

THE PREPARATION AND THE PAIN

Now we come to the preparation prior to the flood. In Genesis 5.32 we are told that Noah was 500 years old when he had three sons. Then the Lord mentions in ,

Gen 7:11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.

Noah is now 100 years older and much has happened in that time.

Notice how accurate God is with details, right down to the day, not so with men and scientists , they quote millions of years, and even vary on these dates by enormous amounts.

They say that some parts of the earth are older than other parts, when God said that he made the earth appear in one day, and all that was washed over and renewed in under a year by a great flood.

THE FIRST THE BIGGEST AND SAFEST

Now we read in ,

Gen 6:13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

Gen 6:14 Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.

Then follows the directions and exact measurements on how to build this enormous craft. Approximately 136 meters long, 23 meters wide, quite a bit wider than a cricket pitch is long, 14 meters high, that is about 5 times higher than the walls of your house, possibly the height of your T.V. mast, and it took close to 100 years to build.

God had created the earth and the universe, worked out the laws of gravity, speed of light and sound, the variations of the climate, so it was a simple thing for him to work out the best measurements and laws of flotation for a safe craft the size of the Ark

NO OPTION ONE WAY

Now there are some remarkable facts and types in this ark comparable to the promised Messiah.

First, there was only one Ark, why would you want many arks when one is sufficient to save all those who would come on board.

There is only one door, there is no confusion with God, there is only one person that you can be saved through and get into Heaven, and that is the promised Messiah. It was pitched with tar or bitumen inside and out, "total protection", "double security"

THE ROYAL INVITATION

Then we read in,

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

Notice those very distinct words, COME THOU, here is that divine invitation from the King of Kings, yes God was present in the Ark, and while the Lord is with you, you are unsinkable, man can kill the body, but the soul is secure in the hands of an Almighty God. It was 7 days from the invitation to come into the Ark to the closing of the door 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.

Now that's an interesting statement, GOD SHUT HIM IN, yes nothing is impossible for our God, all the believers were safely sealed inside, all the unbelievers, and rebellious were shut out and perished in their sin. Do you see it clearly, the Ark is a type of the Saviour, the Lord had been patient and gracious for 100 years but the time had come for swift judgement.

GUSHING GEISERS AND DEVASTING DELUGE

The Spirit of God had ceased to strive with men they were caught between the fountains of the great deep and the floodgates from the windows of heaven, a huge amount of water was released upon the earth in 40 days and 40 nights.

They drowned in the flood and will perish in the flames because they never repented of their sin while there was life and hope.

A PREACHER OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

2Pe 2:5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

Yes Noah by his life and his words was a preacher of righteousness, he believed God's words and he lived by God's word.

The Lord Jesus gives another example in Mt.25.10-11 with the 5 foolish virgins, they were unprepared, they were not watching, they were late, they appeared genuine but were unsaved and doomed.