

**Series "In The Beginning...God"**  
**"Noah's Faithful Obedience"**  
**Genesis 6:14-22**  
**Study-24**

**"Days Of Noah" the culture was marching the wrong way. (Noah Was God's Obedient Man!) Matthew 24:37-39**

**NOAH AND HIS FAMILY Genesis 6—9**  
**The Flood — Genesis 6—7**  
**The New Earth — Genesis 8**  
**The Covenant — Genesis 9**

**Thought Of Our Passage:** God Is Specific In His Instructions About Both The Ark And The Coming Of His Flood Of Judgment.

- 1. Verses 14-16 Ark:**
- 2. Verse 17 Judgment:**
- 3. Verses 18-22 Covenant:**

**1. Verses 14-16 Ark:**

**Genesis 6:14 "Make for yourself an ark of gopher wood; Context** – When we think of Noah we think of "Noah and The Ark" but **Genesis 6:8-9** makes clear that God Built "The Character Of A Man."

**Noah Found Grace: Genesis 6:8**

**Noah A Righteous Man: (Standing before God) Genesis 6:9**

**Noah A Blameless Man: (Standing Before Man) Genesis 6:9**

**Noah Walked With God: Noah's walk with God. Genesis 6:9**

**Genesis 6:12-13** Note the play on words. The word **corrupt** means "to destroy or annihilate." Man has brought on his condition and God is going to fix it! **Genesis 13:10** "the Lord destroyed Sodom/Gomorrah"

**"Make for yourself an ark** the word ark means "box" and as we look at the dimensions, that's what it was. This word was also used of the papyrus basket that Moses was placed in that saved his life. **Exodus 2:3,5** Ark of the Covenant different word (**Exodus 25:9-40**)

**of gopher wood;** the Word only used here, **gopher** is the Hebrew. Some believe it is comparable to our "Cypress Wood, Cedar"  
**you shall make the ark with rooms, (nests)**

**pitch** – "to cover" It was a coating to hold together. The word was used for "**atonement**" **Leviticus 17:11 1<sup>st</sup> Time Atonement Is Mentioned:** This word also means "a redemption-price: ransom, satisfaction, the blood of the lamb provided perfect atonement for our souls, pitch-perfect covering for the Ark"

**pitch** – European persons collected sap and resin from pine trees, boiled it in big pots, then added charcoal and used it to seal ships.

**Genesis 6:15 cubits**, A cubit is from the elbow to the fingertips which can vary from 18-22 inches.

### **External Pictures Of The Ark:**

**Using 18 inches** that makes the Ark **450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high** Ark Encounter. (One and a half football fields.)

With a volume of about 2.21 million cubic feet. Equivalent volume of over 522 livestock cars used on American railroads.

**Genesis 6:16 Noah Had Control Over The Window:** The windows could be opened, possible that the window was all around the top, **Genesis 8:6**,

**God Had Control Over The One Door: and set the door of the ark in the side of it; John 10:9; 14:6**

**Genesis 7:1, 16**

**you shall make it with lower, second, and third decks.** Designers have looked at this layout of three decks and it has been determined that the animals had ½ the room.

### **Pictures of Possible Layouts of The Ark Floors:**

#### **The Ark is a picture of Jesus Christ:**

- 1. The Ark Was Not Noah's Plan, But God's.**
- 2. The Ark Was A Refuge From Judgment.**
- 3. The Ark Had Only One Door. John 10:9 "I am the door;**

#### **2. Verse 17 Judgment:**

**Genesis 6:17 1<sup>st</sup> Time God Reveals That The Judgement Would Be A World-Wide Flood: "Behold, I, even I am bringing the flood of water upon the earth, Flood** – Hebrew word Only used in **Genesis 6-9;**

**Psalms 29:10 "destruction, flood "mighty flood resulting in destruction"**

**2 Peter 3:3-7**

#### **3. Verses 18-22 Covenant:**

**Genesis 6:18 "But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife, and your sons' wives with you.** God was making a contract with this family.

**1<sup>st</sup> Time We Read About A Covenant: Covenant** – It speaks of obligations and benefits. **Genesis 9:1-17; 1 Peter 3:20.** The covenant was a promise from God to save Noah's family and the animals that accompanied him on the Ark

**“But I will establish My covenant with you; used 253 times OT, 20 times NT** The term **covenant** – is “*declaration of a relationship of two parties, a commitment, based on a promise (My covenant), to enter that relationship, and growth of the relationship over time.*” God was making a contract with Noah. God at His Word.

### **Jeremiah 31:33-34; 2 Corinthians 1:20**

#### **Obedience Of Salvation: Noah Was Given By God 2 Things:**

1. Detailed Design for the Ark:
2. The Covenant promise of salvation:

**wife, and your sons’ wives with you.** The male names were for the genealogy that would trace Jesus Christ.

**Genesis 6:19 “And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark,** Large animals like elephants, giraffes, dinosaurs; these could all be babies or not mature. Most animals are actually small, average size, a sheep.

#### **Genesis 6:20 Genesis 9:10**

**their kind** – kinds are not the same as species. Most kinds consist of dozens or more species.

**Dinosaurs** - Although there are about 668 names of dinosaurs, there are perhaps only 55 different “kinds” of dinosaurs.

**Answers In Genesis (AIG)** about 7,000 animal kinds (including some now-extinct animals), or around 14,000 individual animals as a maximum number. (Some recent studies say its possible to have 2,000-3,000 animals and as few as 1,000 kinds.

**Horse-Like** - When you realize that horses, zebras, and donkeys are probably descended from the horse-like “kind.” Noah did not have to carry two sets of each such animal.

**Canine “kind** - dogs, wolves, and coyotes are probably from a single canine “kind,” so hundreds of different dogs were not needed.

**Cats** – lions, tigers, leopards, cheetahs, jaguars etc.. Interrelated through breeding.

#### **Pictures of Animals And Kinds:**

**,two of every kind will come to you to keep them alive.** Noah did not have to round them up, trap them, they came to the Ark.

**Genesis 7:2,7 pair of clean.** This was later defined in **Leviticus 11** Animal sacrifices had already been offered by Abel **Genesis 4:4,** Leaving the Ark sacrifice **Genesis 8:20**

## **Genesis 6:21**

**Time in the Ark was 371 days.** Noah's family and the animals entered the ark the same day the Flood began — the day noted in **Genesis 7:11** by year, month, and day.

## **Genesis 6:22 Summarizing about a century of Noah's obedience.**

**Thus Noah did;** No place in Scripture do we read that Noah questioned or complained against God. He never complained. God spoke **seven times** directly to Noah **Genesis 6:13, 7:1, 8:15, 9:1, 8, 12, 17**

**according to all that God had commanded him, so he did.** This speaks of the obedience of Noah. **Genesis 6:6; 7:5; 7:9; 7:16** Flood recorded in **Psalms 29** – Noah's flood **voice of the Lord 7X**. Later **Revelation 10:3-4**

## **Hebrews 11:7**

**God gave the world 120 years to repent, Genesis 6:3** Noah was 500 when he had his three sons **Genesis 5:32** he was 600 years old when the flood came **Genesis 7:6** next 20 years plans with Noah. Built the ark in about 75 years.

**2 Peter 2:4-6 120 years of preaching to a lost world, and when it was over Noah, his wife, three sons and their wives were all that were saved.**

It is both **Encouraging** and **Enlightening**.

**Encouraging** - that Noah was so faithful in our world's darkest time  
**1 Peter 3:18-21**

**Enlightening** – people have a free will to receive and reject God's offer of salvation. **John 1:11-13**

## **Application:**

1. The Ark Was Not Noah's Plan, But God's. The Ark Was A Refuge From Judgment. The Ark Had Only One Door. Jesus Said, "I am the door."  
**John 10:9**
2. God Made A Covenant With Noah, God Set The Terms. God Was Going To Preserve Noah And His Family. The Ark Was The "Way," But God Was The "Means." God Devised The Plan, Provided, And Empowered.
3. The Flood Is An Illustration Of The Cross That Jesus Died Upon For Our Sins So That Faith In Him Brings New Life - Saved Through The Ark.