

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES

AN OVERVIEW OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

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The book of Genesis begins with Creation and closes with a coffin. In between those events are many wonderful facts that should be an enlightening encouragement to the reader.

I. THE PRIMEVAL HISTORY: BEGINNINGS OF THE HUMAN RACE, 1:1—11:32

A. The Creation, 1:1—2:25

B. The Curse, 3:1—4:15

C. The Catastrophe, 4:16—9:29

1.A World Fast Ripening for Judgment, 4:16—6:22

a.God's Assessment of Those Times, 4:16—6:7

(1)The Ungodly, 4:16-24

(2)The Unworldly, 4:25—5:32

- ❖ Gen. 4-5 reveal the beginnings of civilization, giving the genealogies of Abel and Seth.
- ❖ Methuselah could have known Adam for 283 years, as well as known Noah for 600 years.
- ❖ Abram was born 2 years after Noah died. He knew Tereh for 75 years, and Terah could have known Noah for 128 years.

(3) The Unruly, 6:1-7

❖ Mankind went from a perfect environment to such a degradation that the Creator was “...grieved at his heart.” (Gen. 6:6)

Jer. 17:9 The **heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked**: who can know it?

❖ From Gen. 3:15, the protoevangelium, a “seed” was promised and that seed was Christ.

Gal. 3:16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy **seed, which is Christ.**

❖ The Satanic assault on the “seed” was displayed in Gen. 6:2-4. (Later by Pharaoh and Herod.)

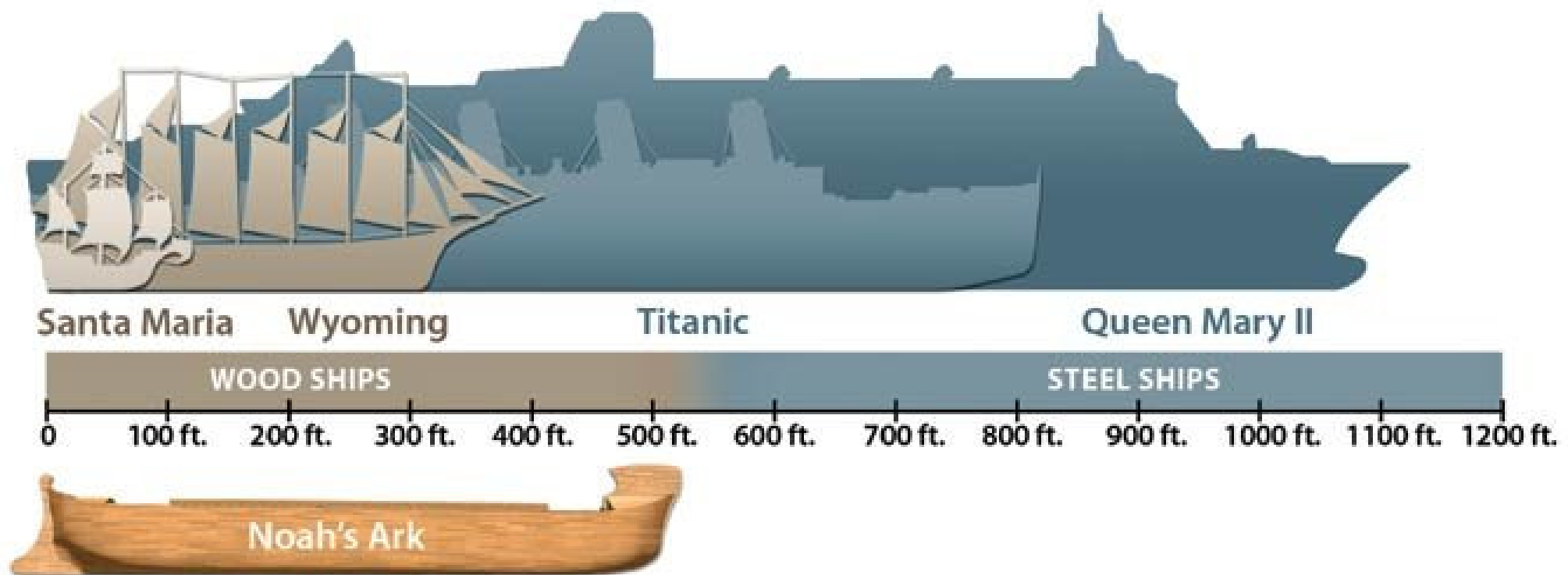
This evening, we will see what happened during the days of Noah, and how these chapters testify of the Lord Jesus Christ.

b. God's Answer to Those Times, 6:8-22

- ❖ This passage begins with Noah's genealogy of three sons – Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
- ❖ Next came the warning from God to Noah of impending judgment on the earth.
- ❖ The warning came in 1536 A.C. when Shem was 22 years old.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year Born, A.C.</u>	<u>Years Lived</u>	<u>Year Died, A.C.</u>
Noah	1056	950 (1536 warning came)	2006
Shem	1558	600	2158

❖ God gave Noah 120 years to preach righteousness (2 Pet. 2:5) and to build the ark. The dimensions of Noah's Ark were 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet high.



2. A World Finally Relinquished to Judgment, 7:1-24

a. The Deliverance of the Godly, 7:1-9

❖ The Creator brought the animals into the ark.

b. The Destruction of the Godless, 7:10-24

❖ Noah, his three sons, and their wives were told by God to enter into the ark, and the Lord shut them in.

Gen. 7:16 And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: **and the LORD shut him in.**

❖ The fountains of the deep opened, rain fell, and those not in the ark perished.

3. A World Freshly Refreshed from Judgment, 8:1—9:29

❖ Chapters 8-9 describe the Flood with many details.

❖ Chapter 9 gives a principle regarding the sanctity of humanity:

Gen. 9:6 Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.

- ❖ The contemporary debate over abortion should be settled for a believer – DO NOT MURDER INNOCENT BABIES IN THE WOMB!
- ❖ The Flood is an example of God's judgment, justice, and wrath upon wickedness.

Jn. 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; **but the wrath of God abideth on him.**

❖ Noah, like all sinners, found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

Gen. 6:8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

1 Tim. 1:15 This *is* a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that **Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners**; of whom I am chief.

❖ Noah's ark is a type of the Lord Jesus Christ. In other words, you can see characteristics of Jesus in the ark. Noah's ark is a type of Jesus Christ because:

It's made of wood – Gen 6:14 – Living organisms (trees) had to die to save Noah's life. Jesus had to die to save us [see Rom 5:10]. Wood is connected to both the ark and the cross.

It has a door – Gen 6:16 – Jesus is the door [see Jn 10:7-9]. The door was the only way into the ark and Jesus is the only way into heaven [Jn. 14:6].

Noah's family went in – Gen 6:18 – The Philippian jailor was promised that he and his "house" would be saved by Jesus [see Acts 16:30-31]. Often when a person gets saved, eventually his family members get saved, too.

They had sufficient provisions – Gen 6:21 – Jesus is our bread and supplies all our need [See Jn 6:35; Phil 4:19].

They were “in” the ark – Gen 7:7 – You must be “in” Christ to be alive [see Rom 8:1].

They forsook the world – Gen 7:7 – We die to the world in Christ [see Rom 6:4-7; Mk 8:35-38].

The Lord shut him in – Gen 7:16 – We are sealed in Christ by the Holy Spirit [see Eph 1:13; Eph 4:30].

They were lifted up above the earth – Gen 7:17 – We will be lifted up above the earth at the rapture [see 1 Thes 4:13-18].

The ark rested – Gen 8:4 – The Lord gives us rest and we have our eternal rest with him in heaven [see Matt 11:28; Heb 4:9-10].

The dove returned to Noah – Gen 8:9 – We return to the Lord at the rapture; the dove pictures the saints [see 1 Thes 4:13-18].

Mt. 24:37 But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Luke 17:26 And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

The Flood was worldwide and inescapable. They were totally distracted by the things of this world and died in the greatest catastrophe the world had ever known since the Curse of *Genesis 3*.

Conclusion

- 1. Just as the ark was graciously provided by God for sinners, so is salvation in Christ graciously provided by God for sinners (Gen. 6:13-14).**
- 2. Just as the ark was planned by God, so is salvation in Christ planned by God (Gen. 6:14-15).**
- 3. Just as the ark was a place of safety, so is Christ a place of safety (Gen. 6:17).**
- 4. Just as Noah and his family must come into the ark for their safety, so must we come to Christ for our salvation (Gen. 6:18).**

5. Just as the call to come into the ark was a limited-time offer, so is God's call to come to His Son a limited-time offer (Gen. 7:16).

6. Just as the coming of the flood was unexpected, so is the second coming of Christ unexpected.

Isa. 54:11 **O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted**, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires.

Gen. 7:1 And the Lord said unto Noah, **Come thou and all thy house into the ark**; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.

Heb. 11:7 **By faith Noah**, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and **became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.**

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2 Tim. 2:15 **Study to shew thyself approved unto God**, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth.**