

Remnant Life Church
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Sunday School Stories Retold:
Noah – Much More than Just a Big Boat
Genesis 6:9-22

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- Challenge of unbelief of many of the OT accounts
 - Beginning with creation
 - Abraham and Sarah having a son at age 100 and 90
 - Walls of Jericho
 - The Red Sea
 - (next week) Jonah
 - Noah's Ark
- Science is important but it is not as exact as they want us to believe
- New discoveries and corrections are always changing what we are told is "fact"
 1. 1922 an article was published claiming that a missing link had been discovered in the evolution of man
 - Based on a tooth found by a rancher in Nebraska
 - Nebraska man was called the first ancient anthropoid ape of North America
 - It was discovered later that it was the tooth of a pig
 - Too long ago!
 - Darwin's "On the Origin of the Species" - 1859
 2. Piltdown man was another great scientific breakthrough discovered in Sussex England in 1953
 - Constructed from a skull and lower jaw found near Piltdown Common
 - For nearly 40 years it was accepted as "fact"
 - Later found to be a hoax using a human skull and the lower jaw of an orangutan
- Science is very important but those who claim that science is the only basis of truth even contradict themselves
 - They create their own tests to prove or disprove what they wish
 - What is becoming evident is that science, in spite of their desire to do otherwise, is proving more and more of the Bible
- Let's look at the science of the Ark
 1. God said – $300 \times 50 \times 30$ cubits = $450 \times 75 \times 45$ feet
 - 1 and $\frac{1}{2}$ football fields long
 - 4 and $\frac{1}{2}$ stories high
 - Three decks
 2. Total interior volume was 1.54 million cubic feet
 - Equivalent volume of 522 standard American railroad stock cars
 - Each stock car can hold 240 sheep
 - Total space for 125,280 animals
 3. How many animals?

- Scientists number the different land-dwelling mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibian species at around 20,000
- But that number for Noah was probably not as high – i.e. 9000 bird species and of those approximately 400 are different types of hummingbirds
- Biblical researchers estimate that 8000 is a likely number of the different types of animals that came to the ark
- Well why should believe one story from one author? (Genesis)
 - Over 270 cultures tell of an ancient story about a flood and they have great similarities
 - Corrupt sinful man; worldwide flood; 8 survivors; saving animals; use of a dove to determine the water level; landing on a mountain top; repopulating the world; even the name Noah is used in various forms and spellings
 - Historians have a general rule that the same story told over multiple cultures is most probably true
 - Robert Ballard (Titanic) searching near Turkey in the Black Sea for evidence of the flood around the time of Noah
- If the accounts of the Bible are being proven more and more to be true how then can the rest of the Bible, including Jesus, be discounted?
- How did Noah find favor with God (6:8) and come to be selected to survive?
- The Bible gives us 4 characteristics:
 1. He was a righteous man (6:9)
 - What does righteous mean? To live in an upright way; morally; virtuous
 - Not given to the way of living like the world
 - He would have needed it!
 - + 100 years to build the ark in Central Iraq
 - + In a region that has 11 out of 12 months as dry periods
 - + Less than 6 inches of rainfall per year
 - + Ridicule, laughter, scorn – how many people can take that and for how long?
 - Jesus endured the same when He was taken through the 6 trials from Friday night into Saturday (Isa 33:15-16 – those who walk righteously receive the blessing of God)
 - To live righteous means you don't lash back; many times you hold your tongue
 2. He was blameless among the people of his time (6:9)
 - The corruption of man had become worldwide
 - Only 10 generations from Adam
 - But God continued to give them time to change
 - + the name Methuselah means, “When He Dies – Judgment”
 - + by examining the numbers the Bible provides of birth and death with Methuselah, Lemech, and Noah we can conclude that the flood came the very year that Methuselah died
 - + God waited by allowing him to live the longest but was true to His word
 - In spite of the great corruption all around him – Noah was blameless

- **I Cor 1:8** - *He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.*
 - + Our goal in everyday life as we anticipate the return of Jesus
 - 3. He walked faithfully with God (**6:9**)
 - Noah did not hide his faith it was active
 - It was certainly active during the building of the Ark
 - + Peter called Noah a preacher of righteousness (**2 Peter 2:5**)
 - Walking out something in your life means it is active and ongoing
 - 4. Noah also obeyed God in spite of what it looked like (**6:22**)
 - Following God and His word will not be easy especially with others telling you something different
 - + You will make choices that others will not make
 - + You will not take advantage of other people for your own gain
 - + You won't participate in what everyone else is doing when it is compromising God's Word
 - + You will not act, speak, respond, or live like those who don't know Jesus Christ as their personal savior
- Noah was much more than a great carpenter; herdsman; and sailor
 - He showed us the importance of faith
 - *By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith. (Heb 11:7)*
 - Our lives today are wholly dependent on faith
 - What are you believing God for today?
 - How is your faith being challenged?
 - Will you, like Noah in the face of opposition from all around, be righteous, be blameless, walk faithfully with God, and obey His Word?
 - You never know what task God might set before you – be ready to serve Him in righteousness, blameless, faithfully, and in obedience.