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### The Whole Counsel of God - Genesis 6-7

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## Introduction & Overview of the Section

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### Introduction

Tonight we are going to be introduced to Noah, a man who trusted God with an incredible task to build an ark and save life on planet earth. Over the next two studies we will be working our way through the following outline.

### Genesis 6-9

#### #1 – Noah’s World – Genesis 6:1-7

Noah lived in the world that was dark and most scholars believe even demonized. Yet in all of this Noah remained true to God and faithful to His Word.

#### #2 – Noah’s Way – Genesis 6:8-10, 22

In these verses we see why Noah was set apart from the entire world around him.

#### #3 – Noah’s Watercraft – Genesis 6:11-7:9

Okay I know it’s called an “Ark”, but Ark doesn’t start with “W”, and I’m working an outline here. ☺ In this section we learn the dimensions of the ark and see how it was possible to fit every animal and Noah’s family on board the “Watercraft”.

#### #4 – Noah’s Worldwide Flood – Genesis 7:10-9:29

In next week’s study we will discover why we believe it was a worldwide flood and the events the followed Noah and his family leaving the ark.

### Key Issues or Words

“every intention” (6:5) – literally means “every forming” – the word picture comes from the idea of a potter in the act of forming and molding his vessel. “It means even the reflections of fantasy, the rising and freely formed movements of the will were only evil continually” – (Von Rad)

### By the way...

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**Genesis 6:9 – “The first mention of ‘righteousness’”** – The first mention of “righteousness” in the Bible is here in Genesis 6:9 – “Noah was a righteous man” (English Standard, NIV, NLT versions). It is interesting to note that this first mention of righteousness sets the standard for the rest of the Scripture. Righteousness in Noah’s life came by faith. Noah was a man who trusted God and God accounted it to Him as righteousness, just as God will do for Abraham and for you and me as well.

**Genesis 7:4,10 – “Why did God wait seven days for the flood, once everyone and everything was already on the ark?”** - According to the Jewish Midrash, (a series of Jewish teachings on the Bible that fills in the gaps of information the Bible is silent on) the seven day pause was a period of mourning for Methuselah, Noah’s Grandfather, who according to the interpretation of names in Genesis chapter 5 died in the year of the flood. The Midrash is not necessarily inspired text but who knows?

## Additional Notes

(unless you want to stay 'til 10, we won't get to this)

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**Genesis 6:6** – “**The Lord was sorry that He had made man**” – We have in our text an insight into the heart of God. Man had become so corrupt, so sinful, that Father God was grieved that He had made mankind. I don't know how corrupt my kids would have to get for me to regret the day that they were born, but mankind at this time in human history had gotten there. The lesson for us to take away however is that sin still grieves the heart of God. Even in the age of grace, after the cross, the New Testament declares, “do not grieve the Holy Spirit” (Ephesians 4:30). God's heart still breaks at our sin. The Holy Spirit can be grieved by our actions. May we never forget it and may we run from sin and temptation in our lives!

**Genesis 6:18** – “**You shall go into the Ark. You, your wife, your sons and your sons' wives with you**” – What is so interesting to me about this declaration from God in Genesis 6:18 is when you put the genealogies together in Genesis chapter 5 and 9 you discover that when God made this promise to Noah, he was at least 20 years away from becoming a dad. Yet God speaks to him before his kids were even born and obviously before they were married, that you build this ark Noah, and you, your wife, your sons and even your sons' wives will go into the ark with you. The lesson I believe for us, especially for the men, is we want our kids; we want our families to serve the Lord. Well, it starts by us, maybe even before they are born, serving the Lord ourselves, believing and obeying what He tells us to do and by that setting a standard, setting a precedence. If I by faith walk with God, I will leave a legacy for my children, and my children's children to walk with God as well. It has to begin by us. It is the height of hypocrisy to demand our children walk in a loving, and obedient relationship with God, if we are not willing to do so. It started with Noah in his family, may it start with you in yours.

## Going Deeper

(think it over yourself or discuss with the family)

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### Questions to ask the younger kids....

What would have been your favorite part about being on the Ark? Would anything have been scary about being on the Ark? What do you think Noah's kids did to help them not be afraid? What can you do to help you not be afraid?

### Questions for the rest of us...

Noah lived his entire life, “as God commanded Him” a phrase seen in, 6:22, 7:5, 7:9, 7:16. Think through some things God has commanded you to do? Are you being obedient? Have you done everything “as God commanded” Of course there is grace and forgiveness when we fall, but we need to be obeying the Lord our God.

### Further study...

Spend some time this week looking through the creation archeological research website [www.arkdiscovery.com](http://www.arkdiscovery.com) specifically at the section on Noah's Ark. **(Please note many Bible scholars and biblical archeologist debate the findings of this website, but I find it interesting to consider none the less)**

## Homework 4 Next Week – Genesis 8-9

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Read Genesis 8-9 – Think about what life would have been like after the flood, with your family being the only family left on earth!

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## **Genesis 6-7**

# **“Noah’s World, Way, Watercraft and World Wide Flood”**

### **Introduction**

- Tonight we are going to continue our study in the foundational book of the Old Testament and really all of the Bible
  - Remember, the content is not hard to remember, because the title says it all

### **The word Genesis means “beginnings”**

- And truly so many things in Scripture have their beginnings in the book of Genesis
  - The universe
  - Life in general
  - Man, marriage
  - Sin and evil
  - Language, government, nations
  - Specifically we will see the nation of Israel
- In fact understanding that this book means and is about beginnings really is a good way to divide up our look at this book as you can see in your book intro sheet

### **Outline for the Book of Genesis**

#### **Chapters 1-11 – The Beginning of all nations**

- **Chapters 1-2 – The Creation**
- **Chapter 3 - 5 – The Fall**
- **Chapter 6-9 – The Flood**
- **Chapters 10-11 – The Tables of Nations**

#### **Chapters 12-50 – The Beginning of the Jewish nation**

- **Chapters 12-23 – Abraham**
- **Chapters 24-27 – Isaac**
- **Chapters 28-36 – Jacob**
- **Chapters 37-50 – Joseph**

### **Before we get into our text tonight, let us understand where we have been**

- Chapter One – the description of God creating the heavens and the earth
- Chapter Two – focuses in on God’s creation of man and the establishment of his home and marriage
- Chapter Three – deals with the introduction of sin, and the fall of Adam and Eve

### **Chapter Four – tells of the first two sons Cain, and Able, the first murder, and the ungodly generations of Cain**

- Chapter Five – follows the line of Seth, those who “called upon the name of the Lord” – and we see with them, people with problems, yes, but people who walked with God and served him

### **The list takes us almost 2,000 years down the road of history – almost the entire rest of the Bible story is just another 2,000 years**

- So again we need to put out of our minds small community of farmers, all closely related to Adam and Eve
  - Some scholars estimate the population at this time to exceed or at least match the population of the world today
  - Using conservative numbers – a man has four kids, and lives to see his grandchildren – you could have 2 billion people on earth as we get to chapter six of Genesis

### **We are introduced in chapters 6-7 to a man by the name of Noah**

- and extraordinary servant of the Lord, whom God used in a major turning point in human history
  - and as we examine his life tonight, for you note takers we are going to divide chapters 6-9 into four parts and two studies

### **Genesis Chapters 6-9**

**#1 – Noah’s World – Genesis 6:1-7**

**#2 – Noah’s Way – Genesis 6:8-10,22**

**#3 – Noah’s Water Craft – Genesis 6:11-7:9**

**#4 – Noah’s World Wide Flood – Genesis 7:10-9:29**

- let’s examine these one at a time tonight

### **Genesis Chapters 6-9**

**#1 – Noah’s World – Genesis 6:1-7**

- But to understand what was so significant about the life of Noah, we need to understand the world he was living in

### **Noah’s world was experiencing some real horrific problems**

- The first one we see in the opening verses of this chapter – [read verses 1-2](#)
  - Now what in the world is this referring to???

### **Well, there are really two schools of thought**

- first, the majority of modern day scholars see this as the merging of the ungodly line of Cain, with the godly line of Seth
  - you remember that chapter 4 deals with Cain, and all of his descendants
  - Chapter 5 deals with Seth and the godly generations that came from him
- Many today see Genesis six depicting a merging of those who were godly and those who were ungodly
  - And this is a very possible explanation

### **We do know from the word of God that God wants to keep His people separate.**

- He tells us to not be joined with unbelievers

We are to reach out, but there is not to be this intimate relationship, be it relational or I think even business partnerships can apply, with those who are not followers of God - Reason being – a little leaven leavens the whole lump – a little sin with one effects the other!!!

### **And some see that here, that the godly were no longer caring about the priority to be united with those that were godly – the godly guys just wanted a hot girl and no other priorities**

- the priorities were shifting to superficial things, instead of eternal things
  - and as I said before if you see it that way, you are in good company with many great Bible teachers today
  - just not this Bible teacher

### **The older view, the view taught by the church until about the time of St. Augustine for you who know your church history, was that something was going on here far more bizarre and evil**

- I am not really sold either way, but I lean in this direction because of verse 4, eluding to the fact the offspring of these coming together were giants

### **Now – as a pastor I agree with the word of God that we are not to be unequally yoked**

- It will produce heartache and pain
  - But it will not produce giants
- Giant problems - yes, but not necessarily giant kids

### **Well okay, what is the other view**

- Genesis says, the “Sons of God, came into the daughters of men”

- **The phrase “Sons of God” always in the Old Testament refers to angels, or angel like creatures**

**Job chapter one, it says, “Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD” – Job 1:6 – and the context shows that what Job is speaking of are angels appearing before the Lord**

**In Daniel chapter 3, Nebuchadnezzar throws Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego, into the fire, but he sees four and says, the fourth is like the son of God – reference to an angel like being**

**The New Testament seems to link fallen angels with the flood**

- I Peter 3:19 is a great example

**“by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.” – I Peter 3:19-20**

- Peter seems to indicate there was something more going on in Genesis 6 than believers marrying unbelievers

**The other view is that this is speaking about a time when the world was very corrupt, and women were opening themselves up to the occult, and these angels, or fallen angels, came to them, had relations with them**

- now this happened either through possessing a human man or although we are told in the New Testament that Angels are neither married nor given in marriage,
  - it doesn't say they do not have the ability for sexual relations, we just don't know how it happened, but we do know what happened – what was produced was horrible, a horrible bizarre offspring, the Bible calls giants

**Now you may think - My goodness that sounds like some type of mythology???**

**Well, we need to understand – people attack the Bible because there are similarities between many of its stories and legends around the world**

- Every culture has a flood story

**Every ancient culture had these myths of half gods, half men**

- People accuse the Bible of copying from other ideas
  - But could it be the Bible is the correct account of what happened, and these other stories of floods, and men who were part human, part god have obviously been corrupted through time and influence?
- But could it be that the myths began with truths, truths recorded for us in the word of God

**As I said, this is my opinion**

- it was what the early church interpreted this passage as
  - it was the interpretation of the Jewish scholars
  - even the Septuagint – the translation of the Old Testament from Hebrew to Greek translates “Sons of God” as “angels of God”

**Now why would this happen???**

- some have suggested that Satan understood the prophecy of the coming Messiah, and his plan was to so corrupt the human race, that a sinless one could not be born.

**But for whatever reason, and no matter which interpretation you agree with, it actually doesn't matter because the point is there were some wicked goings on in the time of Noah**

- Be it aberrant, demonic bizzarreties

- or simply God's people no longer caring about being set apart as God's people – the world was plunging into disaster

**Notice what else was said about this time period on earth in verse 5**

- That is heavy language, “**every thought, was only evil**”
  - Now I know we live in a culture that is dark

**Latest poll – 75% of Americans have allowed pornography in their homes this last month**

- We see horrific stories of abuse and murder in the news
  - Do we really think none of it is because of demonic influence?
  - I think when we read of man shooting a bunch of people outside a movie theater it is not just because he plays video games and watches batman – Maybe picture of Colorado shooter

**Now – I am big proponent of giving your kids other things to do outside of TV and videos – but I watched Batman growing up – I played video games, I have never even thought of shooting people in a movie theater or coloring my hair like that kid in Colorado**

- There is something darker at work in our culture
  - We are dark, but the Bible says, it was worse in Noah's day – it was every thought, only evil on their minds
  - Heavy to think about

**And God sees this wicked goings on, He sees the thought life and the actions of the people. He sees the violence and the hate toward each other and **verse 6...****

- now the Lord has received much criticism over this statement – but we must not read into that God was surprised and acting out of anger – His heart however was broken over sin as it always is
  - some have suggested...

**What kind of God would destroy the people He created.... We are told God is love, but reconcile that with what His own book says He did..."**

- Understand this, precious people – The flood is not one of the great mistakes of our God, one of the lapses of His character
  - But in fact – the flood is one of the most loving and merciful things God did – What????

**Follow me on this for a moment**

- first of all God gave them over 100 years to change and repent – 100 years of Noah's spoken and living testimony – over 100 years
  - that is a long time – I feel like the Mr. softy parent if I give Haley 3 changes to do the right thing
  - 120 years is a long time
- In 120 years we have seen 2 world wars, the invention of the automobile, TV, computer, airplanes, submarines, I-phones
  - 120 years ago, Spurgeon and DL Moody were preaching live, vaccines were a new concept and it was common to remove your leg for a hangnail – long time

**God gives them 120 years to repent, and He doesn't just tell them once, He sends them a preacher**

- Noah was not just an ark builder – Peter tells us that Noah was a preacher of righteousness

**“Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness” – II Peter 2:5**

- II Peter says, He was a preacher – declaring with words and no doubt this action that we will read about in a minute – the truth – God wanted change – they were unwilling

**And as the culture began to eat away at itself, it became very much like a sick animal**

- when you study customs and records of ancient man and what they would do in torturous events to each other, to their children
  - it makes you sick
  - and it make you realize – they were dying already, they had given into sin and their lives were in bondage

**And just as you and I would in mercy put down a dying animal, especially when it involves the health of your children – so too God – with grief in His heart that man wouldn't listen – put them down and saved His kids**

- 8 Godly people – from whom again remember would come, Abraham, David, Jesus (our Savior) and you and I by the way
  - I was telling Aleah my six year old a while back, now we need to learn from great grandpa Noah how to trust the Lord
  - And she said – Dad, Noah isn't our great, great, great grandpa – No he is, No – I'm telling Mom – she was totally floored
- But it is true – We all come not just Adam and Eve, but grandpa Noah – personally I'm glad God protected that line of people

**You see there was mercy, even in the flood**

- we understand the world Noah lived in was a sick and evil place
  - but what was it about this guy Noah
- Realize billions of people on earth and God sees one
  - What was it about this one????

## **Genesis Chapters 6-9**

**#1 – Noah's World – Genesis 6:1-7**

**#2 – Noah's Way – Genesis 6:8-10, 22**

**Before we notice anything about Noah we need to take a careful look at verse 8,**

**“Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.” – Genesis 6:8**

- we will see some very amazing things about Noah, but we must not think that somehow he earned his salvation or that we must either
  - God has always worked through the vehicle of grace
  - Noah was not saved by his good works, but instead his good works were a result of the grace that God had shed in his heart
- And of course we understand the same thing must be true of us
  - We are not saved by our works
  - We are saved by grace
- But now as a result of God grace, if we have really allowed it to shed in our hearts, then we should see some of these similar things in our lives

**What was it about Noah?**

**#1 - Noah was just**

- the first thing we come to in our description of this extraordinary man, especially when you see it in light of the times he lives in
  - is the testimony of verse 9 saying “Noah was a just man”
- The idea of the word just was often used to describe someone who was loyal as in loyalty to a king

**Someone who is loyal does not change devotion with circumstances or feelings**

- I am not a big fan of pets – I was bit by a dog as a kid – so when I see a big dog, not some of those little rat- dogs some of you have, but the bigger ones, there is this sort of unfounded fear that the dog is going to eat me – Unfounded certainly – but I did notice this verse last week in the One Year Bible

**“Desert animals will move into the ruined city, and the houses will be haunted by howling creatures.” – Isaiah 13:21**



- So I don't like howling creatures and cats, well – I just already have 3 kids, I don't want something else I need to clean up after and deal with its potty but..

**But watching those who have dogs and having cats my whole life I have noticed something, there are real differences between cats and dogs**

- They both can be loving
  - They both can be a lot of fun
  - They both need care and compassion
- But what I have observed is dogs are loyal, cats are not
  - Dogs are friendly – unless they are attacking you
  - Cats are friendly – when they want to be
  - Dogs are loving
  - Cats are loving – when they want something

**So often as Christians we can feline in our relationship to God**

- We worship when we feel like it
  - We serve God when it serves our purpose
  - We obey God when we want to
- But the reality is God is looking for loyalty, like Noah
  - He is looking for those who will not base their relationship with Him on feeling and self, but truth and devotion – that is what the word of God says...

**“For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.” – II Chronicles 16:9**

- Noah was loyal, true to God, no matter his feelings or circumstances, and so should we be

**What was it about Noah?**

**#1 - Noah was just – verse 9**

**#2 - Noah was perfect in his generations**

- The next description of Noah we come to is this idea that he was perfect in his generations
  - Now understand this does not mean that Noah was perfect in the sense that he never sinned
- There has only been one who has walked this earth that has never sinned, and His name was Jesus

**Noah sinned; we will see that happen, recorded for us in a week or two**

- But, “perfect in his generations” means that he was set apart from his generation
  - He was not living in the trash and depravity of the legions of people around him
- And this is not an easy thing to do
  - It will be challenging and it can be even scary to be heading in the opposite direction of the world

Have you ever been driving in some downtown area, where suddenly you have to navigate one way streets. I can remember being down in San Diego when I was new to the area and didn't know how to get where I was going and saw the street and thought alright and turned, only to realize I was heading the wrong way on a one way street!

**It can be scary and challenging going in the opposite direction in life than the world around us**

- Not just when you're driving like a crazy fool, but especially when you're trying to live like a child of the King

**It can be hard in this day and age**

- but think about how it would have been for Noah
  - every thought of man was evil continually
  - He was called to preach, but no one but his own family was saved for 120 yrs of ministry – bummer



- But Noah was perfect in his generations
  - Set apart from those around him

### **What was it about Noah?**

**#1 - Noah was Just – verse 9**

**#2 - Noah was perfect in his generations – verse 9**

**#3 – Noah was Obedient**

- Even when he didn't understand
  - God gives him a command
  - Build an ark, I will send you the animals and save you from the destruction coming on the world

**Hebrews 11:7 has this commentary on what happened, “By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.” – Hebrews 11:7**

- He was warned of things not yet seen
  - That phrase is interesting to me – it carries with it the idea of something that is not expected or experienced before

When I was a kid I had this evil friend named Mark, it wasn't me, it was Mark. And we would ride around the neighborhood and cause trouble if there was nothing better to do. I remember one family went on vacation, and so Mark said to me, “Jason, climb into their backyard and turn their sprinklers on, the whole thing will be flooded by the time they return.” – I think he was Satan. But I said Okay that sounds fun – we did it. I was so scared that I turned on the sprinklers, jumped on my bike, rode as quick as I could away, and as I look back to see what I had done. Bam!!! I rode straight into a parked car. Some kids get hit by moving cars, I was hit by parked ones. My hand went through the front light cover and cut up my thumb, you still see the scar. Served me right!!!!

- That car has the idea of what this word has in mind
  - Something that is not expected or yet experienced

**And for the people of Noah's day, a flood, in fact rain would have fit that description**

- Remember, we saw just a few weeks ago, that before the flood the world was a different place

**Chapter 2, verse 5 said that it didn't rain yet, a mist would come up and water the earth**

- God tells Noah, “I am going to flood the world, water will come down from the sky, up from the deep, and cover the earth”
  - Okay, but I've never seen anything like that, it is unexpected, it is unseen
  - But notice verse 22, Noah obeyed....
- All he had to go on was the Word of God – but it was enough for Noah
  - Is it enough for you and me?

**He lived his entire life, “as God commanded Him” a phrase seen in, 6:22, 7:5, 7:9, 7:16**

- What a lesson for you and me
  - In fact as I mention in the study guide – in almost every version but the NKJV, it says Noah was righteous – and it is the first mention of righteousness in the Bible
- And I find it so fascinating to consider that the first mention of righteousness was because this man trusted God by faith
  - You see it has always been about faith
  - It was true for Noah, it was true for Abraham, and it is true for you and me as well

**We have to hold on to this, because the Bible tells us in our day as in Noah's day – the world will scoff at our belief in things unseen, like God and His Word**

- Peter says in his second epistle...
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**“Knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.” For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water.” II Peter 3:3-6**

- In the last days scoffers will come

**As with Noah – what, we have never seen that before – you Christians....**

- But understand the Lord will honor His word, He will keep His promise
  - And He is looking for those in this time to honor Him, to be loyal, set apart, obedient...

**The reality was that mankind was destroying himself**

- and so God was merciful
  - He waited 120 years
  - He sent a preacher to them

**He wanted to be merciful but there is always a time limit - Isaiah 55:6 says, “Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near.**

- There is a time limit, and God gave them 120 years to change their ways
- Yet they would not repent, they would not turn from their not only sinful, but destructive ways
  - And so God, like any parent would, we do to an animal that's infected with rabies around our children
  - He ended the pain early (remember they would not change) – and protected His kids
- Well, back to our outline...

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- I know, its called an Ark, but I was doing so well with the W this week

**Noah is told to build an Ark**

- We are told that the length was 300 cubits, width was 50 cubits, and its height was 30 cubits
  - Now you ask – great “but what is a cubit???”

**A cubit is understood to be the average distance between a man's middle finger tip and his elbow**

- Now obviously this could vary greatly with the size of a man
  - But most scholars believe a conservative estimate is around 18 inches was the standard

**Cubit = about 18 inches**

- Using that measurement in today's term the ark would have been...
  - 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and about 45 feet tall

**Now what is amazing to me about those numbers is they are the same ratio used by today's modern ship builders of 6 to 1**

- And of course this would be the case no matter what a cubit turns out to be, because the ratio is still 6 to 1
  - It is the ratio our modern ocean liners still use to this day
  - Six times longer than wide, perfect for floating
- Yeah – but that design is basically a rectangle box, that wouldn't be very good for aerodynamics or travel
  - But you see that is just it, the ark isn't designed to go anywhere, it's just designed to float

**In fact the dimensions not only provide perfect floating ability but also those dimensions would actually allow the boat square up against on coming waves making it almost impossible to capsize even in tremendous waves**

- And it is this detail I love about the Lord, and it is what sets the Bible apart from Greek mythology and other mythical stories

**One of the arguments against the flood is that every ancient culture has a flood legend, where God preserves a man through the destruction of the world**

- Critics of the Bible say, look the Bible is just copying the ancient Babylonians or Egyptians
  - I see it another way

**Since all of mankind came from Noah, maybe the reason every ancient culture has a flood story is because it really happened**

- And they passed the story down from generation to generation
  - And obviously the story changes from culture to culture
  - But I see in these dimension another evidence that the Word of God is simply that – The Word of God
- You see in the other accounts from Babylon, and Greece, you have dimensions given where the ark is a six storied cube, 262 feet tall (do you think that would float well) or another account details the ark being 3000 feet long, and 1,200 feet wide
  - But again the dimensions would not provide a sea worthy vessel or a project that could be completed by one man
- The Bible has it right – 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, 45 feet high

**Now with that we look at [chapter 7:1-9](#)**

- As chapter seven opens we have God's word to Noah that it is time to get into this ark
  - Now the animals we see amassed outside, God is obviously doing a miracle
    - Both in bringing them to the ark
    - And by keeping them calm on the ark
- Noah did not hunt down every species of animal in the world
  - Verse 20 of chapter six lets us know that God sent them to Noah
  - Now how did He do that?

**I don't know, but God is able to do amazing things in animals**

- Do you know the "turns" in Alaska, they have their young and then winter in Hawaii, not bad choice, but they don't take their young because they are not old enough to fly – Picture of a "Turn"
  - However as soon as they are – they fly and join their parents in Hawaii
  - Now think about that – no one teaches them to fly, no one tells them how to get to Hawaii – God does it in them
- Or the giant King penguin in Antarctica – Mom lays her eggs and then Dad, comes, sits on them for three months – while Mom swims the oceans for three months on an eating binge, then she returns to the exact spot - picture

- Now understand, there are thousands of Dads sitting on eggs and they're all dressed alike – can you imagine finding your husband in that crowd – no problem – it's a miracle – it's the Lord
- And the Lord here brings these animals to Noah and they all get onto the ark

**Now how did they all fit, this is amazing to me**

- If you take those numbers we look at earlier the dimensions of the ark

**The Dimensions of the Ark**

**450 feet long, 75 feet wide, 45 feet high**

**Giving you 1,400,000 of cubic feet of space**

- Wow – interesting – stay with me

**Now God says to take mammals, birds and amphibians, the bugs can fit and survive anyway, believe me (I tried to kill this cockroach the other day, those things are, thanks) anyway**

- Taking those three types of animals (you realize you don't have to take fish, right...)

**There are 3,500 known species of mammals**

**There are 8,600 types of birds**

**There are 5,500 types of reptiles**

**Giving us 17,600 types**

- You wouldn't have to take every type of dog, just a dog that has the genetic information within itself to have various forms of dog, (isn't that evolution) – no, a dog will never produce a cat, no matter how much time and mutation but you can get varieties of dogs

**Now you need to double that, because you need to take boy and girl**

- So you end up with 35,200 species
  - Take it up to 50,000 if you like to account for animals that have since been extinct

**Now studies have been done by Christians who are scientist to discover what is the average size of those species, I mean you have some pretty large animals and many very small**

- Well, first off, understand – Noah didn't have to take full grown animals, he could take little ones, just get a blue one and a pink one– it will work out

**But even that aside, the study done revealed the average size of the 17,600 species of animals we have today is just smaller than a sheep**

- Well – glad I came out tonight – how is that important??
  - Well – we do know how much space you need to transport sheep – we do it all the time in America and all over the world

**In one American railroad livestock car you can transport 250 sheep**

- The volume of the ark could hold 522 standard railroad box cars
  - Giving you the ability to transport 125,000 animals – you need the ability to carry 50,000 animals

**Understanding that – and figuring Noah brought babies anyway, you would have more than enough room for more than every known animal on earth today, plus food, plus Noah's family**

- So this crew climbs into the ark and then the flood begins

**Genesis Chapters 6-9**

**#1 – Noah's World – Genesis 6:1-7**

**#2 – Noah's Way – Genesis 6:8-10, 22**

**#3 – Noah's Water Craft – Genesis 6:11-7:9**

**#4 – Noah's World Wide Flood – Genesis 7:10-9:29**

- We will leave Noah on the Ark for a couple of weeks - and get to the World wide flood and the world after the flood that the Noahs faced – hope you can be with us