

Genesis 6

Verses 1-2

Now it came about, when mankind began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them, ² that the sons of God saw that the daughters of mankind were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose.

The sons of God saw the daughters of men

Two classes of men were introduced in Genesis 4 and 5

The sons of God were men of faith

The sons of men were men who were unbelievers

So the daughters of men would be woman who were unbelievers

Why did the pre-flood world become so corrupt?

Because believers married unbelievers

The faith of believers was nullified by their unbelieving mates

From Abraham to Christ, Israel was not supposed to intermarry with pagans

The time in Egypt kept Israel separate from the world

Then the 40 years in the wilderness had the same effect

Then as they conquered Canaan they were supposed to kill everyone

Again to keep the Jewish people pure

In the New Testament Christians were warned against being unequally yoked with unbelievers

See 2 Corinthians 6:14

Verse 3

³ Then the Lord said, “My Spirit will not remain with man forever, because he is also flesh; nevertheless his days shall be 120 years.”

At this point in time men were living to be 900 years old

Right after the flood their lifespan was reduced to 400 years

And within a few more generations it dropped to 200 years

By the time of Joseph the life span of man had fallen to 110 years

See chart 605

	Father	born	son	died	age
1	ADAM	5340	230	4410	930
2	SETH	5110	205	4198	912
3	ENOSH	4905	190	4000	905
4	CAINAN	4715	170	3805	910
5	MAHALALEL	4545	165	3650	895
6	JARED	4380	162	3418	962
7	ENOCK	4218	165	3853	365
8	METHUSELAH	4053	167	3084	969
9	LAMESH	3886	188	3133	753
10	NOAH	3698	502	2748	950
11	SHEM	3196	100	2596	600
	Flood	3098			
12	ARPHAXAD	3096	135	2561	535
13	SHELAH	2961	130	2501	460
14	EBER	2831	134	2427	404
15	PELEG	2697	130	2358	339
16	REU	2567	132	2228	339
17	SERUG	2435	130	2105	330
18	NAHOR	2305	179	2001	304
19	TERAH	2126	130	1921	205
20	ABRAM	1996	100	1821	175
21	ISACC	1896	60	1716	180
22	JACOB	1836	91	1689	147
23	JOSEPH	1745		1635	110

First 10 generations
before the flood
855 year average

First 10 generations
after the flood
327 year average

Verse 4

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

The Nephilim were in the earth in those days

The Nephilim were men of great stature, or giants

See Numbers 13:30-33

Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

Men of great size were often useful to the army of a nation

And these men became well known to other nations

Goliath was sent out by the Philistines to humiliate the Israelites

See 1 Samuel 17:4

Verses 5 - 8

⁵Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of mankind was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. ⁶So the Lord was sorry that He had made mankind on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. ⁷Then the Lord said, "I will wipe out mankind whom I have created from the face of the land; mankind, and animals as well, and crawling things, and the birds of the sky. For I am sorry that I have made them." ⁸But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

That every intent of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually

We see a lot of corruption in our world

But we have never seen anything quite like this

The lack of any faith by the people of that time brought disaster to the world

So the Lord was sorry that He had made mankind on the earth

This does not mean that God had done anything wrong

Rather He was sorry that mankind had chosen death over life

See Malachi 3:6

I will wipe out mankind whom I have created from the face of the land

The corruption of mankind was complete and final

Therefore God announced the punishment and destruction of all life

But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord

Noah was not perfect, but his faith stood out in a faithless world

Verses 9-12

⁹ These are *the records of the generations of Noah*. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God. ¹⁰ And Noah fathered three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

¹¹ Now the earth was corrupt in the sight of God, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹² And God looked on the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for humanity had corrupted its way upon the earth.

These are *the records of the generations of Noah*

The Hebrew word for generations is used to introduce the 10 sections of the Book of Genesis

This is the 3rd section

The first two sections are in Genesis 2:4 and 5:1

Noah was a righteous man

In Hebrews we learn that "by faith" he obeyed God

See Hebrews 11:7

Blameless in his generation

In comparison to the people he lived among, Noah stood out in the sight of God.

For humanity had corrupted its way upon the earth.

The corruption was due to them choosing to do evil things

Satan may tempt mankind, but every person chooses how they will act

Our parents are not to blame, society is not to blame

God places the blame where it belongs on the individual

Verse 13

¹³ Then God said to Noah, "The end of humanity has come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence because of people; and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth.

The end of humanity has come before Me

Everyone except Noah and his family will perish

I am about to destroy them with the earth.

The earth itself will suffer catastrophic destruction

See 2 Peter 3:5-6

Evolutionists say that the global flood is a myth

They teach this in our schools and universities, on TV and in magazines

They say it was just a local flood

See video 610 1.1 A book of history

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Verses 14-16

¹⁴ Make for yourself an ark of gopher wood; you shall make the ark with compartments, and cover it inside and out with pitch. ¹⁵ This is how you shall make it: the length of the ark *shall be* three hundred cubits, its width 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 put the door of the ark on the side; you shall make it with lower, second, and third decks.

The length of the ark *shall be* three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits

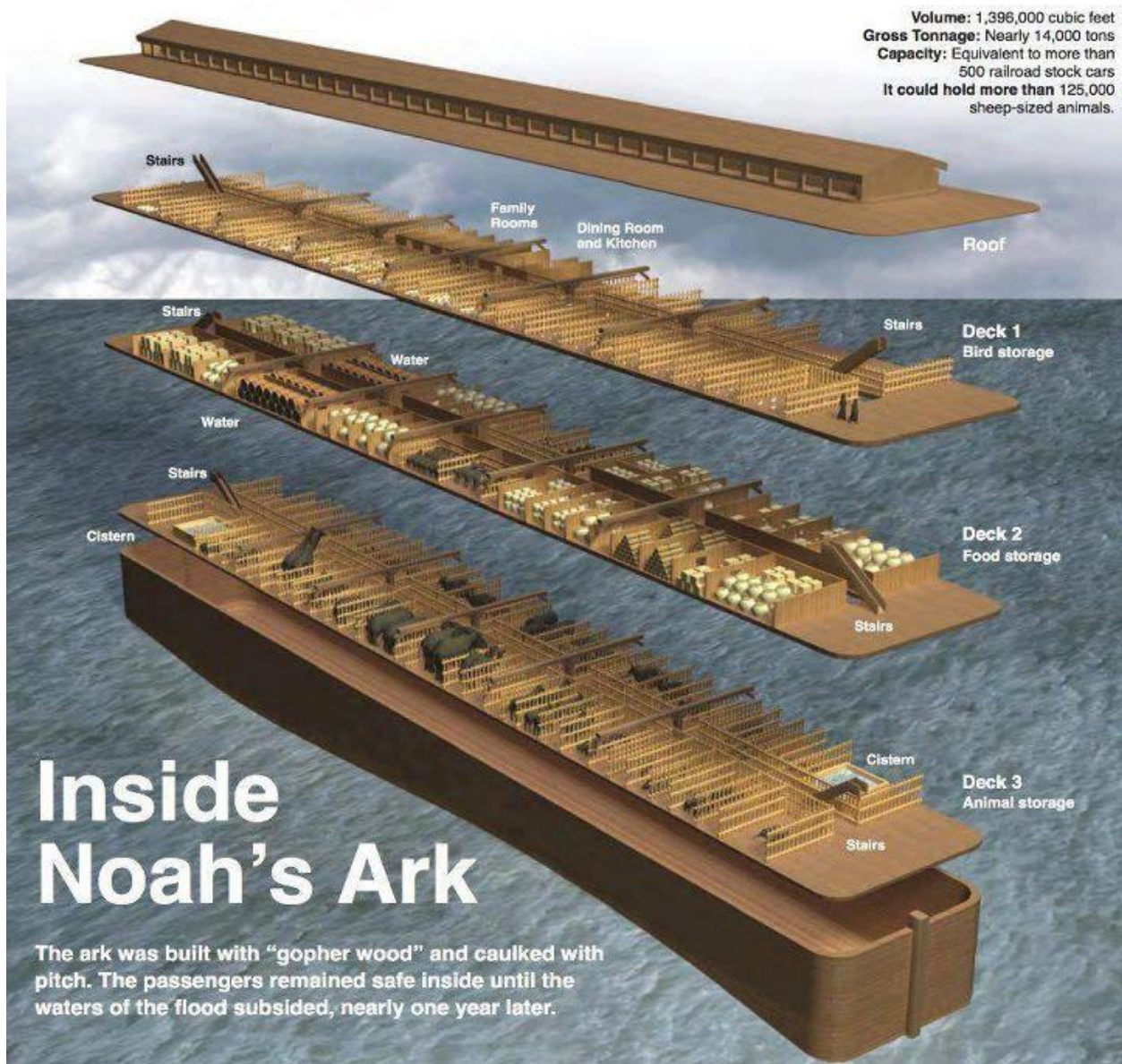
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God provided the dimensions and specifications for the ark
This would equal 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet high.

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

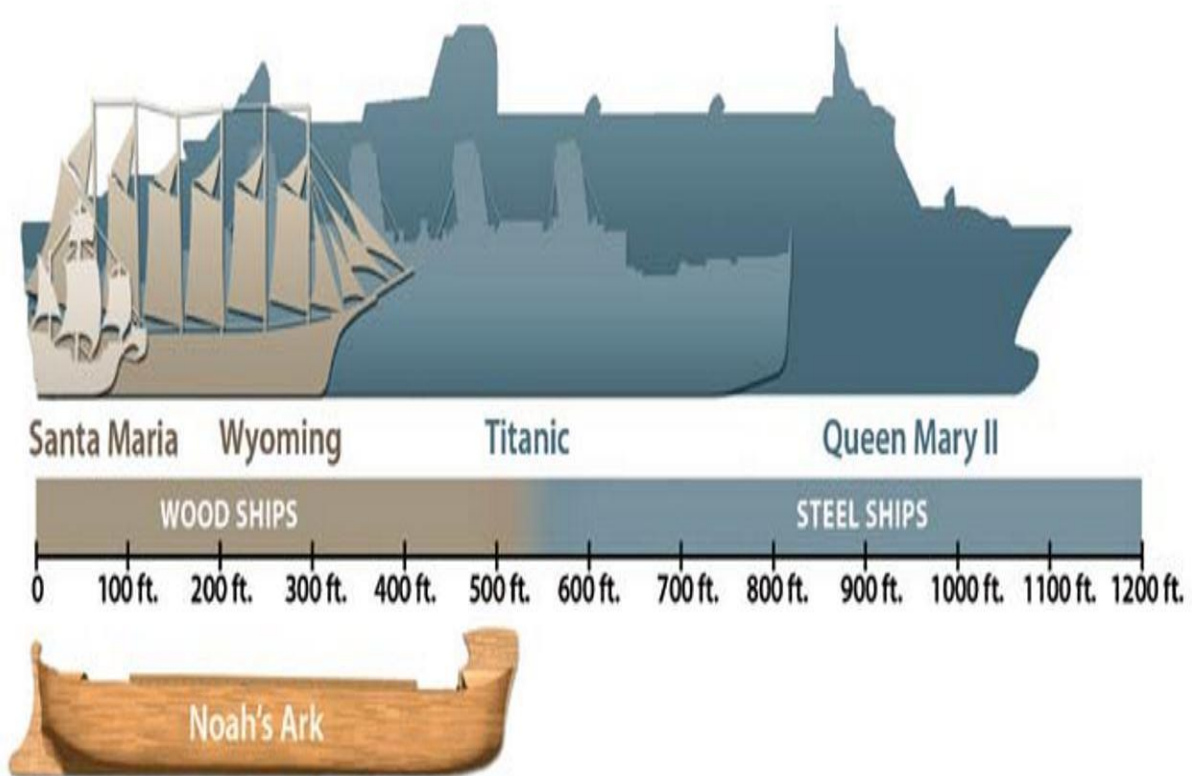
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The size of the ark was amazing for its time

It was built in 3099 BC, more than 5000 years before the Wyoming

See pic 625 for a comparison



The capacity was equal to 522 railroad stock cars

Plenty of room for all the animals and their food

So how many animals came to the ark

See video 630

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Verse 17 -18

¹⁷ Now behold, I Myself am bringing the flood of water upon the earth, to destroy all flesh in which there 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, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you.

I Myself am bringing the flood of water upon the earth

This did not happening by chance

This was from God for a very specific reason

This was his judgment on mankind for their sinful ways

But I will establish My covenant with you

What was God's covenant with Noah?

That **if** Noah would build the ark

Then Noah and his family would not die in the flood waters

Could God have started all over again with a new couple?

God had told Satan that the seed of Eve would crush his head

But this promise would have been nullified if all of mankind were to perish

So God's covenant with Noah kept the promise going forward

Verses 19-21

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 according to their kind, and of the animals according to their kind, of every crawling thing of the ground according to its kind, **two of every *kind* will come to you to keep *them* alive. ²¹ As for you, **take for yourself some of every food that is edible, and gather *it*** to yourself; and it shall be food for you and them."**

Two of every kind will come to you

Noah did not have to go out and round up the animals

Rather God made the ones he wanted on board come to Noah

Take for yourself some of every food that is edible, and gather *it*

Noah had to gather enough food to feed all the animals for a year

Verse 22

So Noah did *these things*; according to everything that God had commanded him, so he did.

This was an amazing act of faith

Building a boat of that size was a remarkable undertaking

And doing it in 3098 BC was even more incredible

Noah must have been a wealthy man

The life-size ark in Williamstown, Kentucky cost 100 Million to build

Noah had 3 sons to help but that was a huge job for just 4 men

Perhaps Noah use paid workers to help him build the ark

The account in Genesis 6 is brief by design but it is interesting to think about these things even if it is speculation