

Lessons from Noah's Ark

"Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord." – Genesis 6:8

The Story

There is hardly another biblical story that is more interesting and absolutely staggering to the imagination than that of Noah's Ark. It has fired the imagination of authors and artists. The story is told in every culture on planet earth, including the American Indians so far removed from the events that no explanation can be found but that oral traditions prove that they too descended from Noah.

The Possibilities

It is a story often relegated to children's Sunday School classes and cute murals painted on walls, but perhaps few take it seriously today as a real historical event. We are too sophisticated, too well educated, too scientific to believe in such nonsense.

Why, the technological difficulties of creating a boat that could hold all the known air breathing animals and birds is beyond even today's technologies – but then so are the pyramids, the hanging gardens of Babylon, and all the other wonders of the world. The story seems to belong to the legends of Loch Ness and Big Foot rather than biblical fact. Yet, despite all the naysayers, sightings of the ark and historical descriptions date back to 475 B.C. to the present day, the latest being a Turkish-Hong Kong Team claims to have found the Ark and brought our one meter long piece of petrified wood. Even Marco Polo wrote of the fact of its existence.

It is a real story and a true story.

It really happened. It happened as a warning for us Romans 15:4 and I Cor 10:10.

1. Review Historical Sightings of the Ark.
2. Review the Biblical Story
3. Review What We Learn from Noah's Ark

1. Review Ark Sightings Through History

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—The search for Noah’s Ark is by no means a new enterprise. Ron Stewart, author of “Noah’s Ark: A Scientific Look, Past And Future,” has documented more than 100 expeditions and Ark sightings, dating back as far as 2500 BC. Among the most notable recordings through 1990:

BC 650 – According to the Talmud the Assyrian king Sennacherib found a beam from the Ark and, reasoning that it was the god who delivered Noah from the flood, fashioned the wood into an idol

BC 475 — A Chaldean priest reported the Ark’s remains could be seen at the bottom of a mountain glacier.

BC 326 — The Egyptian historian Hieronimus said the remains of the Ark could be seen on Ararat.

AD 50 — In the first century after Christ, historians Nicholas of Damascus and Flavius Josephus both told Noah’s story in a way that agreed with the biblical account; both also reported that the remains of the Ark were still preserved in their time.

560 — St. Isadore reported that the wood of the Ark could be seen on the mountain.

620 — Byzantine Emperor Heraclius was reported to have climbed Ararat and seen the Ark after conquering the territory.

1269 — Explorer Marco Polo reported finding the Ark after a three-day climb in “the snowy reaches of a very high mountain” — at the bottom of the summit, not at the peak.

1647 — Explorer Adam Olerius reported seeing the petrified remains of the Ark.

1829 — Frederick Parrot reported seeing wood relics made from the Ark at the base of Mt. Ararat in a cathedral that was destroyed in an earthquake in 1840.

1832-1850 — Multiple expeditions launched by Turkey, Russia and England failed to find the Ark.

1856 — Two atheist British scientists climbed Ararat to disprove the existence of the Ark, but reported finding a “chest-like” shape made of petrified wood at 15,000 feet on the northeast side of Ararat. Efforts to burn the Ark reportedly failed because the wood was petrified.

1883 — The Turkish government reported that an expedition located the Ark at 14,000 feet and saw animal cages and stalls.

1887 — Indian explorer John Nouri made three expeditions, during which he claimed to have located the Ark — and recommended removing it for the 1900 World’s Fair.

1908 – George Hagopian as a child of eight with his uncle stood on the Ark, walked its planks, drew a picture of the Ark. Openings like windows, wood petrified.

1916 — Summer of 1916 Lieutenant Roskovitsky or Russian airforce saw the Ark and half submerged hull, flat catwalk along top. Great door 20' by 20', Russian military expedition took photos and measurements of the Ark reportedly were taken by — but were lost when Czar Nicholas was overthrown in 1917.

1945 — Turkish soldier claimed to have photographed the Ark from an airplane.

1948 — A Turkish farmer reported seeing a boxlike structure above 11,000 feet on Ararat.

1949 — Aerial photograph recorded a formation on the mountain that resembles a ship, with dimensions that fit the biblical account of the Ark.

1952 — Pilot claimed military took pictures of the Ark at 12,000 feet.

1959 The Turkish airforce conducted a survey of area of Ararat. 17 miles south of the peak Lieutenant A. Kurtis photographed outline of a ship. Dimensions estimated at 500' by 150'.

1984 Ron Wyatt smuggled 8.6 pounds of stones, sand and earth from Ark to an New York exhibit.

1985 Ron Wyatt and David Fasold CAT scanned the buried Ark. Found outline of an Ark.

1990 — Laser enhancement of satellite photo reportedly clarified a boxlike shape, broken in half.

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Turkish and Chinese explorers from a group called Noah's Ark Ministries International made the latest discovery claim Monday in Hong Kong, where the group is based.

"It's not 100 percent that it is Noah's ark, but we think it is 99.9 percent that this is it,"

The team claims to have found in 2007 and 2008 seven large wooden compartments buried at 13,000 feet (4,000 meters) above sea level, near the peak of Mount Ararat. They returned to the site with film crew in October 2009.

2. Review Facts: What We Know About Noah?

Fact 1 - The Planet Earth

- People were evil continually – Gen. 6:5, 6:11-12
- God got fed up with sin – 6:3, 6:6
- God decided to wipe the slate clean – 6:7
- God warned man he had but 120 years – 6:3
- It had never rained before – Gen 2:5-6
- (Questions: who did they marry? (Gen 5:6, Gen 6:4 giants in the earth)
- How many years from Adam to Noah (1556-2000+ years)

Fact 2 - Noah – Gen 5:23-6:10 (Book of

- Other flood stories – worldwide flood
- Noah lived 950 years total, built ark when 600 years – Gen 7:6, 9:28
- Relations – great grandson of Enoch, grandson of Methuselah
- Family – three sons (their wives) Shem, Ham, Jephath (5:32 & 6:10),
- Noah's his wife – Jewish tradition Naamah. Gen 7:7
- Walked with God – grace, just, righteous, perfect in his day
- Covenant with you – Genesis 6:18

Fact 3 - The Ark – Gen 6:13-7:16

- 100 years in the making – Genesis 7:11
- Gopherwood (Cypress) & Pitch – Genesis 6:14
- Size = 450' x 75' x 45' high, three stories, one door, one window. Covering 18"
- Animals – in twos, Genesis 6:19-20
- Animals – in sevens, Genesis 7:2-3
- Seven days, then rain – Genesis 7:4, 10, 13-16
- God shut the door – Genesis 7:16
- Technologies of the Ark – consider the pyramids

Fact 4 - The Flood – Genesis 7:11 8: 13

- In the 600th year, second month, 17th day – flood began – Gen 7:11
- Rained 40 days and nights (torrents) – Gen. 7:12,17
- Fountains of deep burst forth – Genesis 7:11
- Waters prevailed greatly – Genesis 7:17
- All breathing animals died – Genesis 7:21-23
- Waters prevailed 150 days – 5 months – Genesis 7:24
- God remembered Noah – Genesis 8:1
- At end of 150 days waters decreased – Gen 8:3
- Ark rested in the 7th month, 17th day, - Gen 8:4
- Waters continued to recede to 10th month, 1st day – Gen 8:5
- 40 days after opened the window – Gen 8:6
- Noah sent a raven no landing – Gen 8:7 (stupid raven, perishable, prob died)
- 7 days Noah sent a dove, no landing – Gen 8:8 (reached out took back in)
- 7 days another dove – olive leaf in evening – Gen 8:11
- 7 days dove sent never returned – Gen 8:12
- 1st month, 1st day, Removed Covering of Ark– Gen 8:14
- 2nd month, 27th day, completely dried land – Gen 8:14
- God spoke – after a year of silence! – Gen 8:15-18

Fact 5 - The Covenant – Genesis 6:8, Gen. 6:18, Gen. 8:21-22, Gen. 9:

Noah found Grace 6:8 – “But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.”

Noah was perfect in his generation – Gen 6:9

God made a covenant with Noah – Gen 6:18

Noah did all the Lord commanded him. – Gen. 6:22, 7:5

Noah built an altar to the Lord – Gen. 8:20

God made a “never again” covenant – Gen 8:21-22

God made a covenant of blessing – Gen 9:1 (Noah and Family)

God made a covenant with creation – Gen 9:9-17 (Rainbow)

Gen. 6:18 - But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark

Gen. 8:21-22 – *Never again will I curse the ground because of man, even though every inclination of his heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done. 22. "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."*

Gen. 9:9-17 – **Rainbow Covenant**

Fact 6 - The Failure – Genesis 9:18-27

Drunkenness

Genesis 9:20. Noah, a man of the soil, preceded to plant a vineyard. 21. When he drank some of its wine, he became drunk and lay uncovered inside his tent.

Sexual Sin

Genesis 9:22 *Ham, the father of Canaan, saw his father's nakedness and told his two brothers outside. 23. But Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it across their shoulders; then they walked in backward and covered their father's nakedness. Their faces were turned the other way so that they would not see their father's nakedness. 24. When Noah awoke from his wine and found out what his youngest son had done to him, 25. he said, "Cursed be Canaan! The lowest of slaves will he be to his brothers."*

Matthew 24:37-39

But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, 39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

3. Lessons: What Can We Learn From Noah?

About God

- Grace – unmerited favor (perfect in his generation, because of God's favor)
- God never forgets, God remembers, cares even about animals (Genesis 8:1)
- God's forgiveness and patience – no man is perfect (Genesis 9:18-27)
- God's provision – God prepares in advance, brought the animals to Noah
- God's promises – are always true and faithful

About Man

- Repent of sin, Man's heart is deceitful, prone to wander, conform to the world.
- Obey God at all cost – one hammer, one nail, one board at a time
- Preach righteousness – be unashamed to live godly, don't let world squeeze you
- Never give up, even when it looks like God forgot you trial – God remembers
- Get into the Ark while there is time! 2 Peter 3:9 no slack, not willing
- The Judgment of God is coming! Appointed once to die then judgment.

Conclusion

In Times Like These

[George Beverly Shea](#)

In times like these you need a Savior
In times like these you need an anchor
Be very sure, be very sure
Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!
This Rock is Jesus, Yes He's the One
This Rock is Jesus, the only One
Be very sure, be very sure
Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!

In times like these you need the Bible
In times like these, O be not idle
Be very sure, be very sure
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Lifespans of Adams Descendents

Adam 930

Seth 912

Enosh 905

Kenan 910

Mahalalel 895

Jared 962

Enoch 365

Methuselah 969

Lamech 777

Noah (500) 950

Total 8,575

Fatherhood

Adam 130

Seth 105

Enosh 90

Kenan 70

Mahalalel 65

Jared 162

Enoch 65

Methuselah 187

Lamech 182

Noah 500

Total 1556 years