

“Refuge in the Ark”

Genesis 7:1-24

Augustine: “The new is in the old concealed; the old is in the new revealed.”

NOAH, HIS HOUSEHOLD, AND THE ANIMALS ENTER THE ARK. v.1-9

1. Salvation for Noah and his household. v.1. “you and your household”

- When God establishes a covenant with Noah (6:18), his immediate family is included in the relationship.
- The righteousness of the head of the family is the basis for his family’s inclusion in the ark.

→ Application to men/heads of households...

→ Picture #1: Saved on the basis of the righteousness of another...

- Philippians 3:9: *...and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith.*

2. Salvation for the animals. v.2-3

- Seven pairs of all clean animals and birds. Why?
- More of the clean animals were needed for WORSHIP (8:20) and for FOOD (9:3).

3. The flood will begin in 7 days. v.4

- In the Bible, ‘forty’ is often descriptive of a time of trial and testing.

4. Noah did all that the LORD commanded him. v.5-9

THE WATERS OF THE FLOOD CAME UPON THE EARTH. v.10-16

1. The flooding of the earth. v.10-12

- The water came from below and from above. v.11
 - “the fountains of the great deep burst forth” – water from under the earth
 - “and the windows of heaven were opened” – from above the earth

→ A re-creation was happening through the flood of waters.

- Rabbinic interpretation observes “great” in v.11 is connected with “great wickedness of man” in 6:5

→ ‘Great sin requires a great judgment, and therefore a great Savior.’

2. But Noah took his household and the animals into the ark. v.13-16.

3. And the LORD closed the door. v.16b

- “And the LORD shut him in!”

→ Picture #2: Eternal security in Christ.

- John 10:28: I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

REFUGE IN THE ARK. v.17-24

1. The flooding waters continued for 40 days. v.17a

2. This was a flood from which there was no escape—unless you were in the ark. v.17b-23a

- The waters increased. **v.17b**
- The waters prevailed. **v.18** (“the waters prevailed” is used 4 times: v.18, 19, 20, 24
- The text is clear this was a worldwide flood—not a “local” flood. **v.19-20**
- All flesh died – animals and humans. **v.21**
- Everything that had breath died. **v.22**
- Every living thing on the ground was blotted out. **v.23**

3. Only Noah was left—and those who were with him in the ark. v.23b

- v.17: as the floods rose so did the ark
- v.18: the ark floated on the face of the waters!

→ The ark is a picture of salvation offered and provided by the LORD. The “ark” of Moses. Ref. Exodus 2:3

→ Picture #3: Salvation found in Christ alone.

- John 14:6: *I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.*