

**THE RIGHTEOUS PERSON RESTS**  
**FULLY ON THE WORD OF GOD!**  
**GENESIS CH6:9-22**

**ILLUSTRATION**

Picture the Ark, how big is it? What are you comparing it to? How wide, how tall?

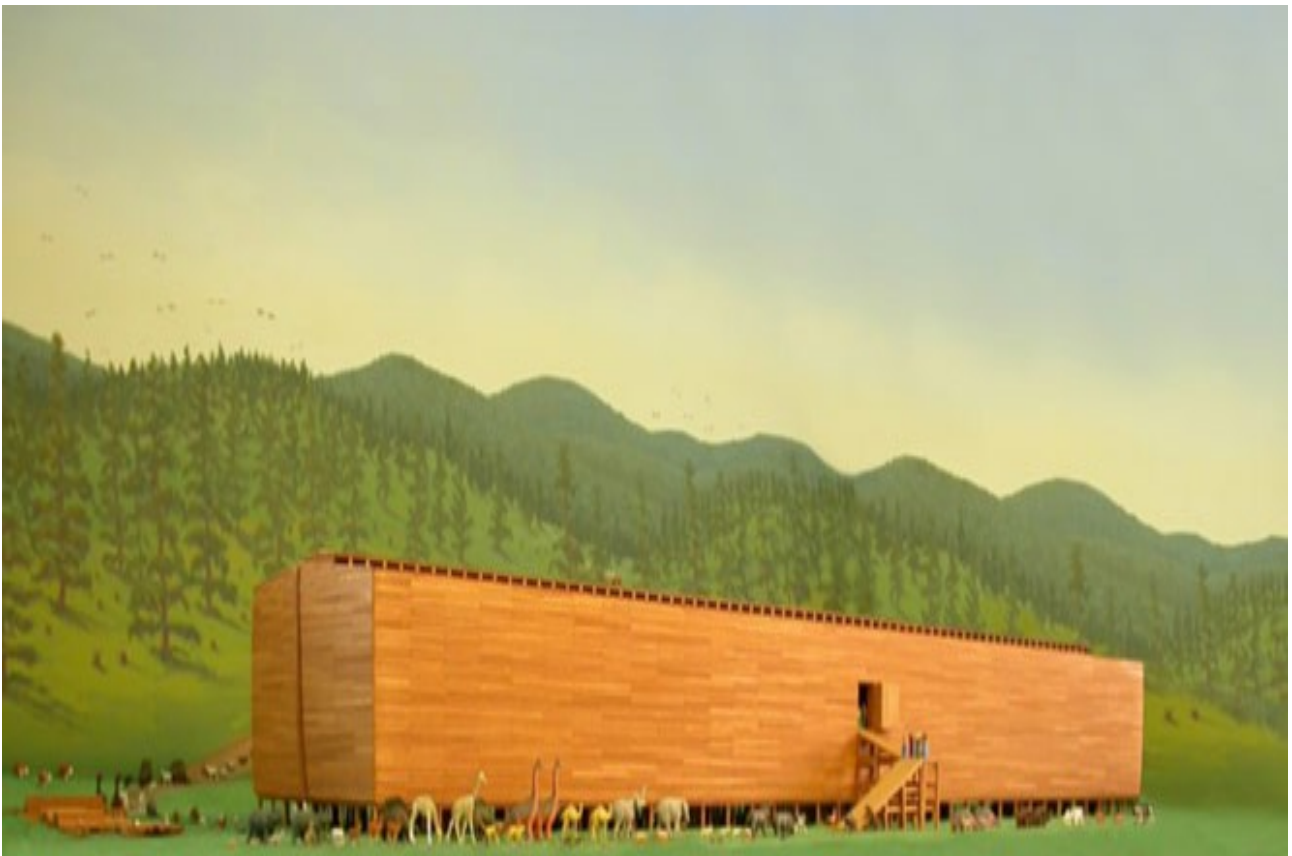
**DESIGN FOR THE DIFFERENT GENERATIONS! V9-12**

This is now the 3<sup>rd</sup> time that Moses uses the phrase ***“These are the generations”***, ***we know it is used 11 times in Genesis to mark 11 major divisions***, which enable us to break down the 50 chapters into manageable sections – namely, Ch2:4, Ch5:1, Ch6:9, Ch10:1, Ch11:10, Ch11:27, Ch25:12, Ch25:19, Ch36:1, Ch36:9 and Ch37:2! ***Noah has three sons Shem, the oldest (Ch10:21), Japheth, the middle son (Ch10:21) and Ham, the youngest (Ch9:24)!***

Noah is deemed as a “righteous man”, not because he was perfect or sinless, but because he believed God! Like Abraham after him, who “believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness” (Ch15:6), Noah believed! In reference to Noah, this is the first time that ***“righteous”*** is mentioned in the Bible, and along with Enoch, these two are the only primeval patriarchs to have “walked with God”!

In the “demonized” culture of his day, Noah stands out for believing God and walking with Him, taking Him at His Word and obeying Him! ***2 Peter Ch2:5 reveals that Noah was “a herald of righteousness”, a preacher to his corrupt and violent generation, which was marked by its thirst for violence (v11+13)!***

**DESIGN FOR THE ARK OF SALVATION! V13-17**



The earth is now corrupt and violent, and God decides to act! God has determined to “make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them” (V13).

God provides Noah with the dimensions of the Ark – v15 + v16. Approximately 150 m Long, 25m Wide, and 15m High. If you had to draw an ark based on these dimensions, what would it look like I wonder? Hold up the box and show the slide!

What does it say in Ch5:32, Noah is how old? And in Ch7:6, Noah is how old? **A 100 YEARS OF MAKING THE ARK! Noah along with his 3 sons, had more than enough work to keep them busy for decades!** The ark is a staggering 238 feet longer than the largest ever wooden boat built by man, the “Cutty Sark”! The Big Dog Boat!

### **DESIGN FOR THE FIRST COVENANT! V18-22**

v18 - God establishes a covenant with Noah, a promise, an agreement, and because God cannot break His Word, it is an unbreakable promise. You can build your life on God's Word! This is the second of two firsts, “righteous” and now “covenant”! This word appears in the Old Testament 253 times and in the New Testament 20! But here for the first time.

God is about to cleanse the whole earth of evil, and bring an end to its corruption and violence. And now, through grace, chooses to save 8 people in all, so that humanity and God's plan of redemption can be fulfilled!

Noah receives instructions from God, regarding the animals that will board the ark, but how many do we think in total? It is estimated that something like 35,000 – 70,000 creatures boarded the ark!

For how long? – Although it rained for 40 days and forty nights, it is thought around 370 days in total were spent on the ark! A staggering 1 year and 5 days!

### **APPLICATION**

1. At The Mission Church we promote ministry with 3 particular principles, being low key, long term and relational. Imagine working together for decades?
2. Just like the ark provided hope for salvation for the 8 and all of God's land creatures, the Lord Jesus Christ through dying on the cross, is our hope for salvation, who would you like to see from your friends, family and neighbours, on board with Jesus?

