

Genesis 7:1-16 – Loading Ark/Flood Begins

Observations:

Genesis 7:1

-Noah's righteousness impacted his whole family. Our lives have an impact on those close to us, either for good (Rom. 11:28) or for evil (2 Sam. 21:1).

Genesis 7:2-10

-Clean and unclean? Wasn't commanded until Moses

-God valued the animals enough to save them.

-Animals came to Noah and got on the Ark.

SCIENCE NOTE #1. Capacity of the Ark:

God gives us detailed dimensions of the Ark. The Ark was the equivalent of roughly 340 livestock trailers. This means that the Ark could have held, for example, 102,000 adult sheep. Since most of the animals would have been much smaller than sheep, the Ark had the capacity to hold a lot of critters.

SCIENCE NOTE #2. Kinds of Animals

The Ark needed to carry animals that could repopulate the earth after the flood. But it didn't need to carry every variation of animal we see today. Think of dogs: The Ark didn't need to have every breed of dog (Golden Retriever, German Shepherd, etc.); rather, it needed one pair of dogs that would eventually become all the different breeds we see today.

Genesis 7:11-16

-Springs of the deep and floodgates of heaven?

-40 tends to be a time of testing and change in the Bible.

-Elohim and Jehovah.

Explanation vs. Information

Sometimes God explains things - tells us how it happened. Sometimes He only tells us that it did happen. When He explains, we need to apply ourselves to understand. When He just tells us it happened, we need to apply ourselves to believe.

“Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” *-Mark 10:15*

Ark is a picture of the Gospel

“For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit.”

-1 Peter 3:18-22

God destroyed the world by water because of sin, but Noah was saved through the flood by entering the Ark. God will destroy the world again by fire because of sin, but we can be saved through Christ's sacrifice on the cross.