

Noah
Noah Builds the Ark (Lesson 2)
Genesis 6:13--17
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Thesis: I want to show the wisdom God puts on display in the building of the Ark

- Intro:
1. The ark is a source of interest & criticism.
 2. Today, I want us to see the plan that God put in place & the wisdom we can see in it.
 3. We will also be reminded about what God's wisdom does for mankind.

I. The Scale of the Ark. (**Gen 6:15-16**)

- A. The Purpose of the ark is important to remember.
1. The purpose of the ark was simple, stay afloat.
 2. There was no need for steering, or a rudder.
 3. The Ark was to be a barge that would float until the flood waters recede from the earth. (**Image of the ark**)-*slide-a6*
- B. It's volume & square footage
1. **The ark had to have enough living space for the animals and Noah's family.**
 - a. We will talk about the number of animals on the ark in another lesson.
 - b. Slide a4**
 - c. slide a-12; a-13** (1.5 million cubit feet);
 2. **The Bible tells us about the design of the ark**
 - a. (the decks, the square footage, etc **SLIDES**)
 - b. A-9**
 - c. A-10**
 - d. A-1**
 - e. A-7; A-8**

II. The Reality of the build & the tools available.

- A. Tools available
1. **To have an idea what kind of tools were available, we have to consider the time period in which Noah lived. (B-6 slide)**
 2. Noah's time period is also known as the "Bronze Age".
(**Misconception-1 slide; B-7 slide**)
 - a. -tools-10; tools-12**
 - b. tools-13; tools-14**
- B. **Time to completion**
1. How much time would Noah need to complete such a large scale project?
 - a. t-12;t-13;**
 - b. t-1; t-3**
 - c. t-7; t-8; t-9; t-10;t-11;**
 - i. t-4; t-5; t-6**
 2. Is it even possible to build such a structure during Noah's time? (**b-9 slide;b-10 slide**)

III. How does this help us today?

- A. God's Wisdom is beyond man's. (**Isaiah 55:9**)
 - 1. Through things like the ark, we can see the wisdom of God.
 - a. Man says there is no way such a structure could have been built and that it could not have done what the Bible says it was to do.
 - 2. Yet, we see that God makes all things possible (**Mt 19:26b**)
- B. That same wisdom, has a way for man's salvation.
 - 1. **1 Cor 1:21**
 - 2. **Hebrews 5:9**

Application & Conclusion:

- 1. God, in His wisdom, chose to remove all wickedness from the earth. He saved 8 people. By their obedience they would be saved (**Heb 5:9**).
- 2. Today we are saved when we obey God's Word & follow His commands (**Rom 6:17**).
- 3. Full Invitation

God's plan for the alien sinner

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Luke 13:3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – Rev 2:10,

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9