

What Does the Bible Teach About Noah's Ark?

Introduction

- (1) Grant County, Kentucky
- (2) Parking
- (3) Admission Tickets
- (4) Restaurant
- (5) Special Effects Theater
- (6) Entrance to Ark Encounter
- (7) Average Daily Attendance
- (8) Same planning/design team (Universal Orlando Resort)

How Was the Ark Built?

Bible

- (1) Three Decks.
- (2) Provisions for Food.
- (3) Compartments.

Ark Encounter

- (1) 1,000 craftsmen employed for the ark's construction and the making of its exhibits.
- (2) 95 tons of metal plates and bolts used to connect the wood together.
- (3) Lighting, restrooms, and concession stands.

Why Was the Ark Needed?

- (1) God was angry with Man.
- (2) God's spirit not always with his greatest creation.
- (3) Thoughts of Man evil continually.
- (4) Grieved God's heart.

Ancient Flood Accounts

- (1) Australia, South America, China, Africa, and the Pawnee Indian nation.
- (2) Genesis Apocryphon (The Dead Sea Scrolls).

Mt Everest

- (1) Flooding was a global event.
- (2) It lasted 40 days and 40 nights.
- (3) At its peak—the water was at least three miles deep as it covered the face of the earth.
- (4) Hydrologic forces (Genesis 7:11)
- (5) No rain prior to the Great Flood (Genesis 2:6).

Grand Canyon

- (1) Rock layers —more than a mile above sea level—contain marine fossils.

White Cliffs of Dover

- (1) Chalk beds of England can be traced across Europe into the Middle East and also found in the Midwest of the United States and in Western Australia.

After the Flood

- (1) Noah was 600 years old at the time of the flood.
- (2) Died at the age of 950
- (3) Noah sends a dove out of the ark.
- (4) God's promise to Man.

Who Built the Ark?

- (1) In Kentucky, an 800-acre site chosen for the Ark Encounter.
- (2) \$18 million in tax benefits and tourist incentives.
- (3) Over a million dollars to Grant County for road improvements.
- (4) Noah had his three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth
- (5) No paid admissions or parking for Noah.
- (6) No corporate sponsorships for Noah or his family.
- (7) Built by hand (Noah).

How Big was the Ark?

- (1) Cubit ancient measurement (from the elbow to the tip of the longest finger).
- (2) In large-scale construction projects, ancient civilizations typically used the royal cubit between 19 and 20 inches.
- (3) 2 Chronicles 3:3 indicates Solomon used an old standard cubit when measuring construction of God's Temple in the Old Testament.
- (4) Noah's Ark was approximately 515 feet long, 85 feet high, and 51 feet wide.
- (5) That is more than half the size of the Titanic, which was 850 feet long.
- (6) It was also about one and a half football fields long, or the length of three NASA space shuttles lined up nose to tail, or the size of three Olympic size swimming pools.

God Gave Instructions on How to Build the Ark.

- (1) In Kentucky, the framing of the ark was mostly spruce, while the exterior is mostly pine.
- (2) Also had geothermal heating, rainwater capture, and active and passive solar heating.
- (3) Noah's Ark time was symbolic of profound warning that the world as it was known in Noah's day would all come to an end.

What is Gopher Wood?

- (1) There is no consensus.
- (2) "Squared timber."
- (3) "Smoothed wood."
- (4) "Kuparisson" or "Gopher."
- (5) Historic problems when translating the Hebrew letters.
- (6) "Pitched wood."

Searching for the Ark

- (1) Mt. Ararat highest mountain in the entire Middle East (17,000 feet above sea level.)
- (2) Yet it was underwater by as much as 30 feet during the Great Flood.
- (3) After 150 days God began to drain the water surrounding Mt. Ararat (so the ark could come to its final resting place).

James Irwin

- (1) James Irwin was the lunar module pilot for Apollo 15 when he became the 8th man to walk on the moon in 1971.
- (2) He also made six unsuccessful expeditions to find Noah's Ark.

Don Patton

- (1) Dr. Don Patton has also searched for Noah's Ark.
- (2) He has investigated possible locations in 2008, 2009 and twice in 2010.
- (3) In 2011 he gave a presentation on his expeditions to the church of Christ in Wesley Chapel.

James Hodges

- (1) In his book Creation vs Evolution, Dr. James A. Hodges has a chapter entitled "*Historical Evidence for Noah's Ark and Flood.*"

Photo of Wood from Noah's Ark?

- (1) Dr. Patton, and Dr. Hodges, who is deceased, know that many Ark reports dating back to 300 BC have been associated with southeastern Turkey.

Hand-Drawing of Ark Site?

- (1) In 1943, Ed Davis, a member of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, illustrated his hand drawing of what he discovered on Mt Ararat.
- (2) No ark remains have been found on Mt Ararat.

NASA Photo of Mt Ararat

- (1) Modern expeditions to Mt. Ararat use the latest technology in ground-penetrating radar and satellite telemetry.
- (2) Working with the Turkish scientific and archaeological community, the Kurds at the base of Ararat, and the government of Turkey.

Mary Irwin (Takht-I Sulaiman)

- (1) The wife of astronaut James Irwin authored a book in 2012 that her late husband and others were searching on the wrong mountain.
- (2) It could be here in this mountain range, some 50 miles from Iran's capital, the city of Tehran.
- (3) But, again, this is another location that has many political issues that prevent any discovery team searching for Noah's Ark.

Historic Painting of Noah's Ark

- (1) The consensus of Dr. Patton is that no remains can be found of Noah's Ark.

Other Ark Exhibits

- (1) Noah's Ark in Dordrecht, Netherlands
- (2) Noah's Ark at Tsing Ma Bridge in Hong Kong

What Should We Remember about Noah's Ark?

- (1) If someday it is found—will more people believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God?
- (2) Or do we lose sight of what glorifies God?

Reset

At the end of his book Dr. Hodges quotes Romans chapter 1 (We must glorify God).

Tower of Babel

- (1) Man had a single cause—to build what would later be called the Tower of Babel.
- (2) Building the tower consumed all the time and energy of the people.
- (3) They simply had no time to glorify God.

Noah's Ark in Kentucky Encounters Controversary

- (1) There were objections in the beginning to building the Ark Encounter in Kentucky.
- (2) The state attempted to block the project from receiving public funding but lost in court.

Bill Nye

- (1) One of the biggest critics is Bill Nye, an evolutionist who is also known as the television personality—Bill Nye the Science Guy.
- (2) He still believes the Ark Encounter is nothing more than biblical propaganda.

Ark Encounter Blueprints

- (1) According to the National Center for Science Education, Noah would have needed extensive knowledge of naval architecture, physics, and calculus—which was not even around until hundreds of years later when invented by Sir Isaac Newton.
- (2) Plus, the harvesting of some 3.3 million board feet of lumber needed for the ark's construction—no small feat with any generation in the history of man.
- (3) And according to engineering tests at Mississippi State University on a scale model—calculations showed that the design of Noah's Ark could survive waves up to 500-feet-high.
- (4) But God made it possible for Noah.

Warning

- (1) Noah's Ark is an historical warning that just as God destroyed the sinful world with water, He will once again destroy the heavens and Earth with fire at the second coming of Christ.
- (2) Noah preached to his generation and no one in the entire world believed him.
- (3) Only his family was saved (eight souls).

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Scriptures (King James Version; Public Domain)

1. Genesis 6

3 ...My spirit shall not always strive with man...
5 ...thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually...
6 ...it grieved him at his heart.
7 ...I will destroy man whom I have created...
8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.
14 Make thee an Ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make...
15 ...The length of the ark *shall be* three hundred cubits...
16 ...*with* lower, second, and third *stories* shalt thou make it.
20 Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind...
21 And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten...

2. Genesis 7

6 ...Noah was six hundred years old...
12...forty days and forty nights.
16 ...went in male and female of all flesh...
24...one hundred and fifty days.

3. Genesis 8

1 And God remembered Noah, and every living thing...
4 ...upon the mountains of Ararat.
8 Also he sent forth a dove from him...
11...in her mouth *was* an olive leaf ...

4. Genesis 9

11 And I will establish my covenant with you...
12 ...for perpetual generations:
13 I do set my bow in the cloud...
15 And I will remember my covenant...
28 ...three hundred and fifty years.
29...nine hundred and fifty years: and he died.

5. Genesis 10

- 10 ...kingdom was Babel...
- 11 ...and builded Nineveh...

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