TEACH YOUR CHILDREN THE TRUTH ABOUT NOAH'S ARK!

IF YOU READ YOUR BIBLE - THE DIMENSIONS OF THE ARK THAT NOAH WAS INSTRUCTED TO BUILD IS A PERFECT RECTANGLE - THE SHAPE OF A BARGE - NOT A BOAT WITH A ROUND HULL! A ROUNDED HULL WOULD NOT BE OBEDIENT TO THE LORD'S DIMENSIONS.

The word "ark" in the Hebrew means:

"têbâh," pronounced tay-vah; perhaps of foreign derivation; a box:—ark." (Strong's H8392,BLB.org)

H8392 - tēbâ - Strong's Hebrew Lexicon (kjv). Retrieved from

https://www.blueletterbible.org/lexicon/h8392/kjv/wlc/0-1/

Easton's Bible Dictionary says,

"Ark

Noah's ark, a building of gopher-wood, and covered with pitch, 300 cubits long, 50 cubits broad, and 30 cubits high (Gen. 6:14-16); an oblong floating house of three stories, with a door in the side and a window in the roof."

M.G. Easton M.A., D.D., Illustrated Bible Dictionary, Third Edition, published by Thomas Nelson, 1897.

The inside and outside of the bottom of the ark were supposed to be covered in pitch/asphalt as water proofing.

"koper (There is also a long vowel symbol above the P) pronounced ko-fair

"I. asphalt, pitch (as a covering)"

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WHEN NOAH BUILT THE ARK, HE WAS ON FLAT DRY LAND. WHEN THE RAINS CAME - THE ARK WOULD SIMPLY RISE UP WITH ALL OF THE ANIMALS AND PEOPLE SAFELY INSIDE. WHEN THE ARK LANDED ON THE EARTH, IT WOULD NOT TURN ON IT'S SIDE WITH WHAT GOD CONSIDERED TO BE IMPORTANT CARGO INSIDE. (IF IT WERE A ROUNDED HULL - ONCE THE ARK LANDED, THE DOOR WOULD EITHER BE HIGH IN THE AIR OR LEANING AGAINST THE GROUND - BOTH METHODS PREVENTING THE EXITING OF THE PEOPLE AND THE ANIMALS.) A FLAT-BOTTOMED BARGE WOULD SIMPLY LAND FLAT ON THE GROUND. A ROUNDED HULL WOULD NOT PROVIDE THE NEEDED SAFETY NET. I AM NOT SAYING THIS IS CORRECT, BUT THE TYPE OF DOOR I ENVISIONED THAT THE ARK WOULD HAVE WAS ONE LIKE THE LARGE DOORS OF ANCIENT CASTLES THAT

LOWERED OVER A MOAT. IT HAD TO BE LARGE ENOUGH IN WIDTH AND HEIGHT TO ACCOMMODATE LARGE ANIMALS. IN THIS CASE, IT WOULD FOLD DOWN AT A SLANT LIKE A RAMP - LETTING THE ANIMALS WALK IN AND OUT SAFELY. KNOWING GOD THE BUILDER MYSELF, IT WOULD PROBABLY ALSO HAVE A BUILT IN EXTENTION THAT COULD BE STRETCHED OUT TO ACCOMMODATE THE DISTANCE FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE DOOR TO THE LAND.

YEARS AGO, I DID A BIBLE STUDY OF THE TIMING FOR THE EVENTS OF THE FLOOD BASED ON THE MOON MONTHS. IT CAME OUT ALMOST TO THE DAY. I KNEW THAT ANY ERRORS WERE MY OWN, BUT IT WAS CLOSE ENOUGH FOR ME TO SAY. "YES. THIS HAPPENED THE WAY GOD SAID IT DID." IT WASN'T PERFECT, SO I DESTROYED IT, HAVING ACHIEVED MY GOAL -TO SEE JUST HOW ACCURATE THE TIMING WAS. IN OBEDIENCE TO THE LORD, I SENT OUT THE WORD ABOUT THE STRUCTURE OF THE ARK TO EVERYONE I COULD VIA THE COMPUTER. I GAVE THE WARNING TO THE ARK BUILDERS IN KENTUCKY. IN THEIR VERSION, THE BOTTOM APPEARS FLATTENED. BUT THE FRONT AND BACK ARE NOT RECTANGULAR, GOD WILL HAVE TO JUDGE WHETHER OR NOT IT WAS TO HIS SPECIFICATIONS, I SENT IT TO TOY MANUFACTURERS TOO AND TO CHURCHES, AND TO CHRISTIAN BOOK STORES. THE LOVE OF MONEY WAS GREATER THAN THEIR LOVE FOR GOD, BECAUSE THINGS ARE STILL ON THE MARKET WITH A ROUNDED HULL. I CONTACTED THE PEOPLE AT "THE SEARCH FOR NOAH'S ARK" AT THAT TIME. THEY EMAILED

ME BACK AND SAID THEY AGREED THAT THE ARK WAS SHAPED LIKE A RECTANGULAR BOX NOT A ROUND HULLED BOAT! I EVEN POSTED IT TO THEIR SITE. IT WAS IN THE SEARCH ENGINES FOR YEARS.

Genesis 6:9-22 New International Version

"9 This is the account of Noah and his family.

Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God. ¹⁰ Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth.

11 Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. 12 God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. 13 So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. 14 So make yourself an ark of cypress[a] wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. 15 This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be three hundred cubits long, fifty cubits wide and thirty cubits high. [b] 16 Make a roof for it, leaving below the roof an opening one cubit[6] high all around.[4] Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks. 17 I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish. 18 But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you. 19 You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. 20 Two of

every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. ²¹ You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them."

²² Noah did everything just as God commanded him." (NIV)

Genesis 7: 1 - 24 New International Version

"7 The LORD then said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because I have found you righteous in this generation. ² Take with you seven pairs of every kind of clean animal, a male and its mate, and one pair of every kind of unclean animal, a male and its mate, ³ and also seven pairs of every kind of bird, male and female, to keep their various kinds alive throughout the earth. ⁴ Seven days from now I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and I will wipe from the face of the earth every living creature I have made."

⁵ And Noah did all that the LORD commanded him.

⁶ Noah was six hundred years old when the floodwaters came on the earth. ⁷ And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives entered the ark to escape the waters of the flood. ⁸ Pairs of clean and unclean animals, of birds and of all creatures that move along the ground, ⁹ male and female, came to Noah and entered the ark, as God had commanded Noah. ¹⁰ And after the seven days the floodwaters came on the earth.

¹¹ In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, on the seventeenth day of the second month—on that day all the springs of the great

deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened. ¹² And rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights.

¹³ On that very day Noah and his sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth, together with his wife and the wives of his three sons, entered the ark. ¹⁴ They had with them every wild animal according to its kind, all livestock according to their kinds, every creature that moves along the ground according to its kind and every bird according to its kind, everything with wings. ¹⁵ Pairs of all creatures that have the breath of life in them came to Noah and entered the ark. ¹⁶ The animals going in were male and female of every living thing, as God had commanded Noah. Then the LORD shut him in.

¹⁷ For forty days the flood kept coming on the earth, and as the waters increased they lifted the ark high above the earth. ¹⁸ The waters rose and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the surface of the water. ¹⁹ They rose greatly on the earth, and all the high mountains under the entire heavens were covered. ²⁰ The waters rose and covered the mountains to a depth of more than fifteen cubits. ^{[a][b]} ²¹ Every living thing that moved on land perished—birds, livestock, wild animals, all the creatures that swarm over the earth, and all mankind. ²² Everything on dry land that had the breath of life in its nostrils died. ²³ Every living thing on the face of the earth was wiped out; people and animals and the creatures that move along the ground and the birds were wiped from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those with him in the ark.

²⁴ The waters flooded the earth for a hundred and fifty days.

Footnotes

a. Genesis 7:20 That is, about 23 feet or about 6.8 meters

b. <u>Genesis 7:20</u> Or rose more than fifteen cubits, and the mountains were covered" (NIV)"

NOTICE, GOD SAYS IT WILL RAIN FOR 40 DAYS AND 40 NIGHTS. (Genesis 7:4) IT DID RAIN FOR 40 DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS, (Genesis 7:17) BUT THE WATER REMAINED FOR 150 DAYS. (Genesis 7:24), (Genesis 8:3-4)

Genesis 8: 1 – 22 New International Version

"8 But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and the livestock that were with him in the ark, and he sent a wind over the earth, and the waters receded. ² Now the springs of the deep and the floodgates of the heavens had been closed, and the rain had stopped falling from the sky. ³ The water receded steadily from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the water had gone down, ⁴ and on the seventeenth day of the seventh month the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. ⁵ The waters continued to recede until the tenth month, and on the first day of the tenth month the tops of the mountains became visible.

⁶ After forty days Noah opened a window he had made in the ark ⁷ and sent out a raven, and it kept flying back and forth until the water had dried up from the earth. ⁸ Then he sent out a dove to see if the water had receded from the surface of the ground. ⁹ But the dove could find nowhere to perch because there was water over all the surface of the earth; so it returned to Noah in the ark. He reached out his hand and took the dove and brought it back to himself in the ark. ¹⁰ He waited seven more days and again sent out the dove from the ark. ¹¹ When the dove returned to him in the evening, there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf! Then Noah knew that the water had receded from the earth. ¹² He waited seven

more days and sent the dove out again, but this time it did not return to him.

- ¹³ By the first day of the first month of Noah's six hundred and first year, the water had dried up from the earth. Noah then removed the covering from the ark and saw that the surface of the ground was dry. ¹⁴ By the twenty-seventh day of the second month the earth was completely dry.
- ¹⁵ Then God said to Noah, ¹⁶ "Come out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives. ¹⁷ Bring out every kind of living creature that is with you—the birds, the animals, and all the creatures that move along the ground—so they can multiply on the earth and be fruitful and increase in number on it."
- ¹⁸ So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. ¹⁹ All the animals and all the creatures that move along the ground and all the birds—everything that moves on land—came out of the ark, one kind after another.
- ²⁰ Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. ²¹ The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: "Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though^[a] every inclination of the human 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."

Footnotes

a. Genesis 8:21 Or humans, for" (NIV)

"Wikipedia" has previously stated that Mount Ararat IS NOT in the Bible, BUT: Genesis 8:4 specifically states: "4 and on the seventeenth day of the seventh month the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat." (NIV)

EVERYONE ASSUMES THAT NOAH SUFFERED PERSECUTION WHEN HE BUILT THE ARK, BUT THE LORD SAID, "THIS WAS NOT THE CASE." IT WAS BUILT TO LOOK LIKE A HUGE 3 STORY BARGE WITH AN OPENING AT THE TOP AND A DOOR - SOMETHING THE PEOPLE HAD NEVER SEEN BEFORE. PEOPLE WERE AMAZED AT NOAH'S ABILITY TO DO THIS AND PROBABLY CONSIDERED HIM A GENIUS FOR THE WHOLE IDEA, BUT REMEMBER, GOD WAS THE GENIUS BUILDER! GOD HAD ALREADY GIVEN SO MANY WARNINGS TO THE PEOPLE ABOUT THEIR DISOBEDIENCE AND THE PEOPLE DID NOT HEED HIS WARNINGS, SO GOD FINALLY SAID, "ENOUGH!" THE PEOPLE DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE FLOOD THAT GOD WAS GOING TO SEND AND WHAT NOAH WAS GOING TO DO WITH THE ARK HE WAS CONSTRUCTING.

I ASKED THE LORD HOW NOAH WAS ABLE TO PUT PITCH ON THE BOTTOM INSIDE AND THE OUTSIDE. HE SAID, "FIRST, NOAH BUILT A SCAFFOLD THAT WOULD HOLD THE WHOLE BOTTOM PORTION OF THE ARK. HE PUT THE WHOLE BOTTOM PORTION OF THE ARK TOGETHER. PUT THE PITCH ON THE EXTERIOR PART, AND PUT THE PITCH ON WHAT WOULD BE THE INTERIOR PART." I KNOW THAT GOD IS TRUE TO HIS WORD AND HIS DIMENSIONS!

THEN, YOU'VE GOT TO THINK ABOUT WHAT IT WAS LIKE ON THE ARK? NOAH HAD ALL OF THESE ANIMALS AND THEY WOULD PEE AND POOP DURING ALL OF THIS TIME. SINCE GENESIS 6:21 MENTIONS HAVING FOOD FOR THE ANIMALS (PROBABLY HAY FOR SOME), THEY MUST HAVE ALSO HAD SOME TYPE OF BEDDING - STRAW). THE PITCH/ASPHALT ON THE INSIDE BOTTOM WAS ALSO WATER-PROOFING.

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THE LORD SAID, "THE LARGER ANIMALS WERE PUT ON THE LOWEST LEVEL, BECAUSE THEIR BODY WEIGHT WAS USED AS BALLAST (WEIGHT) TO STEADY THE ARK." ALSO REMEMBER, GOD CONTROLS THE WEATHER AND CAN GUIDE AND STEADY THE ARK WHEREVER HE WANTS IT TO GO! (Mark 4:35 - 41, Luke 8:22 - 25) THE BIBLE MENTIONS NOTHING ABOUT ANY FORM OF STEERAGE. THE ARK IS SIMPLY FLOATING TO WHERE GOD WANTS IT TO LAND. ONCE THE ARK LANDED ON DRY GROUND, AND THE ANIMALS WERE LET GO, NOAH AND HIS FAMILY DID HAVE A THREE STORY SHELTER, BUT I WONDERED WHY THEY DIDN'T CONTINUE TO LIVE IN IT?

THE LORD SAID, "THE WATERPROOFING WAS READY TO GO AND THE BOTTOM WOULD HAVE ROTTED. THERE WOULD BE

NOTHING TO HOLD AND SUPPORT THE SIDES OF THE HUGE STRUCTURE."

NOW WE KNOW WHY THEY DID NOT STAY IN IT! IN GENESIS 9:21 - NOAH AND HIS FAMILY ARE ALSO COMFORTABLE IN THE FRESH AIR IN A TENT!

UNFORTUNATELY, NOAH HIMSELF DID NOT HEED GOD'S WARNINGS! IN GENESIS 9:18 - 27 WE SEE THAT NOAH PLANTS A VINEYARD AND MAKES WINE. GOD'S WORD SAYS:

Proverbs 23:20-21 New International Version

"20 Do not join those who drink too much wine
or gorge themselves on meat,

21 for drunkards and gluttons become poor,
and drowsiness clothes them in rags." (NIV)

Habakkuk 2:15-17 New International Version

"15 "Woe to him who gives drink to his neighbors, pouring it from the wineskin till they are drunk, so that he can gaze on their naked bodies!

16 You will be filled with shame instead of glory.

Now it is your turn! Drink and let your nakedness be exposed^[a]!

The cup from the LORD's right hand is coming around to you,

and disgrace will cover your glory.

¹⁷ The violence you have done to Lebanon will overwhelm you, and your destruction of animals will terrify you.

For you have shed human blood;
you have destroyed lands and cities and everyone in them."
(NIV)

NOAH GETS DRUNK, AND RATHER THAN TAKING RESPONSIBILITY AND OWNING UP TO HIS OWN ISSUES. HIS SON HAM ENTERED HIS FATHER'S TENT AND FOUND HIM NAKED. HAM REPORTED THIS TO HIS BROTHERS AND THEY WALKED IN BACKWARDS TO COVER THEIR FATHER. NOAH'S DRUNKEN STUPOR CAUSED HIM TO INCORRECTLY CURSE HIS INNOCENT GRANDSON - CANAAN, INSTEAD OF CORRECTNG HIS SON HAM - THE ACTUAL PERSON WHO SAW NOAH NAKED AND REPORTED IT TO HIS BROTHERS.

Genesis 9:1-28 New International Version

"9 Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth. ² The fear and dread of you will fall on all the beasts of the earth, and on all the birds in the sky, on every creature that moves along the ground, and on all the fish in the sea; they are given into your hands. ³ Everything that lives and moves about will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything.

⁴ "But you must not eat meat that has its lifeblood still in it. ⁵ And for your lifeblood I will surely demand an accounting. I will demand an accounting from every animal. And from each human being, too, I will demand an accounting for the life of another human being.

⁶ "Whoever sheds human blood, by humans shall their blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made mankind.

⁷ As for you, be fruitful and increase in number; multiply on the earth and increase upon it."

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: ⁹ "I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you ¹⁰ and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth."

12 And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: 13 I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. 14 Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and clouds, 15 I rainbow appears in the will remember covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. 16 Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth."

¹⁷ So God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth."

The Sons of Noah

¹⁸ The sons of Noah who came out of the ark were Shem, Ham and Japheth. (Ham was the father of Canaan.) ¹⁹ These were the three

sons of Noah, and from them came the people who were scattered over the whole earth.

²⁰ Noah, a man of the soil, proceeded^[a] to plant a vineyard. ²¹ When he drank some of its wine, he became drunk and lay uncovered inside his tent. ²² Ham, the father of Canaan, saw his father naked 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 naked body. Their faces were turned the other way so that they would not see their father naked.

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."

²⁶ He also said,

"Praise be to the LORD, the God of Shem!

May Canaan be the slave of Shem.

27 May God extend Japheth's [b] territory;

may Japheth live in the tents of Shem,

and may Canaan be the slave of Japheth."

²⁸ After the flood Noah lived 350 years. ²⁹ Noah lived a total of 950 years, and then he died.

Footnotes

- a. Genesis 9:20 Or soil, was the first
- b. <u>Genesis</u> 9:27 Japheth sounds like the Hebrew for extend."(NIV)

LOOK AT THE PICTURE SHOWN BELOW:



Ourishian, Serouj, 1975, Mount Ararat and the Yerevan skyline in spring,

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The <u>mountains</u> of Ararat are a COMBINATION of 2 dormant volcanoes referred to as "Greater Ararat" and "Little Ararat" located in eastern Turkey. At the peak, Greater Ararat, has an elevation of about 5,165 meters or 16,954 feet. The elevation of Little Ararat is about 3,896 meters or 12,782 feet.

https://www.britannica.com/place/Mount-Ararat#ref281328

The fact that these ARE dormant volcanoes indicates that they GREW over time through eruptions. In the picture ABOVE, notice the plateau like area on the right-hand side of the summit closest to the viewer. There is also another plateau like area between them. (Look at the picture below.)



Ourishian, Serouj, 2016, View from the Araratian plain near the city of <u>Artashat, Armenia</u>. (Creative Commons 4) URL for the license is in the resources.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mount_Ararat#/media/File:Mount_Ararat_and_the_Araratian_plain_(cropped).jpg

When a volcano erupts the material produced, whether molten lava or ash must go somewhere. The most obvious location is the area surrounding the peak. As you can read in this Britannica article, it is not uncommon that plateau's have been formed by volcanic activity. There are plateaus of this nature all over the world.

https://www.britannica.com/science/plateau-landform/Geographic-distribution

Since Genesis 8:4 specifically states: "4 and on the seventeenth day of the seventh month the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat." (NIV)

In order to be on BOTH mountains – the ark must have landed between the 2 mountains on the plateau area.

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