

Memory Verse

Genesis 6:7-8

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Thematic Overview of *Genesis 1-12* - Pt 13

**Genesis 6 – The Nephilim
and Noah's Ark**

There is **1 God**, who **created** all things. This includes the **dinosaurs**. He also made Adam and Eve in **His image**, gave them **work** to do and **1 rule**, which they broke. **Satan**, a real being, took control of a serpent, deceived Eve, who partook of the **forbidden fruit**. Adam willingly ate, plunging all creation into **sin** and **death**. Yet, in *God's judgment*, He gave a ***promise*** of a *Savior*.

Genesis 6:1-22 - Now it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them, 2that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose. 3Then the LORD said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred

and twenty years.” 4The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore *children* to them. Those were the mighty men who *were* of old, men of renown.

5Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only

evil continually. 6The LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. 7The LORD said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them.” 8But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

9These are *the records of* the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God. 10Noah became the father of three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. 11Now the earth was corrupt in the sight of God, and the earth was filled with violence. 12God looked on the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth.

13 Then God said to Noah, “The end of all flesh has come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence because of them; and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth. **14**” Make for yourself an ark of gopher wood; you shall make the ark with rooms, and shall cover it inside and out with pitch. **15**” This is how you shall make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its breadth

fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits.

16“You shall make a window for the ark, and finish it to a cubit from the top; and set the door of the ark in the side of it; you shall make it with lower, second, and third decks.

17“Behold, I, even I am bringing the flood of water upon the earth, to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life, from under heaven; everything that is on the earth shall

perish. 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. 19“And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every *kind* into the ark, to keep *them* alive with you; they shall be male and female. 20“Of the birds after their kind, and of the animals after their kind, of every creeping thing of

the ground after its kind, two of every *kind* will come to you to keep *them* alive. 21“As for you, take for yourself some of all food which is edible, and gather *it* to yourself; and it shall be for food for you and for them.”

22Thus Noah did; according to all that God had commanded him, so he did.

A. 6:1-4 – The Sons of God and Nephilim

There are **4 views** regarding *the sons of God*:

- 1.** Fallen angels or demons.
- 2.** Deified kings.
- 3.** Cruel ungodly kings or leaders in the line of Lamech.
- 4.** Godly followers descended from Seth, who married ungodly women descended from Cain.

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The **first** view is they were *fallen angels*...

One, is tradition... **Two**, the Hebrew - *be'en haElohim* ("the Sons of God") is used in other passages like *Job 1:6* to possibly refer to *angelic beings*. **Three**, the Jewish apocalyptic book of 1 Enoch *says they were fallen angels*. This book was written between 300-100BC, and is referred to in *Jude 14-15*.

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Second, they were **kings** who were *considered deity in the ancient world*. This was common, as seen with the Pharaoh's in Egypt. It was **common** for kings to have *divine parentage*, though there are no references to kings cumulatively called "*sons of God*." If this is the case, it's unique to the Bible.

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Third, they were **ungodly leaders** descended from **Lamech**, showing how evil they were. They may have been demon possessed, but they were **human beings**.

Forth, they were **godly men** descended from **Seth** who married **ungodly women**, *allured by their beauty*.

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First, Moses wrote this. One **warning** to Israel was **not to intermarry with the pagans**: *Ex 34:16, Deute 7:3, Judges 3:6, 1 Kings 11:2, Ezra 9:2, 12, 10:3.*

They struggled with this (*Solomon*) and I believe it was *written to warn* them. **Second**, I believe they were *men*, because of the text. **6 times in 4 verses** the word "*men*" or "*man*" is mentioned... **Third**, the previous chapters set up the righteous and unrighteous lines.

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Regarding the *Nephilim*, the text does not say they were *descended from the marriage union between the sons of God and daughters of men*. Grammatically, the text doesn't allow that.

A. 6:1-4 – The Sons of God and Nephilim

6:4 - The **Nephilim** were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, (*after what?*) when the sons of God came into the daughters of **men**, and they (*women who married the sons of God*) bore children to them (*sons of God*). Those (*Nephilim*) were the mighty **men** who were of old, **men** of renown.

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Numbers 13:33 states the *Nephilim lived in the land of Canaan*. *Genesis 6* led up to the flood, but *Numbers 13* was long after the flood. So, if they were the product of demons and women getting married, then **how did they survive the flood?** Noah, his wife, his 3 sons and their wives were the *only humans* to survive the flood.

B. 6:5-7, 11-13 – The Wickedness of Man on the Earth

Verse 5b - ...every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. God was *sorry, grieved, or repented* as the King James says, that He made mankind. The word means "*to be sorry*" or "*console oneself*." God sees people destroying themselves and it ***grieved Him...***

C. 6:8-10 – The Righteous Man - Noah

There was one *righteous* and *blameless* man, Noah. These are 2 different words and in God's eyes, Noah was *righteous*. How? We are *not told*, but this was long before the Law, and **Hebrews 11** says Noah built the Ark by **faith**. He was blameless, "*sound*" or "*complete*." His life was **different** than others. The world was *evil and corrupt*. Noah was **not**...

D. 6:14-21 – The Ark



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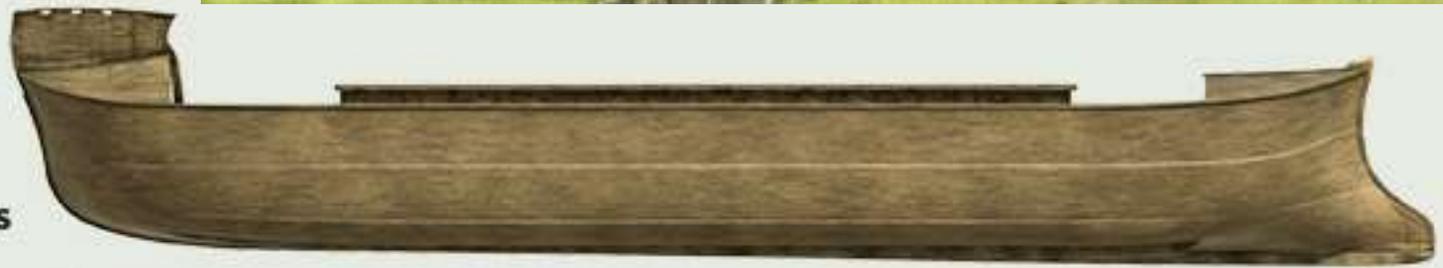
1. Size of the Ark

Noah's Ark
was a
massive ship!



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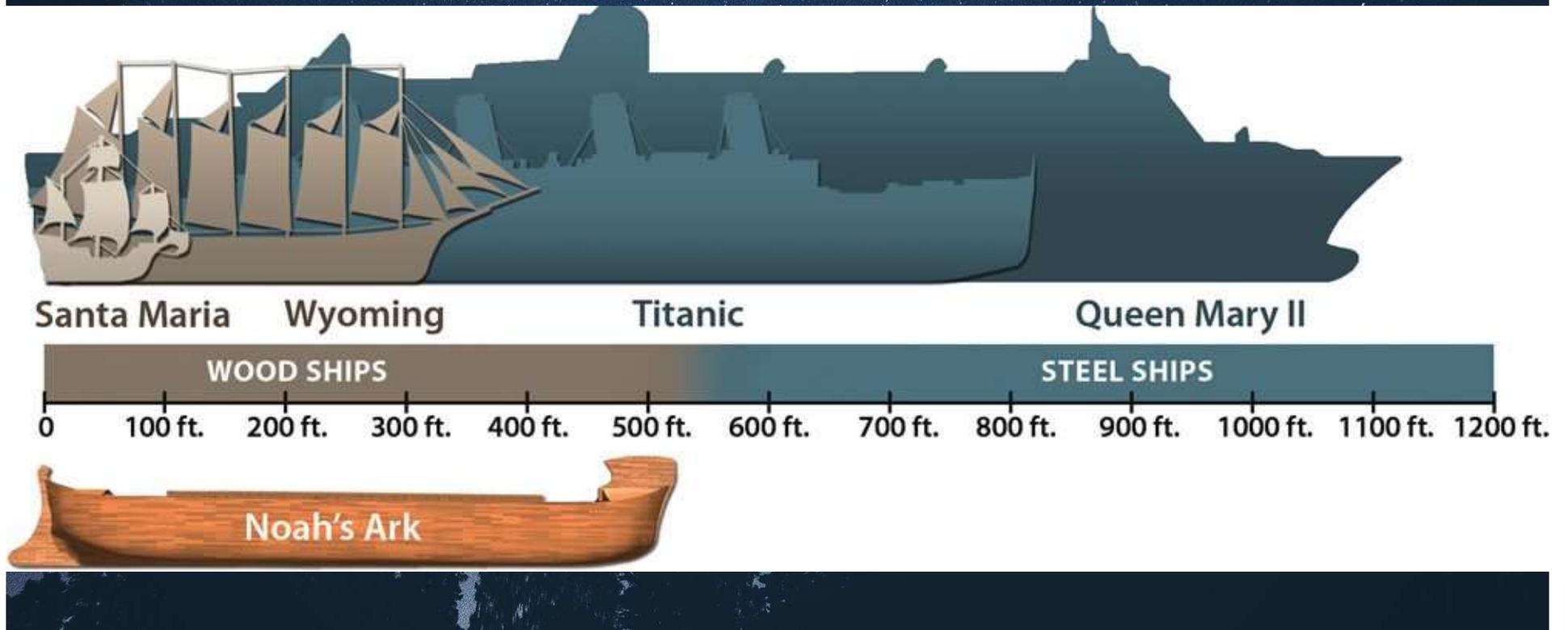
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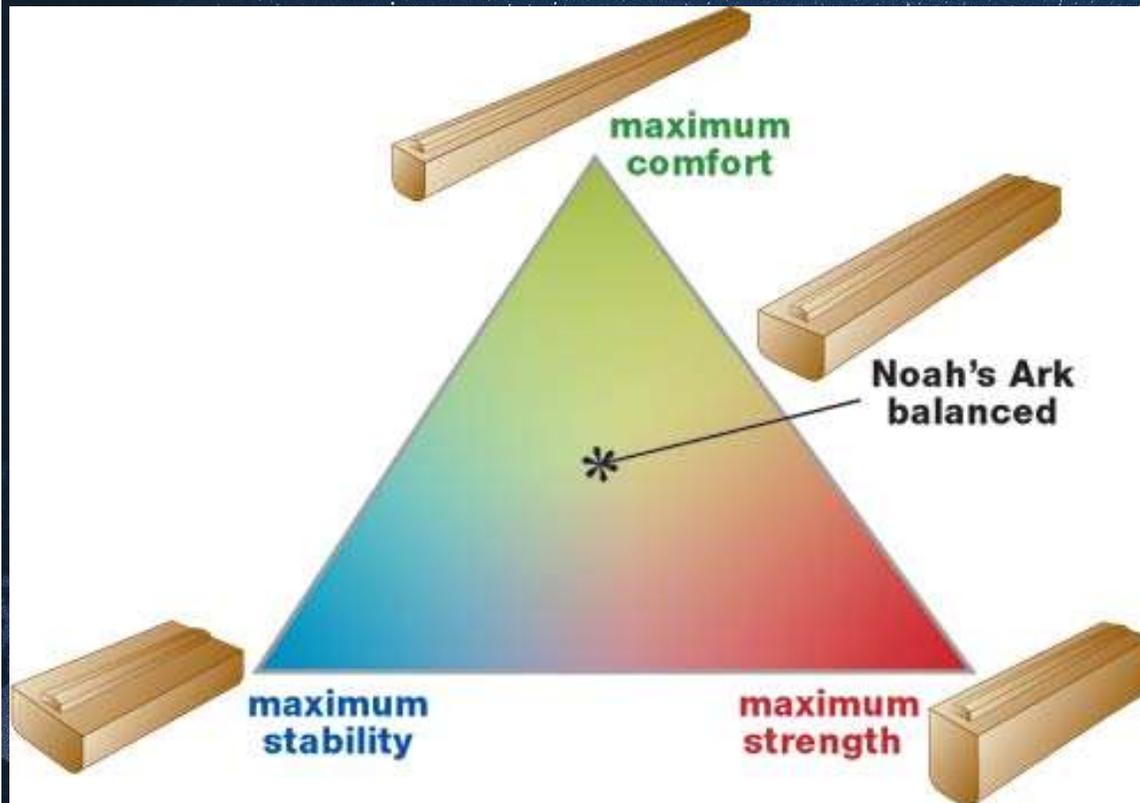
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1. Size of the Ark



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2. Shape of the Ark



This was a very seaworthy vehicle. It was **perfectly proportioned**. God knew this!

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3. Fitting all the Animals on the Ark

How did Noah fit all of the animals on the ark! Noah did **not** need every type of cat, dog, horse, elephant, etc. ...Noah only needed one cat, dog, horse, etc. that God brought. They would have ***had all of the genetic code*** for the variation we see today in the animals...

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3. Fitting all the Animals on the Ark

Extinct Groups	Kinds (est.)	Per Kind	Total Animals (est.)
Amphibians	54	2	108
Reptiles	219	Flying: $24 \times 14 = 336$ Flightless: $195 \times 2 = 390$	726
Non-Mammalian Synapsids	78	2	156
Mammals	332	Clean/Flying: $15 \times 14 = 210$ Unclean: $317 \times 2 = 634$	844
Birds	89	Flying: $69 \times 14 = 966$ Flightless: $20 \times 2 = 40$	1,006
Living Groups	Kinds (est.)	Per Kind	Total Animals (est.)
Amphibians	194	2	388
Reptiles	101	2	202
Mammals	136	Clean/Flying: $31 \times 14 = 434$ Unclean: $105 \times 2 = 210$	644
Birds	195	Flying: $190 \times 14 = 2,660$ Flightless: $5 \times 2 = 10$	2,670
Total	1,398		6,744

There was
plenty of room
 on the Ark for
 the animals,
 Noah, his family,
 with space left
 over...

D. 6:14-21 – The Ark

We see the first use of - **covenant**. A *covenant is a binding agreement between 2 or more people or groups*. It was more than a contract, and often based on *relationship*. There were *2 types of covenants* in the ancient world - a 1 way and a 2 way. This one is a *1-way covenant*...