem

III. Noah's OBEDIENCE (Gen. 6:22; cf. 7:5, 9, 16; Heb. 11:7)