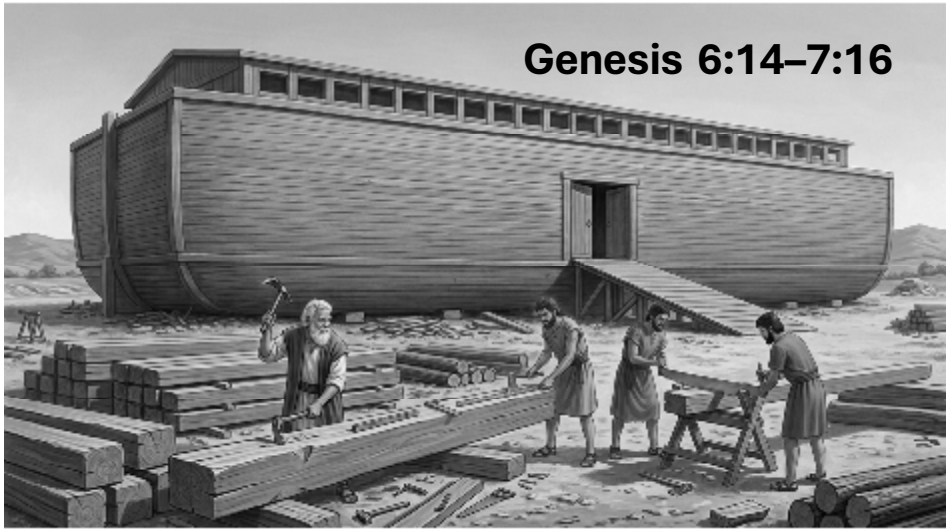
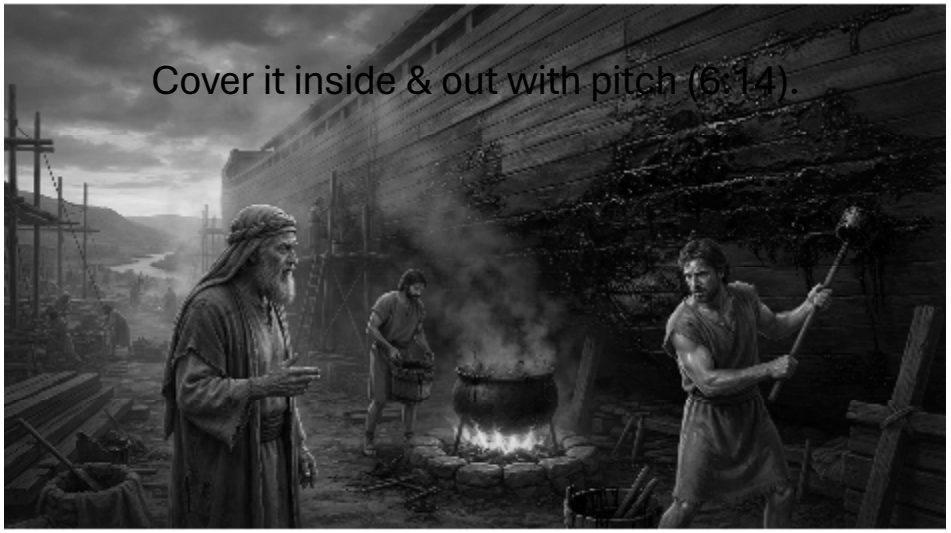
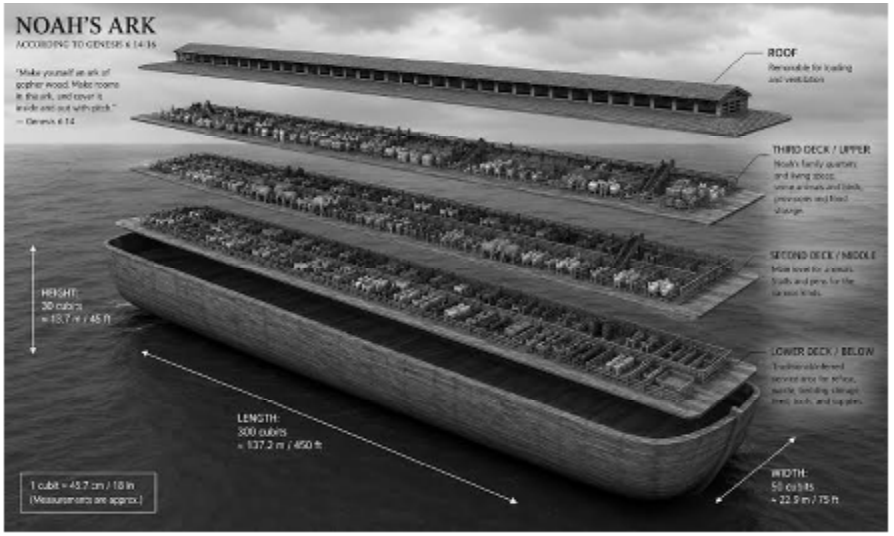




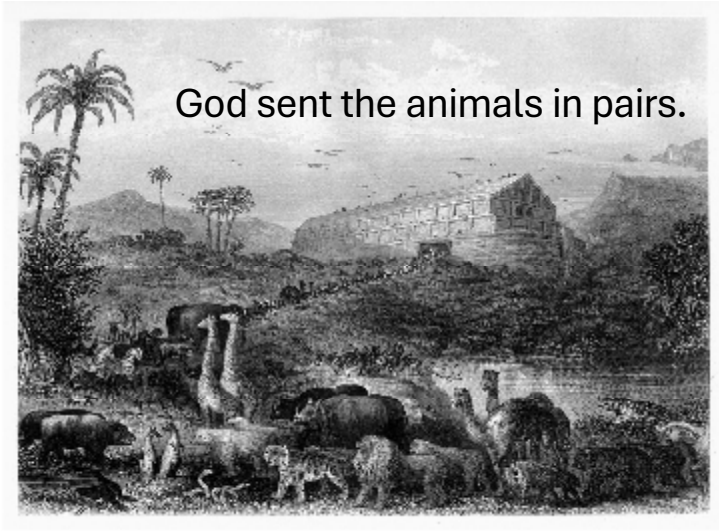
Dimensions of the Ark

- 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).



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.



All the Same Kind—All Dogs



Noah’s Inspiring Faith

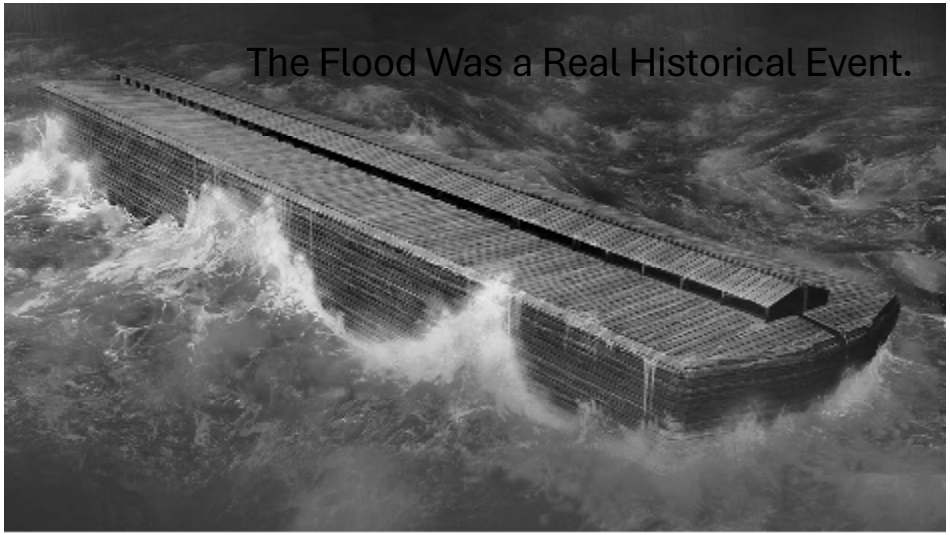
- No questions, no complaints
- Just obedience
- Perseverance in spite of mockery
- A testimony and a warning to others as “a preacher of righteousness” (2 Peter 2:5)
- A spiritual leader to his family (7:1)

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.



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."

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

- 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).