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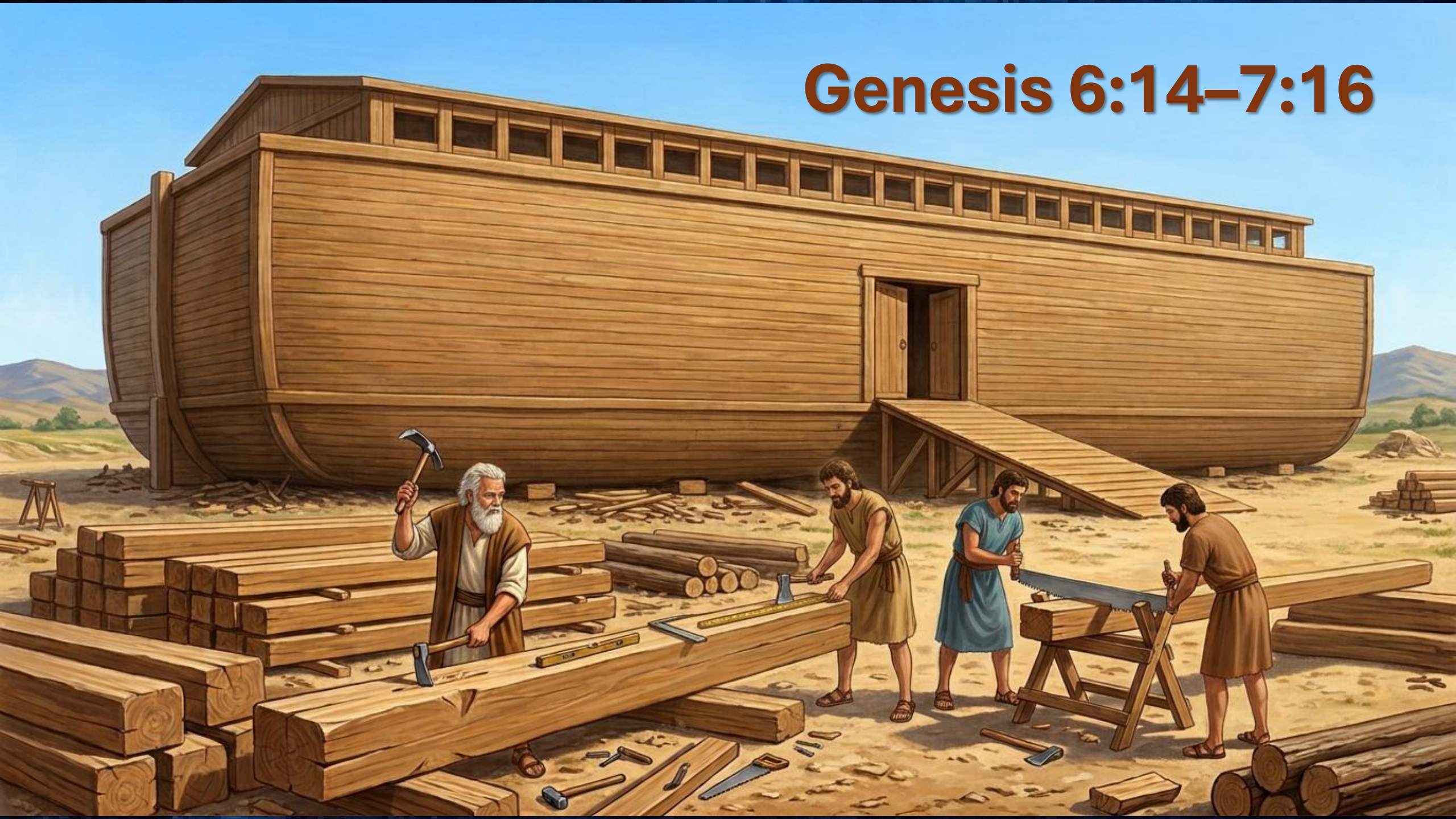
Genesis 6:14–7:16




Cover it inside & out with pitch (6:14).

Dimensions of the Ark

- 450 feet long by 75 feet wide by 45 feet high
- “The length to beam ratio of 6 to 1 is the same as a super tanker for structural integrity” (LtJG Christopher Johnson, Sr., a former Naval Architect for the US Coast Guard).
- A cubit is the distance from the elbow to the tip of the longest finger (18 inches or more).

NOAH'S ARK

ACCORDING TO GENESIS 6:14-16

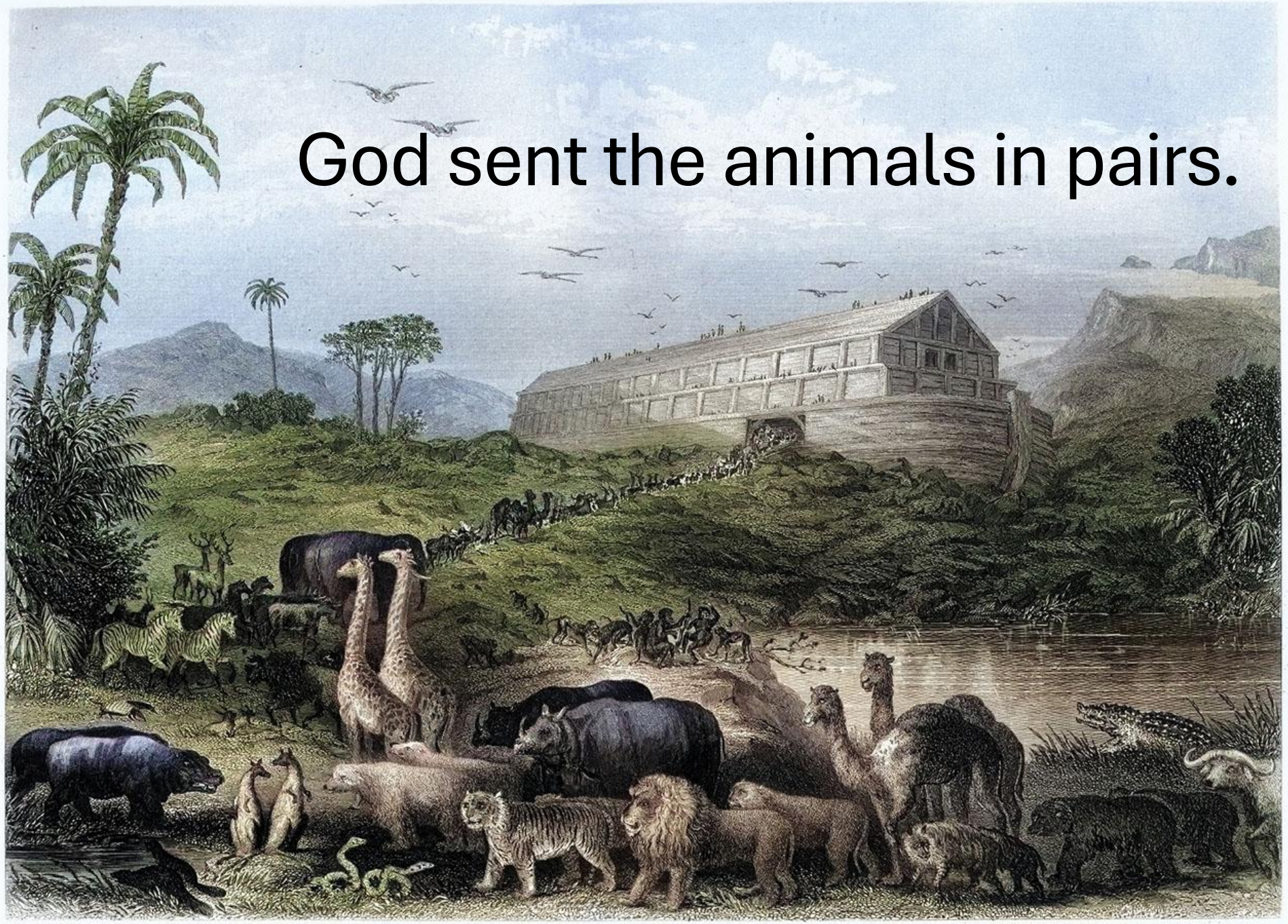
"Make yourself an ark of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch."
— Genesis 6:14



1 cubit ≈ 45.7 cm / 18 in
(Measurements are approx.)

God intends “to destroy all flesh in which there is the breath of life” (6:17)

- The One Who breathed life into man in Gen. 2:7 and Who referred to the animals as having “the breath of life” in 1:30 is taking back that breath.
- “You take away their breath, they die and return to their dust” (Psalm 104:26b).
- The Hebrew word *mabbul* for Flood is unique and used only to refer to this worldwide catastrophe.


God sent the animals in pairs.

All the Same Kind—All Dogs



Noah's Inspiring Faith

- No questions, no complaints
- Just obedience
- Perseverance in spite of mockery
- A testimony and a warning to others as "a preacher of righteousness" (2 Peter 2:5)
- A spiritual leader to his family (7:1)

Clean Animals (7:2)

- Must refer to animals suitable for sacrifice (Genesis 8:20)
- Not referring to them for food because Noah and his family would have been vegetarians
- Only after the Flood does God tell them they can eat meat (Genesis 9:3).

Flood Is Imminent (7:4)

- 7 days to finish getting everything onto the ark
- 7 last days of grace for that wicked generation
- Duration of rain: 40 days & nights
- It has been 1,656 years since Creation. Has it rained in all of that time? The Bible doesn’t say.


The Flood Was a Real Historical Event.

All the fountains of the deep burst open (7:11).

- “Geologists have discovered that the rocks in the mantle deep inside the earth still contain abundant water (enough to fill the oceans twenty times over).”
- “Some creationist scientists believe that the break-up of a single continent was part of the mechanism that caused the Flood.”
- “The ‘breaking up’ implies large-scale volcanic and earthquake activity.”

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- At Creation—“By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, And by the breath of His mouth all their host. He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deeps in storehouses” (Psalm 33:6-7).
- After the Flood—“The mountains rose; the valleys sank down To the place which You established for them” (Psalm 104:8).

The LORD closed the door of the ark (7:16).

- It showed that God was in control and that all inside the ark were under His protection. The door wouldn’t leak if God had secured it!
- A mercy because Noah & his family didn’t have the burden or the responsibility of shutting other people out.
- God sent the Flood, and God chose who lived or died.

Lessons

- Noah’s faith and obedience should inspire us. He took God at His Word. He lived his faith in front of all.
- God protects believers from judgment. Noah & family had to be in the ark; we must be in Christ (Romans 8:1).
- Just as the ark had only one way in, Jesus is the only way to come to God (John 14:6)

Lessons

- God judges unbelievers. He did so at the Flood. He has promised judgment in the future (2 Peter 3:10).
- Don’t be like those who rejected Noah’s message. Don’t wait till God shuts the door. “Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation” (2 Cor. 6:2).