

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, ²that the sons of God saw that the daughters of mankind were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose.

Two classes of men were introduced in Genesis 4 and 5; the sons of God were men of faith and the sons of men were unbelievers.

If that interpretation is correct then verse 2 implies that men of faith choose their wives based on their looks rather than their devotion to God. This was part of the reason that the pre-flood world became so corrupt.

When Israel conquered Canaan they were told by God to kill everyone. This was commanded so these pagan nations would not corrupt Israel with their false gods.

See Deut. 7:3 - 4

³ Furthermore, you shall not intermarry with them: you shall not give your daughters to their sons, nor shall you take their daughters for your sons. ⁴ For they will turn your sons away from following Me, and they will serve other gods; then the anger of the Lord will be kindled against you and He will quickly destroy you.

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

See 2 Corinthians 6:14 - 16

¹⁴ Do not be mismatched with unbelievers; for what do righteousness and lawlessness share together, or what does light have in common with darkness?

¹⁵ Or what harmony does Christ have with Belial, or what does a believer share with an unbeliever? ¹⁶ Or what agreement does the temple of God have with idols?

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 (Ch. 8) their lifespan was reduced by 400 years. And within a few more generations it dropped by another 200 years.

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

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	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

It would be interesting to know what caused this drop in the lifespan of man. We know that God shortened the lives of mankind but how did He bring it about. There has been some speculation about this matter but nothing worth passing on at this time.

Verse 4

⁴ The 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 men of great stature.

See Numbers 13:30-33

³⁰ Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, “We should by all means go up and take possession of it, for we will certainly prevail over it.” ³¹ But the men who had gone up with him said, “We are not able to go up against the people, because they are too strong for us.” ³² So they brought a bad report of the land which they had spied out to the sons of Israel, saying, “The land through which we have gone to spy out is a land that devours its inhabitants; and all the people whom we saw in it are people of great stature. ³³ We also saw the Nephilim there (the sons of Anak are part of the Nephilim); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.”

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

⁴ Then a champion came forward from the army encampment of the Philistines, named Goliath, from Gath. His height was six cubits and a span. ⁵ And *he had* a bronze helmet on his head, and he wore scale-armor which weighed five thousand shekels of bronze. ⁶ *He also had* bronze greaves on his legs and a bronze saber *slung* between his shoulders. ⁷ The shaft of his spear was like a weaver’s beam, and the head of his spear weighed six hundred shekels of iron; and his shield-carrier walked in front of him.

Six cubits was 9 feet and a span was about 9 inches. So Goliath was nearly 10 feet tall.

As a comparison, Andre the Giant was 7’4” tall and weighed 520 lbs. Goliath would have towered over Andre by 2 ½ feet and probably outweighed him by at least 200 lbs.

It would be like comparing Andre the Giant to Muhammad Ali

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Verses 5 - 8

⁵ Then 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. ⁶ So the Lord was sorry that He had made mankind on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. ⁷ Then 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.” ⁸ But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

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We see a lot of corruption in our world today but nothing quite like this. The lack of any goodness in the hearts of the people of that time brought about a disaster to the world that no one could imagine.

There have been a lot of disasters on this earth since the beginning of time but nothing that even comes close to the global disaster that is about to take place.

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Mankind often thinks of God as being detached from the world and its problems but here we can see that God feels sorrow and grief in His heart when mankind goes astray. As our creator he wants the best for us but for some reason (one that is hard to comprehend) mankind often chooses pain and suffering over peace and joy.

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The corruption of mankind was complete and final and the only solution to this problem was to start over. Therefore God announced the destruction of all life except for the family of Noah and some of the creatures in the sea.

⁸ But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

Noah was not perfect, but his faith stood out in a world that had lost all faith.

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.

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The Book of Genesis is divided into 10 parts. This is the 3rd section. The first two sections are in Genesis 2:4 and 5:1

In the book of Hebrews we learn that "by faith" Noah obeyed God.

See Hebrews 11:7

⁷ By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

Noah was asked to undertake an enormous project and it took a strong faith to build this huge ship before there was any sign that a flood would destroy the world.

Some people believe that the phrase “not yet seen” is a reference to rain. However, if we go on to read the rest of the verse it says he prepared an ark for the salvation of his household. So this phrase “not yet seen” may refer to the fact that Noah had never seen a flood that could destroy his household.

There are other verses that we could examine but there are good arguments on both sides. In either case, the important thing to remember is that it was a matter of faith because something like this had never happened before.

¹² And God looked on the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for humanity had corrupted its way upon the earth.

Every person must choose to follow God or Satan and that decision determines the path their life will take. Unfortunately, at this point in time, the entire world (except for one family) had forsaken God.

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.

All of mankind (except for 8 souls) and the earth will suffer a catastrophic destruction.

Even though there is extensive evidence that a global flood took place, 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. The bible is quite clear when it says that it was a global flood (the water was 15 cubits above the highest mountain). We as believers must choose who we are going to believe.

See video 615 3.1 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.**

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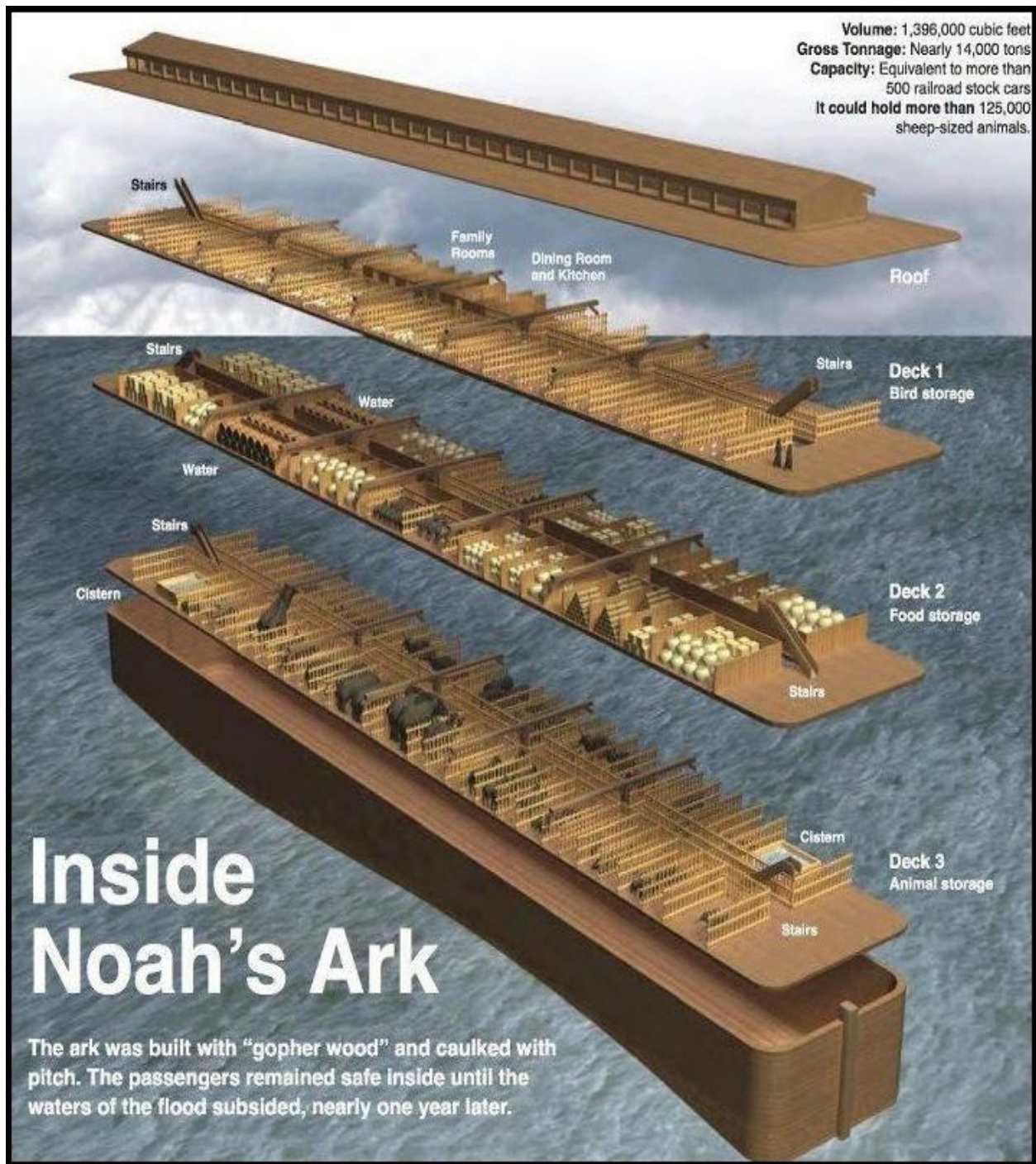
God provided the dimensions and specifications for the ark. This would equal 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet high.

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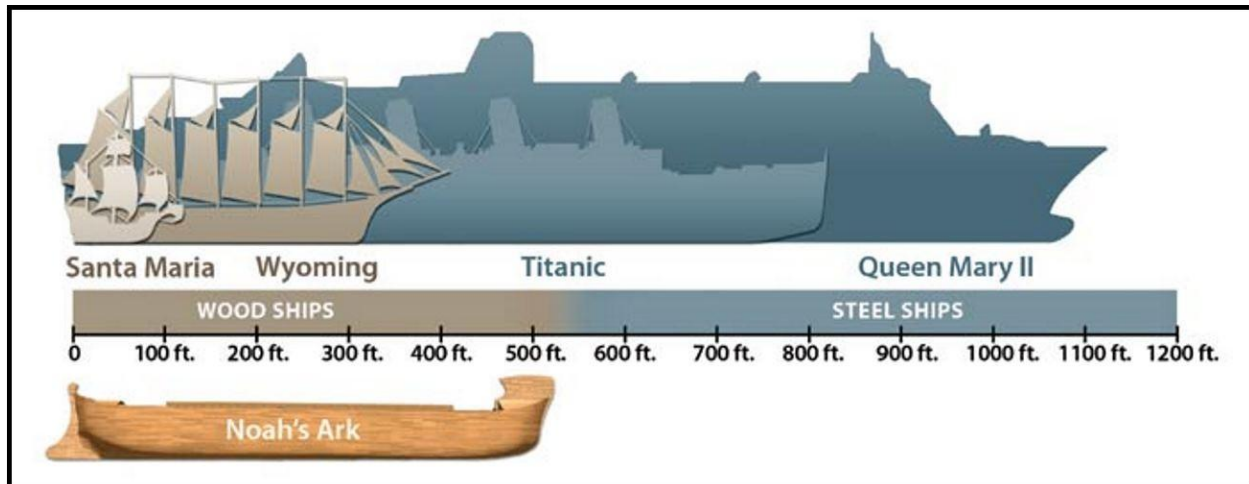
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The size of the ark was amazing for its time. It was built in 3099 BC, more than 5000 years before the Wyoming.

See pic 630 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 did the ark need to hold?

See video 635 Number of animals on the ark

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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.

This event did not happen by chance, but rather it was from God for a very specific reason. This was his judgment on mankind for their sinful ways

God made a covenant with Noah stating that **if** Noah would build the ark **then** Noah and his family would not die in the flood waters.

This covenant was important because God had told Satan that the seed of Eve would crush his head. This promise would have been nullified if all of mankind were to perish.

Also, Noah was a man of faith and it would not be right for God to let the faithful perish with unbelievers. Abraham will use this same logic when he bargains with God about the faithful in Sodom.

See Genesis 18:22 - 25

²² Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham was still standing before the Lord. ²³ Abraham approached and said, “Will You indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?” ²⁴ Suppose there are fifty righteous people within the city; will You indeed sweep *it* away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ Far be it from You to do such a thing, to kill the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous and the wicked are *treated* alike. Far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth deal justly?”

Where do you suppose Abraham got the idea that God would not sweep away the righteous with the wicked? It may have been from this chapter, where God promises to save one righteous family even though the whole world is corrupt.

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.”

Noah did not have to go out and round up the animals because God made the animals he wanted on the Ark come to Noah. However, Noah had to gather enough food to feed his family and all of 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 and then gathering enough food for thousands of animals which had to last for a year would be a remarkable undertaking.

Noah must have been a wealthy man because this would have taken many years of full time work. Did Noah use any paid workers to help him build the ark or was it just him and his 3 sons.

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