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QUALITIES OF HEROES

- Military heroes obey the commands of their leaders
- Spiritual heroes obey the commands of their God



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“**Hear**, O Israel! The Lord is
our God, the Lord is one!”

Deuteronomy 6:4

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, יְיָ אֶחָד.

Sh'ma Yisra-eil, Adonai Eloheinu Adonai Echad.

There is no biblical Hebrew word for “**obey**.”

English word translated “obey” is the Hebrew word “**shema**.”

What is Faith in the Bible?

Hebrew אֱמוּנָה emunah

Greek πίστις pistis

The Hebrew root aman means firm, something that is supported or secure. This word is used in Isaiah 22:23 for a nail that is fastened to a "secure" place. Derived from this root is the word emun, meaning craftsman. A craftsman is one who is firm and secure in his talent. The feminine form of emun is the word emunah meaning firmness, something or someone that is firm in their actions. Faith is usually perceived as a knowing while the Hebrew emunah is a firm action. **To have faith in God is not knowing that Elohim exists or knowing that He will act, rather it is that the one with emunah will act with firmness toward God's will.**



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Hebrews chapter 11

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Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. (NAS)

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. (NIV)

Now faith is the reality of what is hoped for, the proof of what is not seen. (HCSB)



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For by it (faith) the men of old gained (God's) approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.

Hebrews 11:2-3

Faith starts with a basic assumption...
God is the Creator of all that we see



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For by grace you have been saved
through faith; and that not of
yourselves, it is the gift of God
Ephesians 2:8

“**By Faith**” is how I live out the new
spiritual life that I have been given
by grace through faith in Jesus



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Hebrews 11:4-5

- Abel represents the righteous man whose acceptance before God was based on a superior sacrifice.
- Enoch reflected the kind of life that pleases God.

Source: Bible Knowledge Commentary



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And without **faith** it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him. Hebrews 11:6



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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. Hebrews 11:7

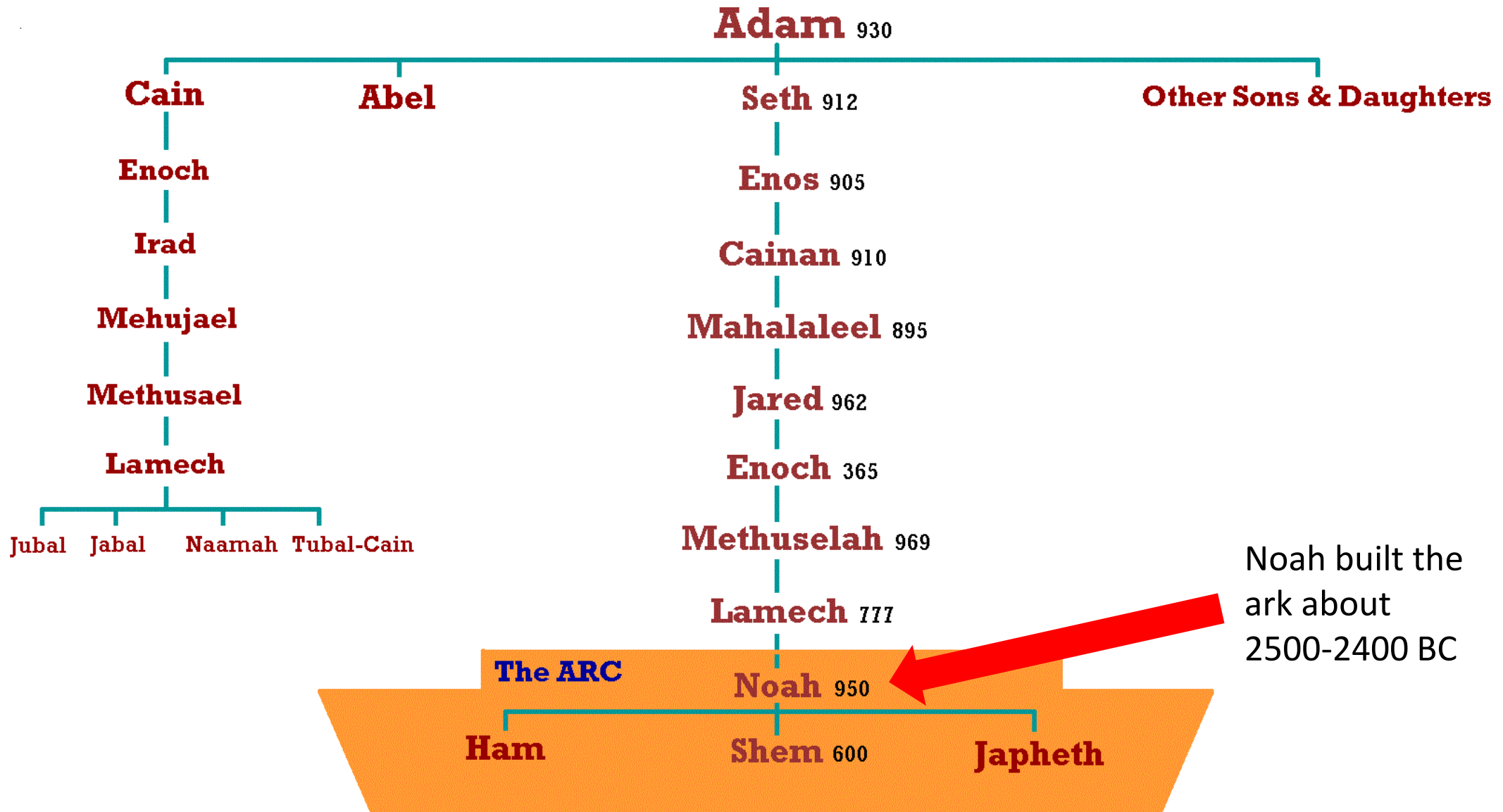


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Genesis chapters 6-9

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The Genealogy of Adam



Noah built the ark about 2500-2400 BC

Genesis 6:5-7

Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. The LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. The LORD said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them."

Jesus said, "For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark"

Matthew 24:38



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Genesis 6:8-13

But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD. These are the records of the generations of Noah. **Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God.** Noah became the father of three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Now the earth was corrupt in the sight of God, and the earth was filled with violence. God looked on the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth. Then God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence because of them; and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth."



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“Make for yourself an ark of gopher wood; you shall make the ark with rooms, and shall cover it inside and out with pitch. This is how you shall make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits (450 feet), its breadth fifty cubits (75 feet), and its height thirty cubits (45 feet). You shall make a window for the ark, and finish it to a cubit (18 inch opening) from the top; and set the door of the ark in the side of it; you shall make it with lower, second, and third decks.”

Genesis 6:14-16

What will we do when God calls? SHEMA?



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How Big was the Ark?

The ark's total volume would have been **1,518,000 cubic feet**. This would equal the capacity of 569 modern railroad stock cars. The standard size for a stock car is 44 feet long and a volume of 2670 cubic feet. This would make a train more than 5 ½ miles long. The floor space for the ark would be over **101,000 square feet**. This would be more floor space than 21 standard college basketball courts. By comparing the measurements of the ark it is easy to see that it would be comparable to today's ocean going vessels. It was probably the largest vessel of its type built until the late 1800s when metal ships were first constructed. The ark was built on a 1:6 ratio (50 cubits:300 cubits). The science of naval architecture reveals that the most stable ratio for an ocean going vessel is 1:6. All modern-day ocean going vessels use this same length to width ratio.



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The replica of Noah's ark shown above is 1/75 scale. For comparison purposes, both the railroad stockcar and model of the sailing ship Pinta (one of Columbus' ships) are also at the same 1/75 scale model size.

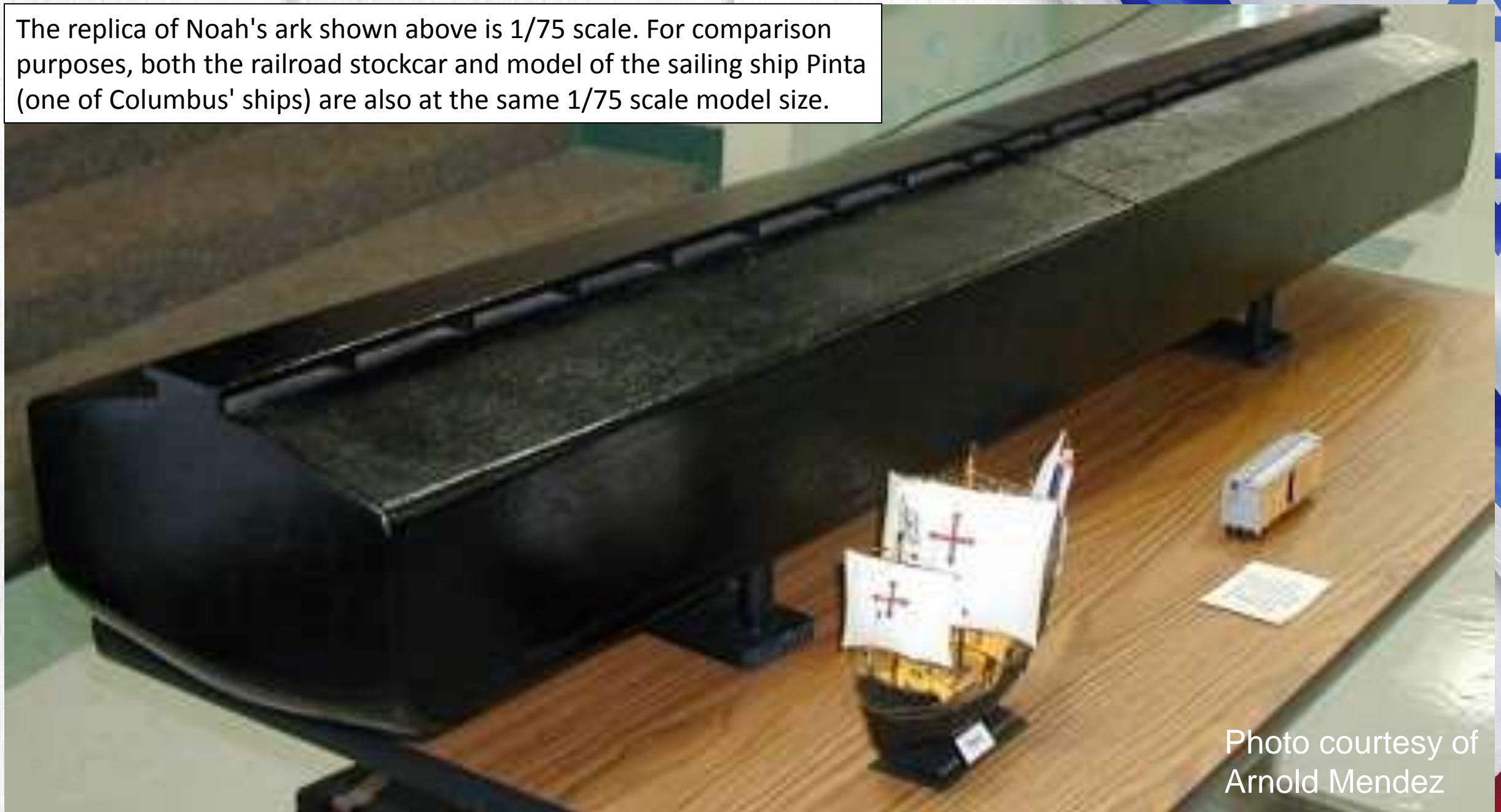


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“Behold, I, even I am bringing the flood of water upon the earth, to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life, from under heaven; everything that is on the earth shall perish. But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife, and your sons’ wives with you. 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. Of the birds after their kind, and of the animals after their kind, of every creeping thing of the ground after its kind, two of every kind will come to you to keep them alive. As for you, take for yourself some of all food which is edible, and gather it to yourself; and it shall be for food for you and for them.” Genesis 6:17-21



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Genesis 6:22

Thus Noah did; according to all that God had commanded him, so he did. (NAS)

So Noah did everything exactly as God had commanded him. (NLT)

Hebrews 11:7 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.

*thus Noah did = build the ark for approx. 100 years

*things not yet seen = rain (see Genesis 2:5)



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What else did Noah do while building the ark?

... and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a **preacher of righteousness**, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly
2 Peter 2:5



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Genesis 7:1

Then the Lord said to Noah, “Enter the ark, you and all your household, for you alone I have seen to be righteous before Me in this time.”

Am I ready to go somewhere and do something NEVER DONE BEFORE because I have FAITH that God said so?



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“You shall take with you of every **clean** animal by sevens (pairs), a male and his female; and of the animals that are **not clean** two, a male and his female; also of the birds of the sky, by sevens, male and female, to keep offspring alive on the face of all the earth. For after seven more days, I will send rain on the earth forty days and forty nights; and I will blot out from the face of the land every living thing that I have made.” **Noah** did according to all that the Lord had commanded him. Genesis 7:2-5



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Was Noah's Ark big enough to hold all the animals?

The average size of all animals is the size of a sheep. One railroad car can carry about 240 sheep. This would mean that all 40,000 animals (very conservative estimate of the total of animals that would have been on the Ark) could fit in 167 railroad cars. The ark's total capacity was 569 stock cars. **The 40,000 animals would require less than 30% of the ark's space.** In other words, all the animals could fit on one of the ark's three decks. This would leave the other 70% of the ark's space for Noah's family, food, supplies, and baggage.

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A 1/32 scale model of the cross-section of the ark. This view shows the interior and the three decks. The inside and outside was coated with pitch. A window was set in the ark 18 inches (one cubit) from the top (Genesis 6:16).

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Now Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of water came upon the earth. Then Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him entered the ark because of the water of the flood. Of clean animals and animals that are not clean and birds and everything that creeps on the ground, there went into the ark to Noah by twos, male and female, as God had commanded Noah. It came about after the seven days, that the water of the flood came upon the earth. In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on the same day all the fountains of the great deep burst open, and the floodgates of the sky were opened. The rain fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights. Genesis 7:6-12



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Historical Account of the “Great Flood”

Very few people disagree about the historical account of a global flood, though there are several theories on why it occurred. The most popular three theories today:

1. Asteroid Theory
2. Volcanic Eruption Theory
3. Plate Tectonic Theory

Genesis Theory – The judgment of God on His creation



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On the very same day Noah and Shem and Ham and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark, they and every beast after its kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth after its kind, and every bird after its kind, all sorts of birds. So they went into the ark to Noah, by twos of all flesh in which was the breath of life. Those that entered, male and female of all flesh, entered as God had commanded him; and the Lord closed it behind him. Then the flood came upon the earth for forty days, and the water increased and lifted up the ark, so that it rose above the earth. Genesis 7:13-18



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The water prevailed more and more upon the earth, so that all the high mountains everywhere under the heavens were covered. The water prevailed fifteen cubits (22.5 ft) higher, and the mountains were covered. All flesh that moved on the earth perished, birds and cattle and beasts and every swarming thing that swarms upon the earth, **and all mankind**; of all that was on the dry land, all in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, died. Thus He blotted out every living thing that was upon the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky, and they were blotted out from the earth; and only Noah was left, together with those that were with him in the ark. **The water prevailed upon the earth one hundred and fifty days.** Genesis 7:19-24



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Genesis 8:1-22

“But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the cattle that were with him in the ark; and God caused a wind to pass over the earth, and the water subsided.” Genesis 8:1

- God dries up the land (377 days from start to finish)
- Noah and his family come out of the boat
- Noah worships

Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. Genesis 8:20



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| | Event | Date | Reference |
|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------|-----------|
| Waiting in the ark 7 days (7:7, 10) | 1. Noah entered the ark | Month 2, day 10 | 7:7-9 |
| | 2. <i>7 days later:</i> Rain began falling | Month 2, day 17* | 7:10-11 |
| Water continued for 150 days (7:24) | 3. <i>40 days later:</i> heavy rains stopped | Month 3, day 27 | 7:12 |
| | 4. <i>110 days later:</i> Prevailing waters receded and the ark rested on an Ararat mountain | Month 7, day 17* | 7:24, 8:4 |
| Water receded in 150 days (8:3) | 5. <i>74 days later:</i> Tops of mountains visible | Month 10, day 1* | 8:5 |
| | 6. <i>40 days later:</i> Raven sent out, and a dove sent out and returned | Month 11, day 11* | 8:6-9 |
| | 7. <i>7 days later:</i> Dove sent out again and returned with a leaf | Month 11, day 18* | 8:10 |
| | 8. <i>7 days later:</i> Dove sent out a third time and did not return | Month 11, day 25 | 8:12 |
| | 9. <i>22 days later:</i> Water receded | Month 12, day 17 | 8:3 |
| Earth dried in 70 days | 10. Noah saw dry land | Month 1, day 1* | 8:13 |
| | 11. Land completely dry, and Noah exited the ark | Month 2, day 27* | 8:14-19 |

377 days

1 year and 17 days
in the ark

* Dates specified in the Scriptures; other dates are implied.

Chronology of the Flood

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Source: Bible Knowledge
Commentary

Genesis 8:21

The LORD smelled the soothing aroma; and the LORD said to Himself, "I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man's heart is evil from his youth; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done."



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Genesis regards the flood as the great dividing point in world history. The flood was a great act of de-creation. It returned the earth to the situation of primeval watery chaos that existed before God started speaking in 1:3. Life was destroyed. Water covered everything, even the mountain tops, so that the planet looked as it did when God first created it (1:2). Then, when God remembered Noah, he sent a wind over the earth (cf. the hovering spirit/wind of God in 1:2) to begin the process of new creation. The world was born anew. Dry land and waters were separated, and Noah, the new head of the human race, emerged from the ark and, like Adam, was told to 'Be fruitful and increase in number' (9:1, cf. 1:28). Noah is thus seen as a second-Adam figure. **This parallelism between the flood as the great act of de-creation and the re-creation after the flood is underlined in Genesis by the literary design of the story.** It is written in a large mirror-image pattern ('extended chiasmus' or 'palistrophe') which emphasizes the symmetry of the story. Here just some of the most obvious features of this structure are noted.

A Noah's sons (6:10)

B Enter the ark (7:1)

C Seven days (7:4)

D Seven days (7:10)

E Forty days (7:17)

F Mountains covered (7:20)

G Flooding for 150 days (7:24)

H God remembered Noah (8:1)

A¹ Noah's sons (9:18-27)

B¹ Leave the ark (8:16)

C¹ Seven days (8:12)

D¹ Seven days (8:10)

E¹ Forty days (8:6)

F¹ Mountains uncovered (8:5)

G¹ Water receding for 150 days (8:3)



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The logo features the word "HEROES" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. Below it, the word "BY" is written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font, flanked by two horizontal lines. Underneath that, the word "Faith" is written in a large, elegant, red cursive script. The background of the logo area is a white, textured surface, possibly a wall or a piece of fabric, with a red and white striped fabric visible in the bottom right corner.

Genesis 9:1

And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.” (See Genesis 1:28)

Will we SHEMA (obey) God when He gives His commandments AGAIN?



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“The fear of you and the terror of you will be on every beast of the earth and on every bird of the sky; with everything that creeps on the ground, and all the fish of the sea, into your hand they are given. Every moving thing that is alive shall be food for you; I give all to you, as I gave the green plant. Only you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. Surely I will require your lifeblood; from every beast I will require it. And from every man, from every man’s brother I will require the life of man.

Whoever sheds man’s blood, by man his blood shall be shed, for in the image of God He made man. As for you, be fruitful and multiply; populate the earth abundantly and multiply in it.” Genesis 9:2-7

*Every human being is made in God’s image (i.e. represents God on earth), so to protect the unique status of human life the ultimate penalty must be exacted. – New Bible Commentary



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Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying, “Now behold, **I Myself do establish My covenant with you, and with your descendants after you;** and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you; of all that comes out of the ark, even every beast of the earth. I establish My covenant with you; and all flesh shall never again be cut off by the water of the flood, **neither shall there again be a flood to destroy the earth.”** Genesis 9:8-11



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Genesis 9:12-15

God said, "This is the sign of **the covenant which I am making** between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all successive generations; I set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth. It shall come about, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow will be seen in the cloud, and I will remember My covenant, which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and never again shall the water become a flood to destroy all flesh."



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God's visual reminder to Noah then and us today

Genesis 9:16-17

"When the bow is in the cloud, then I will look upon it, **to remember the everlasting covenant** between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." And God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth."



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Genesis 9:12-17



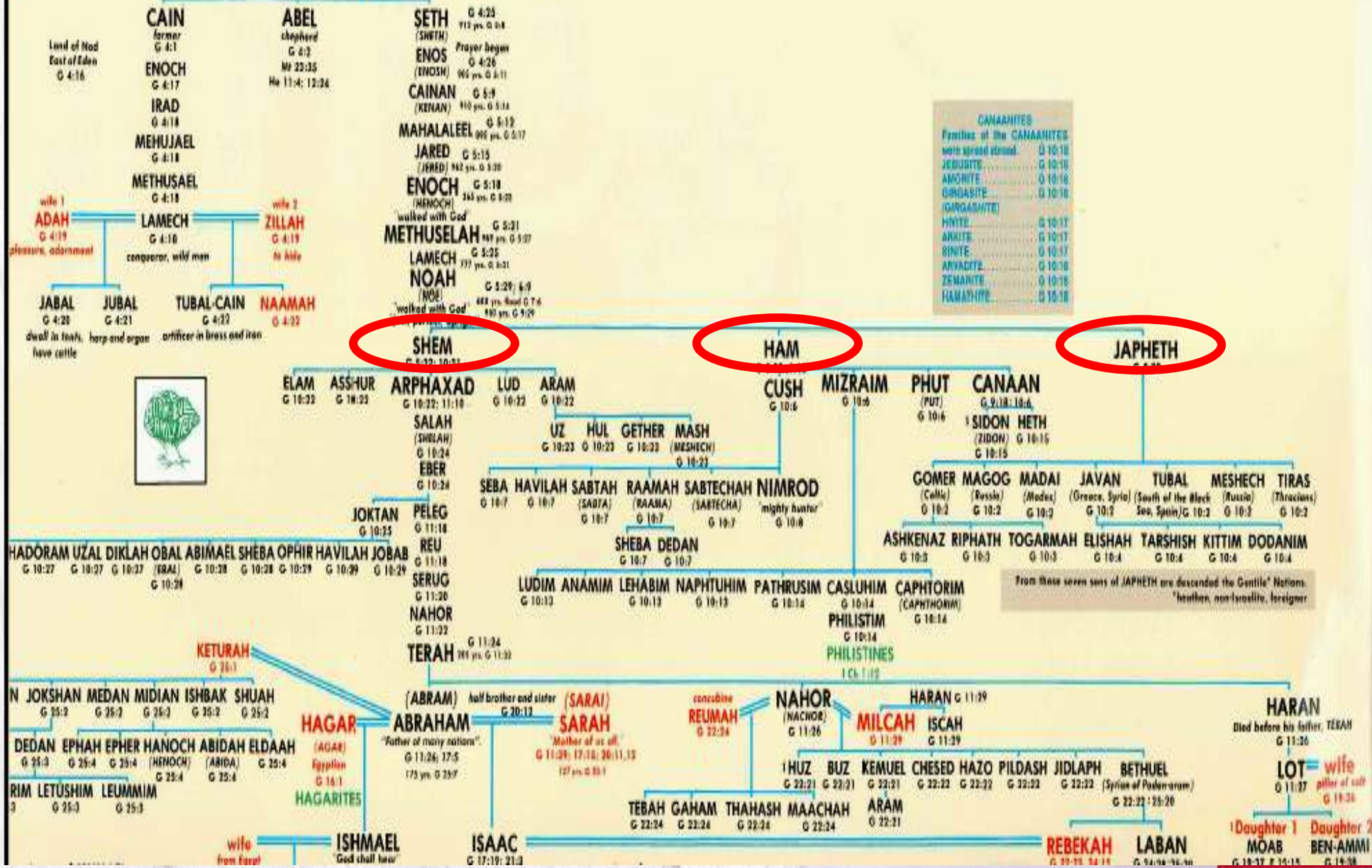
Genesis 9:18-19

Now the sons of Noah who came out of the ark were Shem and Ham and Japheth; and Ham was the father of Canaan. These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was populated.



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Eve G 2:22, 3:20 | **Adam** G 2:7, 19
930 yrs. G 2:8



CANAANITES
Families of the CANAANITES were spread abroad:

| | |
|--------------|---------|
| JEBUSITE | G 10:10 |
| AMORITE | G 10:10 |
| ORGANITE | G 10:10 |
| (GARGASHITE) | |
| HITITE | G 10:11 |
| ARITE | G 10:11 |
| BINITE | G 10:11 |
| APHACITE | G 10:10 |
| ZENANITE | G 10:10 |
| HAMATHITE | G 10:10 |



Theological Significance

- (1) The flood demonstrates God's hatred of sin and the certainty of His judgment on it.
- (2) God's giving people 120 years to repent before judgment came demonstrates His patience in dealing with sin.
- (3) The sparing of one family demonstrates God's saving grace.
- (4) The flood reveals God's rule over nature and over humanity.



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Lessons from Noah and the Flood

1. God's Word (the Bible) is completely accurate
2. God is always in total control of His creation
3. God's wrath is terrible – indescribable pain
4. God's wrath is deserved – totally just and right
5. God's wrath is escapable...through Messiah Jesus
6. The righteous people live **By Faith**
7. The only proper response to God's salvation is worship
8. God's promises are forever
9. God has given us a visual reminder of His wrath, provision, and covenant



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Only one other event shows that holiness among people is the object for which God will sacrifice everything else—the crucifixion of His Son.

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.” John 3:16



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