

# Genesis 6:13-22

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## **Genesis 6:1-14 (NKJV)**

<sup>1</sup> Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, <sup>2</sup> that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they *were* beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose. <sup>3</sup> And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he *is* indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years." <sup>4</sup> There were giants 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. <sup>5</sup> Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every intent of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. <sup>6</sup> And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. <sup>7</sup> So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them." <sup>8</sup> But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. <sup>9</sup> This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. <sup>10</sup> And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. <sup>11</sup> The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. <sup>12</sup>

So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. <sup>13</sup> **And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth. <sup>14</sup>**

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And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he *is* indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years." (v.3)

This seems to be the time it took for Noah and his sons to build the ark before the Flood was poured out—

But even more to the point it was a 120 year “grace period” where God gave the people of the world (all located in one place before the earth was divided into continents) time repent and get their lives right with Him.

During that time God raised up two preachers (two witnesses)—Enoch and Noah.

**1 Peter 3:18-20 (NKJV)**

<sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while *the* ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.

**2 Peter 2:5 (NKJV)**

<sup>5</sup> and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, *one of eight people*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;

**Jude 1:14-15 (NKJV)**

<sup>14</sup> Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, <sup>15</sup> to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

Both Enoch and Noah faithfully preached to the people of that day that judgment was coming and they needed to repent and get their lives right with God.

When God said that His Spirit would not always strive with man He was saying that there is only a limited amount of time that He gives a person or a people where they have the opportunity to repent before the invitation is withdrawn and His judgment comes.

Paul called this the “day of salvation”—he said God gives to all an “*acceptable time—a day of salvation* (a chance to hear the gospel and repent)...*if you hear His voice don't harden your heart...*”

James warned, “*Our life is like a vapor (short time) and tomorrow isn't promised to anyone...*”

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*"Gopher wood is an almost indestructible wood very much like our redwood here in California." (McGee)*

The word **'pitch'** comes from the Hebrew word "kopher" which in other places in the O.T. is translated 'atonement'.

That to me is significant because I see the Holy Spirit is using the ark to represent our position *in Christ*.

In fact Arthur W. Pink said that the ark is one of the clearest and most comprehensive types of the believer's salvation in Christ found anywhere in Scripture.

1. The ark was a place of refuge and safety from God's judgment—inside the ark was life, outside the ark was death—just like being in or outside of Christ.

2. God said to Noah and his family, "Come into the ark" not "Go into the ark," it was an invitation not a command—even as we are invited to *come into Christ*—

*"Come to Me all you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest."*

God never forces anyone to be saved, He only invites.

3. The ark was place of absolute security.

God told Noah to put ‘pitch’ (tar) on the inside and the outside of the ark—this would have completely sealed it from the waters of the Flood.

In other words inside the ark there was complete safety from judgment—so, no the ark didn’t leak!

There is only one way to escape the judgment of God and that is by applying the blood of Jesus to your life which seals you in Christ safely and securely unto the Day of Salvation (Rapture).

It also tells us in Genesis that **God** shut the door of the ark sealing Noah and his family *securely* inside.

Interestingly, the Holy Spirit makes the point to tell us that one year later, when Noah and his family and all the animals finally came out of the ark that none were lost—all that entered the ark made it to enter a brand new world.

**John 6:39 (NKJV)**

<sup>39</sup> This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day.

4. The ark had only **one** door.

Jesus said, “*I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved...if anyone tries to enter any other way he is a thief and a robber*”; And, He also said, “*I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*”

5. We're told that the ark had three levels in it.

This relates to the fact that our salvation in Christ is three fold—we have been saved from the *penalty* of sin; we are being saved from the *power* of sin; and we shall yet be saved from the *presence* of sin.

So Noah and his family in the ark were a type of the believer in Christ.

Some people have a theology of salvation that's as though Noah was told by God to build the ark, put the animals inside and then make pegs on the outside of the ark for them to grab on to—

And if they were strong enough to still be hanging on when the Flood was over then and only then would they know they had made it.

Or in other words, *"If I can hang on to my salvation till Jesus comes or I die, I've made it."*

But God shut Noah and his family inside the ark, just as God sealed you in Christ with the Holy Spirit at the moment of your salvation.

Noah couldn't have gotten out if he had wanted to—but he never would have wanted to because he knew that outside the ark was certain death.

The fact that he was sealed in the ark didn't make him feel trapped it made him feel secure!

And remember that God said to Noah—*"Come into the ark"* not *"Go,"* indicating that God was inside the ark.

If the ark would have sunk it would have sunk with God in it signifying that God couldn't preserve those who He saved, and that's ridiculous.

**Hebrews 7:25 (NKJV)**

<sup>25</sup> Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

No doubt during the flood, as the ark was tossed to and fro, Noah fell down many times while in the ark—but he never fell out of the ark and perished.

Even so you will stumble and fall many times while in Christ, but you'll never, ever fall out of Christ and perish.

Once you come to Christ you are sealed securely in Christ by the Holy Spirit and you are guaranteed to never come into judgment but have everlasting life—which means you are saved forever—

**Ephesians 1:13-14 (NKJV)**

<sup>13</sup> In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

**John 5:24 (NKJV)**

<sup>24</sup> "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

**Jude 1:24 (NKJV)**

<sup>24</sup> Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present *you* faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy...

Now from a practical standpoint the ark only needed to be covered with pitch on the outside to make it water proof—so then why did God tell Noah to cover the ark with pitch on the inside and outside?

The only reason I can think of was to preserve it.

After the Flood the ark came to rest on the top of Mount Ararat in modern Turkey—where it still is to this day buried under snow and ice.

Mount Ararat is some 17,000 feet high and is covered with ice and snow most of the year.

But during those years where the summer has been very hot and the winter mild—the ark has been exposed—in fact historical records proving the ark to be real are numerous.

1. In 275 B.C. Berosus, a Babylonian historian, wrote: *“But of this ship that grounded in Armenia some part still remains in the mountains ... and some get pitch from the ship by scraping it off.”*
2. Around A.D. 75 Josephus, the Jewish historian, said the locals collected relics from the ark and showed them off to his very day. He also said all the ancient historians he knew of wrote about the ark.
3. In A.D. 180 Theophilus of Antioch wrote: *“the remains [of the ark] are to this day to be seen ... in the mountains.”*
4. An elderly Armenian man in America said that as a boy, he visited the ark with his father and three atheistic scientists in 1856. Their goal was to disprove the ark’s existence, but they found it and became so enraged they tried to destroy it, but could not because it was too big and had petrified. In 1918 one of the atheistic scientists (an Englishman) admitted on his deathbed the whole story was true.
5. In 1876 a distinguished British statesman and author, Viscount James Bryce, climbed Ararat and reported finding a four-foot long piece of hand-tooled timber at an altitude of more than 13,000 feet (4,300 meters).
6. Six Turkish soldiers claimed to see the ark in 1916.

7. In the early part of this century, a Russian aviator named Vladimire Rokovitsky claimed the discovery of Noah's ark. He was stationed in southern Russia near the Turkish border and Mount Ararat. As he tested a plane he and his co-pilot flew over Ararat and discovered on the edge of a glacier what he described as a boat the size of a battleship. He said it was partially submerged in a lake, and he could see there was an opening for a door nearly 20 feet (7 meters) square, but the door was missing. Rokovitsky told his commanding officer and an expedition was dispatched to find the ark and photograph it. The report was forwarded to the Czar, who was soon overthrown and the photos and the report perished.
8. In 1936 a young British archaeologist named Hardwicke Knight hiked across Ararat and discovered interlocking hand-tooled timbers at a height of 14,000 feet (4,600 meters).
9. During World War II two pilots saw and photographed something they believed was the ark on Mount Ararat.
10. There have been many more recent attempts to find and document the ark, but they have been hindered by politics and the fact that terrorist groups have been using Ararat as a base of operations.

**Genesis 6:15-16 (NKJV)**

**<sup>15</sup> And 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. <sup>16</sup> You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it *with* lower, second, and third decks.**

The average size of a cubit is 18 inches—so that would mean the ark was roughly 450 ft. in length, 75 ft. wide and 45 ft. high.

This was a massive barge (not a ship it was only meant to float not sail anywhere)—think of a giant 'shoebox' shaped vessel that was one and a half times the length of a football field!

Wave tank experiments have been done using those dimensions and have proven that the ark would have easily withstood two hundred foot waves.



The U.S.S. Oregon was built using those dimensions and it proved to be the most stable battleship ever built.

As we've already said it contained three levels each 15 feet high with a combined volume of 1.4 million cubic feet.

If the ark carried two of every *family* of animal, there were around 700 pairs of animals; but if the ark carried two of every *species* of animals, there were around 35,000 pairs of animals.

The average size of a land animal is smaller than a sheep—which means the ark would have been able to carry 136,560 sheep sized animals in *half* of its capacity—

Leaving plenty of room for Noah and his family plus all the food, water, and supplies they would have needed to survive for a year.

*“Yah, but what about the dinosaurs—how did they fit onto the ark?”*

Well first of all who said Noah took fully grown dinosaurs onto the ark?

But let me say that scientists will tell you if you take all of the dinosaur bones from all they have found from around the world—they average in size between a chicken and a sheep.

A small amount were very big (which are the only ones that you hear about because no one get excited about a dinosaur the size of a chicken)—and again Noah wouldn't have brought full grown dinosaurs onto the ark anyway.

*“Yes but how did all of those animals survive on the ark for a year?”*

No doubt the answer to that is—“supernaturally by the power of God”.

It could be that God caused some of the animals to ‘hibernate’ while they were on the ark—at very least He made them docile for the duration of the Flood.

We don’t know exactly what mechanism God used to preserve the animals while on the ark but He did it—no biggie for God.

**Genesis 6:17-22 (NKJV)**

**<sup>17</sup> And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which *is* the breath of life; everything that *is* on the earth shall die. <sup>18</sup>**

**But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark--you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. <sup>19</sup> And of every living thing of all flesh you shall bring two of every *sort* into the ark, to keep *them* alive with you; they shall be male and female. <sup>20</sup> Of the birds after their kind, of animals after their kind, and of every creeping thing of the earth after its kind, two of every *kind* will come to you to keep *them* alive. <sup>21</sup>**

**And you shall take for yourself of all food that is eaten, and you shall gather *it* to yourself; and it shall be food for you and for them." <sup>22</sup> Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.**

Something we need to understand—Noah didn’t have to go ‘catching’ all of these animals—God brought them into the ark as we are told later in chapter 7.

And also God mentions that He would establish His covenant with Noah, his family—but also with the entire world.

Covenants in the Bible are very important to understand—since God calls Himself a ‘covenant keeping God’.

The Bible speaks of seven different covenants, four of which (Abrahamic, Palestinian, Mosaic, Davidic) God made with the nation of Israel.

Of those four, three are unconditional in nature; that is, regardless of Israel's obedience or disobedience, God still will fulfill these covenants with Israel.

One of the covenants, the Mosaic Covenant, is conditional in nature—that is, this covenant will bring either blessing or cursing depending on Israel's obedience or disobedience.

Three of the covenants (Adamic, Noahic, New) are made between God and mankind in general, and are not limited to the nation of Israel.

1. The **Adamic Covenant** can be thought of in two parts: the Edenic Covenant (innocence) and the Adamic Covenant (grace) (Genesis 3:16-19). The Edenic Covenant is found in Genesis 1:26-30; 2:16-17. The Edenic Covenant outlined man's responsibility toward creation and God's directive regarding the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The Adamic Covenant included the curses pronounced against mankind for the sin of Adam and Eve, as well as God's provision for that sin (Genesis 3:15).
2. The **Noahic Covenant** was an unconditional covenant between God and Noah (specifically) and humanity (generally). After the Flood, God promised humanity that He would never again destroy all life on earth with a Flood (see Genesis chapter 9). God gave the rainbow as the sign of the covenant, a promise that the entire earth would never again flood and a reminder that God can and will judge sin (2 Peter 2:5).
3. **Abrahamic Covenant** (Genesis 12:1-3, 6-7; 13:14-17; 15; 17:1-14; 22:15-18). In this covenant, God promised many things to Abraham. He personally promised that He would make Abraham's name great (Genesis 12:2), that Abraham would have numerous physical descendants (Genesis 13:16), and that he would be the father of a multitude of nations (Genesis 17:4-5). God also made promises regarding a nation called Israel. In fact, the geographical boundaries of the Abrahamic Covenant are laid out on more than one occasion in the book of Genesis (12:7; 13:14-15; 15:18-21). Another provision in the Abrahamic Covenant is that the families of the world will be blessed through the physical line of Abraham (Genesis 12:3; 22:18). This is a reference to the Messiah, who would come from the line of Abraham.

4. **Palestinian Covenant** (Deuteronomy 30:1-10). The Palestinian Covenant, or Land Covenant, amplifies the land aspect that was detailed in the Abrahamic Covenant. According to the terms of this covenant, if the people disobeyed, God would cause them to be scattered around the world (Deuteronomy 30:3-4), but He would eventually restore the nation (verse 5). When the nation is restored, then they will obey Him perfectly (verse 8), and God will cause them to prosper (verse 9).
  
5. **Mosaic Covenant** (Deuteronomy 11; et al.). The Mosaic Covenant was a conditional covenant that either brought God's direct blessing for obedience or God's direct cursing for disobedience upon the nation of Israel. Part of the Mosaic Covenant was the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20) and the rest of the Law, which contained over 600 commands—roughly 300 positive and 300 negative. The history books of the Old Testament (Joshua–Esther) detail how Israel succeeded at obeying the Law or how Israel failed miserably at obeying the Law. Deuteronomy 11:26-28 details the blessing/cursing motif.
  
6. **Davidic Covenant** (2 Samuel 7:8-16). The Davidic Covenant amplifies the “seed” aspect of the Abrahamic Covenant. The promises to David in this passage are significant. God promised that David's lineage would last forever and that his kingdom would never pass away permanently (verse 16). Obviously, the Davidic throne has not been in place at all times. There will be a time, however, when someone from the line of David will again sit on the throne and rule as king. This future king is Jesus (Luke 1:32-33).
  
7. **New Covenant** (Jeremiah 31:31-34). The New Covenant is a covenant made first with the nation of Israel and, ultimately, with all mankind. In the New Covenant, God promises to forgive sin, and there will be a universal knowledge of the Lord. Jesus Christ came to fulfill the Law of Moses (Matthew 5:17) and create a new covenant between God and His people. Now that we are under the New Covenant, both Jews and Gentiles can be free from the penalty of the Law. We are now given the opportunity to receive salvation as a free gift (Ephesians 2:8-9).