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Many doubt that the biblical story of Noah's Flood could possibly be factual. They have so many unanswered questions that, to them, the story seems grossly exaggerated, or even a work of fiction. And if Noah's Flood is not believable, what else in the Bible needs to be treated with caution? This book answers many of the most crucial questions and doubts people have about the Flood and the Ark. And as you see that the biblical account is thoroughly believable, you will discover how its message can change your life.

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WAS THE ARK BIG ENOUGH?

Many people imagine the Ark like an overgrown floating bathtub, a brownish boat with giraffes, elephants and Noah sticking out the top, waving to whales splashing in the waves. However, the Bible describes a gigantic vessel.

The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. (Genesis 6:15)

That is 140 metres long, 23 metres wide and 14 metres high.¹ It was longer than a football field and higher than a four-storey building. It had three decks and a volume of 43,000 cubic metres.





Vast size of Ark—animals to same scale.

Its capacity of 15,000 tonnes is striking, even compared with many modern ocean-going ships. Imagine the large steel boxes loaded on the decks of today's container ships. Noah's Ark could have held over 500 standard containers, each 2.5 metres high, 2.5 metres wide and 12 metres long.

Could Noah have built an Ark that big?

People in Noah's time had no less physical strength or mental ingenuity than people today. The idea that ancient people were more primitive is an *evolutionary* one.

In Genesis 4 we see that Adam's descendants were cultivating crops, farming animals, making musical instruments, forging metals and building cities. The engineering techniques, tools and machines of ancient man were much more ingenious than is often realized.² Not long after the Flood, the Egyptians, for example, were writing, cutting granite and precision-building great pyramids.

The first man that God created was perfect. In the 6,000 years since then, our intellect has deteriorated due to sin and decay. Fortunately, we have more than compensated for this natural decline by storing and passing on information and discoveries.

The Bible does not say that Noah and his sons did all the work themselves, even though that would have been possible for them. It is likely

that they hired skilled workers to harvest and transport the timber, shape the boards and handle the huge beams used to frame the vessel.

The ancients also built big wooden boats, like one in Alexandria in Egypt that was 128 m long³—almost as big as the Ark. It was powered with three banks of oarsmen and carried up to four thousand soldiers.

And Noah's Ark was far simpler than the racing hull of a Greek warship. Think of the Ark as an ocean-going barge, with a strong hull to handle the waves. Clearly, the account of Noah's Flood in the Bible is not fantasy.

How could all the animals fit?

To start with, God did not tell Noah to take every kind of animal on board. It was only the air-breathing, land-dwelling animals⁴ that would have perished in the Flood.

Whales, fish and other aquatic creatures like clams and shrimps would survive in the water outside the Ark. So would most amphibians and insects. This greatly reduced the number of animals on board.

Also, the biblical kind was much broader than today's species. Only the parent 'kinds' of all related species were needed on the Ark to repopulate the earth. The Bible says:

And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every sort into the ark to keep them alive with you. They shall be male and female. (Genesis 6:19)⁵

Take dogs, for example. Today we have more than 200 species of 'dogs' including coyotes, foxes, jackals and wolves. These, together with our domestic dogs (from the Great Dane to the Toy Poodle) are all likely descended from one original 'dog kind'.

It is the same with the other animals, like the cat kind, horse kind and cow kind. The amazing variety in all the animals we have today has been bred from just a few 'mongrels' of each sort of animal that was on board Noah's Ark.⁶

John Woodmorappe, in his book *Noah's Ark: A Feasibility Study*, estimates that, 16,000 animals, at the very most,⁷ needed to be housed on the Ark.

THE GENESIS FLOOD

FACT OR FICTION?

Modern education considers the Genesis account of a catastrophic world-wide flood to be mere **fiction**. If such an event actually happened the evidence should be all around us. In this book you will come face-to-face with some of those fascinating evidences. From the masses of fossils buried globally in water-laid sediments, to ancient tribal legends existing in almost all the world's cultures, *The Genesis Flood: Fact or Fiction* gives you powerful reasons to understand this event as historical **fact**.



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