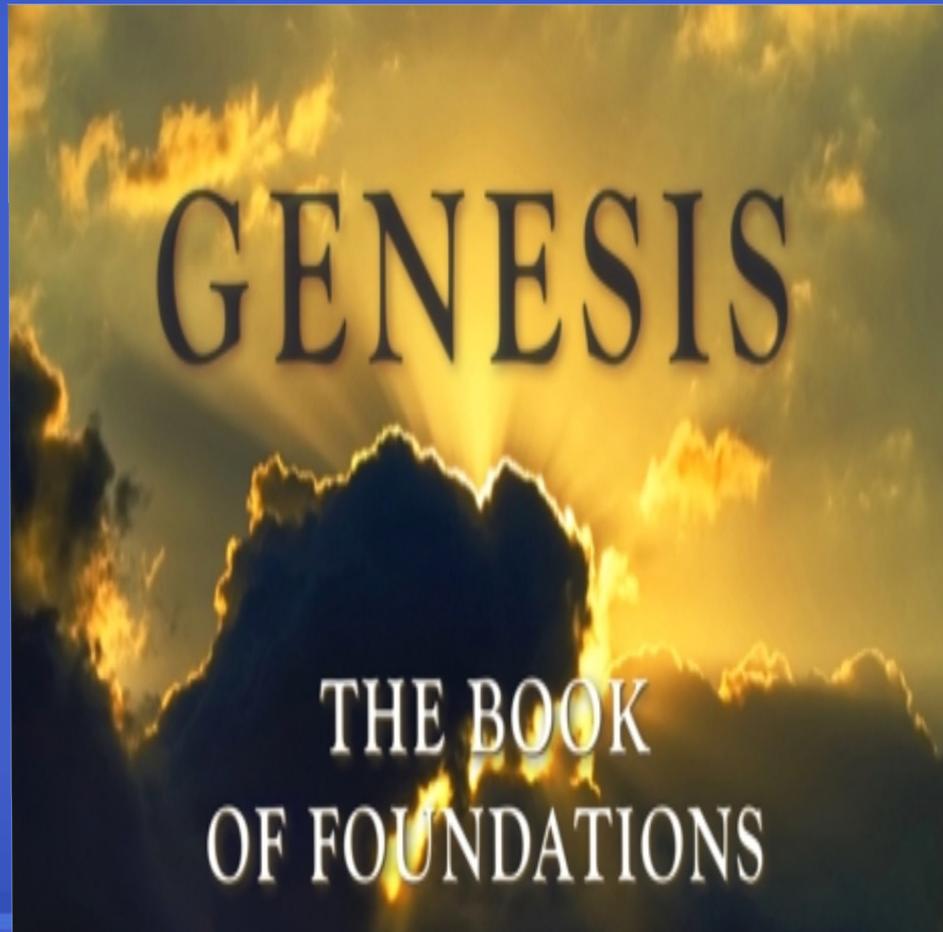


The Old Testament
Book of Genesis!



The Text:
Genesis 6:14-22!



The Sermon Title:
The History of Noah!

The Introduction!

Once again we continue our journey through the Old Testament narrative of the book of Genesis. Remember, a narrative is a story that builds on the information already developed in the previous chapters. This morning, we pick up the story in chapter six!



Let's Review The Context!

Chapter One's Focus: The CREATOR!

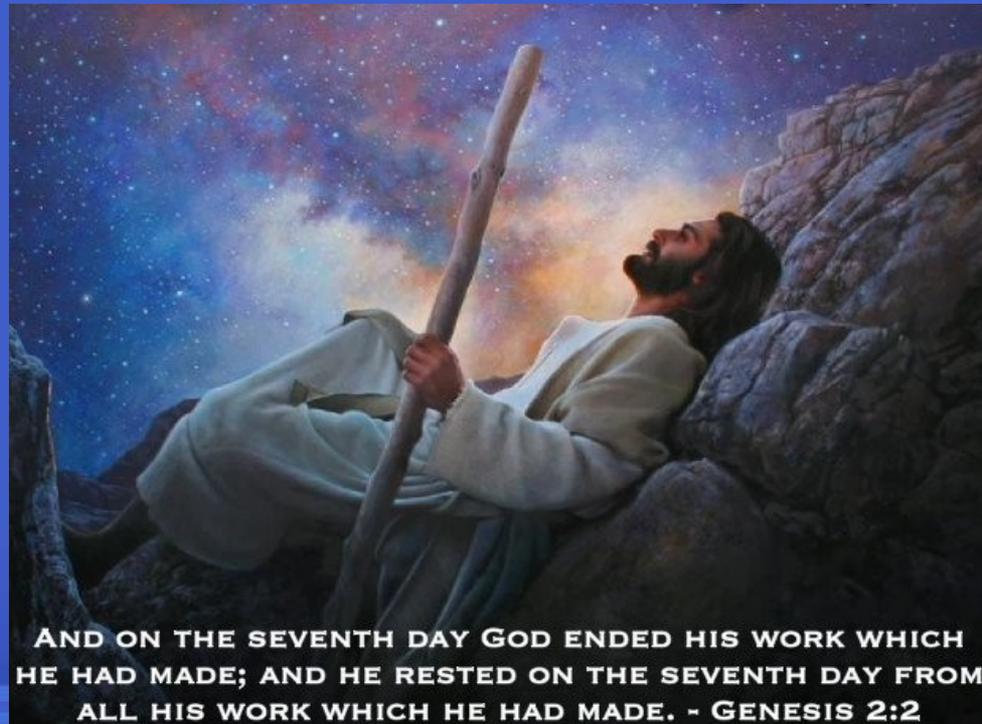
1. The Cause of Creation.
2. The Commentary of Creation.



Let's Review The Context

Chapter Two's Focus: The CONCLUSION!

1. The Consummation of Creation.
2. The Capstone of Creation.

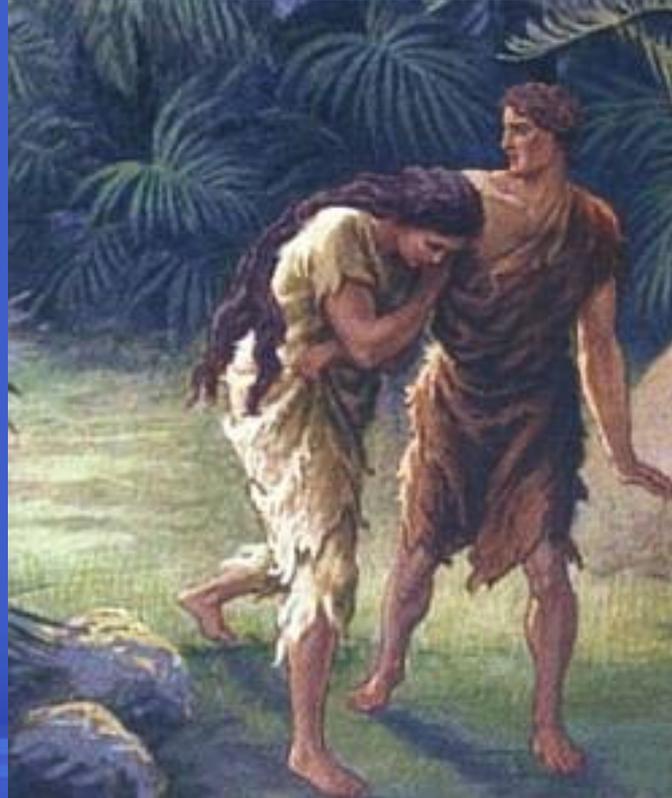


AND ON THE SEVENTH DAY GOD ENDED HIS WORK WHICH HE HAD MADE; AND HE RESTED ON THE SEVENTH DAY FROM ALL HIS WORK WHICH HE HAD MADE. - GENESIS 2:2

Let's Review The Context

Chapter Three's Focus: The CURSE!

1. Man's Cataclysmic Fall.
2. Man's Chaotic Future.



Let's Review The Context!

Chapters 4 & 5's Focus: The CONTRAST!

- 1. (4:1-15) Cain's Genealogy.*
- 2. (5:16-32) Contrast between Cain and Seth.*



Sermon Outline for this Section!

Chapters 6 – 9 Focus: The CATASTROPHE!

1. (6:1-7) The CAUSE of the Flood!

2. (6:8-22) The COMPASSIONATE Focus!

3. (7:1-8:19) The COMMENTARY on the Flood!

4. (8:20-9:28) The COMPASSION after the Flood!



An Overview of Chapter Six: Verses One through Seven!

I. (6:1-7) The **CAUSE** of the Flood!

A. (6:1-7) Man's Great **APOSTASY!**

1. (6:1-3) **Revealed**: Destruction of the godly line of Seth.
2. (6:4) **Realized**: Domination of the ungodly line of Cain.

B. (6:5-7) Man's Growing **ANARCHY!**

1. (6:5) The **Summary**: Purity over run by sin.
2. (6:6) The **Sorrow**: God's heart is broken.
3. (6:7) The **Sentence**: Judgment is announced.

An Overview of Chapter Six: Verses Eight through Twenty-Two!

I. (6:8-22) The **COMPASSIONATE** Focus!

A. (6:8-13) The **MAN** of God!

1. (6:8-10) Noah is **ENERGIZED** by God.
(Forgiven/Faithful/Fruitful)
2. (6:11-13) Noah is **ENLIGHTENED** by God.
(Reviewing/Revealing)

B. (6:14-22) The **PLAN** of God!

1. (6:14-16) The Details for the Ark's **CONSTRUCTION**.
2. (6:17) The Director or **CAUSE** of the Construction.
3. (6:18-22) The Divine **COVENANT** is Announced.

The Continuing Attack on Noah's Ark!

Today, many do their best to dismiss this part in the narrative believing that the story of the ark is simply a tale or myth. In their mind, such a story is both inconceivable and impossible. They would argue, "Don't you know how many different animals there are in the world today?" And if you were to ask, how many? They would reply "millions and millions." They do not recognize the difference between the number of different animals that live today and the number of the different species of animals. Because of this, their claim is that it would be impossible to cram all these different animals into the ark, regardless of its size, and then be able to carry enough food to feed them for up to a year while the flood waters receded.

The Answer to these Attacks!

While we do not know for sure what the true length of a cubit was at the time of Noah, we do know what it was after the time of the flood. For instance, according to archeological discoveries (II Chron. 32:30) we can determine that a Hebrew cubit was about 18 inches. Also, for the same reason (archeological discoveries), we know that the Babylonians considered a cubit to be about 20 inches long. The Egyptians had two different standards for the measurement. One was 17 ½ inches, and the other 24 inches. Using the most conservative measurement, a vessel of this dimension would have a displacement of about 20,000 tons, a total volumetric capacity of approximately 1,400,000 cubic feet, and a carrying capacity equal to that of 522 standard railroad stock cars.

The Continuing Attack on Noah's Ark!

But what about the millions and millions of different animals living upon the earth today? The answer is really not difficult. In the text Noah was not commanded to take two of all the different animals living on earth. Rather, Noah was asked to take two of every different "kind" (or family) of animals. Today scientists claim that there are about 700 different families (or kinds) of animals now living on the earth. And that most of them are no larger than the size of a sheep.

Lets build on these scientific claims!

The Continuing Attack on Noah's Ark!

Building on the discoveries of archeology and the claims of science, and using the smallest size for a cubit, the ark's size would be equivalent to 522 standard railroad stock cars. A standard railroad stock car can hold 240 sheep. Thus, only 188 cars would be required to hold 45,000 sheep-sized animals. This would still leave three different trains pulling 144 cars each for food, supplies, the larger animals, as well as Noah's family.

In other words, the size of Noah's Ark would be equivalent to a modern cruise ship today.

This Morning's Sermon Outline!

B. (6:14-22) The **PLAN** of God!

1. (6:14-16) The Details for the Ark's **CONSTRUCTION**.

a. (v.14) The **Command** to build the Ark.

- 1.) **Goffer Wood** – Unknown! The name literally means “wood that hasn’t been corrupted.” Through ancient writings we find that such wood was used to make coffins for men of power and prestige. Today, most scholars believe that “goffer wood” is cypress or cedar wood.
- 2.) **Make Rooms** – While the exact purpose is not stated it has been applied. Create space for yourself, your family, the animals, and the needed supplies.
- 3.) **Cover it (inside and out) with Pitch** – Make sure that it is waterproof and will resist decay and any damage that might be cause by the coming flood.

Insight from Dr. Henry Morris: *The Genesis Record!* (*Scientist & Teacher in the field of Hydrology*)

The word for “pitch” is different from that used in other places in the Old Testament. It is equivalent to the Hebrew “*kaphar*” (to cover) and, in the noun form, means simply “covering”. It is also the regular Hebrew word for “atonement” as in Leviticus 17:11, for example. In essence, therefore, this is the first mention of “atonement” in the Bible ... it (*pitch*) sufficed as a perfect covering for the Ark, to keep out the waters of judgment, just as the blood of the Lamb provides a perfect atonement for the soul.



This Morning's Sermon Outline!

1. (6:14-16) The Details for the Ark's **CONSTRUCTION**.
 - b. (vv.15-16) The **Commentary** on how to build the Ark.
 - 1.) (v.15a) The blueprint **Overview**.
 - 2.) (v.15b) The **Overall** dimensions:
 - a.) The length = 300 cubits / 438 feet.
 - b.) The breath = 50 cubits / 73 feet.
 - c.) The height = 30 cubits / 44 feet it is shaped like a barge!
 - 3.) (v.16) The **Openings** placed in the ark:
 - a.) Window: “an opening for day” / Hope / 1:3-4.
 - b.) Fashion the window: 1 cubit from top / around circumference.
 - c.) One Door: only way in and out.
 - d.) Three Floors: you will need a lot of room.

This Morning's Sermon Outline!

1. (6:14-16) The Details for the Ark's **CONSTRUCTION**.
2. (6:17) The Director or **CAUSE** for the Command.
 - a. The Source is God!
 - b. The Purpose is Judgment.
 - c. The Conclusion is Complete Destruction.



This Morning's Sermon Outline!

1. (6:14-16) The Details for the Ark's **CONSTRUCTION**.
2. (6:17) The Director or **CAUSE** for the Command.
3. (6:18-21) The Divine **COVENANT** is Given.
 - a. (v.18) The covenant is **Established**.
 - 1.) First place in Bible where the word covenant appears.
 - 2.) Details of the covenant are given in 9:9-17.
 - 3.) Obedience is essential to the covenant (or die).
 - b. (vv.19-21) The **Extent** of the covenant.
 - 1.) Take two of every "kind" of animal (male & female).
 - 2.) Take seven of every kind of clean animal (7:2).
 - 3.) Implied is also the taking of food and supplies.

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4. (6:22) The Divine Covenant is **COMPLETED**.

It is here that we are reminded that Noah was not only a man of strong faith (time line reveals that he preached for about 100 years), but that he was faithful to complete the task set before him by God (even though his message stood in contrast to the science of his day / 2:6).

Remember the task set before him by God was monumental. It was extremely difficult and continually discouraging. Yet Noah never once questioned or complained. He simply obeyed!

Steven D. Peet / *The Story of the Deluge!* (Page 203)

... there are many descriptions of the remarkable event (the Genesis Flood). Some of these have come from Greek historians, some from Babylonian records, others from the cuneiform tables (oldest known writings / Mesopotamia), and still others from mythology and traditions of different nations, so that we may say that no event has occurred either in ancient or modern times about which there is better evidence or more numerous records, than this very one which is so beautifully but briefly described in the sacred Scriptures. It is one of the events which seems to be familiar to the most distant nations – in Australia, in India, in China (dating back 4,000- 5,000 years), in Scandinavia, and in the various parts of America

Next Week Our Journey Will Continue!

I. (6:1-13) The **CAUSE** of the Flood!

II. (6:14-22) The **COMPASSION** before the Flood!

III. (7:1-8:19) The **COMMENTARY** on the Flood!

IV. (8:20-9:28) The **COMPASSION** after the Flood!



Lessons Learned!

In Chapter Six We Have The First Complete Presentation Of The Gospel Message!

The purpose for Noah building the ark was to preserve human life. And the “pitch” (to cover over) placed on the inside and outside of the ark was the assurance of their safety.

This is also God’s purpose for Christ. He alone is our covering. He is our atonement. All willing to place their faith “in” Him will not perish but have eternal life / John 3:16!

There was only one door or way to enter the ark. This is also true when it comes to the salvation of men / John 14:6!

The story of Noah’s ark is most practical for believers today. This is evident throughout the Bible / II Peter 3:1-10a!