

# Noah's Ark

## I. Flood Was Real!

- A. Has long been atheist's favorite object of ridicule.
- B. Effected attitude: Cf. AOL Poll, 78% believe. Cf. Ridicule
- C. Jesus believed it was real, Matt.24:37; Cf. Peter, II Pet.3:5-6;  
*Fourteen references to the flood in the N.T.*

## II. Was Universal!

- A. 200 documented flood "traditions" around world.  
Flood traditions unexplainable apart from common experience.  
59 Flood legends from the Aborigines of North America  
46 from Central and South America, 31 from Europe,  
17 from the Middle East, 23 from Asia, and  
37 from the South Sea Islands and Australia.  
James A. Strickling, "A Statistical Analysis of Flood Legends,"  
*CRSQ*, vol.9, no. 3 (Dec. 1972), pp. 152-155
- B. Genesis Description, 30 universal terms (Moses to Israel).  
Gen.6:13, "all flesh....with earth;" Gen.7:19, 21, 23, "all", "every", "only."
- C. Population Dynamics: All men, animals in one valley?
  - 1. If one animal got out of "valley," one bird over hill, God lied.
  - 2. According to college text, Pre-Calculus Mathematics.  
Formula For Predicting Population:  $P=P_0E^{rt}$   
At 2017's extremely low rate (.81) for 2500 years = Over A Billion  
(Josephus said that Adam and Eve had 33 sons and 23 daughters.)
- D. Gen.6:11, "earth filled with violence".
- E. Rainbow covenant, Gen.9:15.
- F. Sea shells on mountain tops around world. (Everest, Ararat)
- G. Global Extent of Continuous Sedimentary Layers

## III. "All Those Animals?"

- A. "One Million Species" according to Ernst Mayr. (Fish on ark?)
- B. 75K maximum total (species not "kinds") on the ark.  
How Many Land Animals?  
(Mammals, Reptiles, Amphibians, Birds)  

"Species" 17,550	"Kinds" 5,000
X2 =35,000 Animals	X2 =10,000 Animals
+100% Extinct	+100% Extinct
70,000 Regular	20,000 Regular
+5,000 Clean	+1,000 Clean
75,000 Total	21,000 Total
- C. Idea of size from Fisher-Price, Picture.  
Yes, dinosaurs were on the ark. Post-flood pictures, carving, sculptures prove.
- D. Ark's Capacity (@21" Per Cubit)  
525' long    Almost Two Football Fields  
87.5' wide    Two Million Cubic Feet  
52.5' high    750 Railcars (@240 Sheep Per Car)  
Total Capacity = 180,000 ANIMALS
- E. Conclusion:  
Assuming:
  1. Kind = "Species"
  2. Exaggerated Estimate Of Animals
  3. Double Number For Extinction
  4. More Than Double Average SizeTotal only 75,000 (outside maximum). Accommodated in 42% of capacity  
"Kinds" accommodated in 12% of capacity.

## IV. Could It Still Be There?

- A. Wood last that long? Examples:  
4K year old Egyptian boat;  
4K year old Chinese noodles, Nature, 9/2005)

## B. Implications Staggering.

1. Would revolutionize virtually all disciplines.
2. Geology (Physical & Historical); Anthropology; Archeology; Zoology; Biology; Humanities, History, Sociology, Religion.
3. Gilbert Grosvenor (1875-1966). First Editor of *National Geographic*  
"The discovery of Noah's Ark would be the greatest archaeological find in human history, the greatest event since the resurrection of Christ, and it would alter all the currents of scientific thought."

## C. "Just go look and see", Picture of Mountain

1. Political Problems, Map. 6km from Iran, 6km from Armenia.
2. Physical Problems (500 sq. miles) 17,000', 3.5 miles up.  
Unconsolidated boulders roll and tumble; Crevasses.

## D. Reported Sightings (34 generally consistent)

1. Ancient Writings
  - a. Josephus: "Now all the writers of barbarian histories make mention of this flood, and of this ark; ... Antiquities, XII, p.14
  - b. Josephus names 6 historians, incl. Berossus, 3rd century BC, Babylonian
2. Georgie Hagipanian (W/Alfred Lee) 1908 & 1910, W/Uncle (2)
3. Russian Soldiers 1916-17; Two escaped w/photo; Arutunoff to America, sketch.
4. George Green, 1954, Oil Geol. Photos, Murdered.
5. Ed Davis, Don Shockey & Don Patton; Ed Davis Drawing.
6. Cf. "Lost Squadron," WW II airplanes abandoned in Greenland.

## V. Present Efforts To Verify (View of Mt.)

- A. Personally, climbed Ararat 7 times since 2008 (summitted 3 times).
  1. Ground Penetrating Radar examined grid identified by satellite telemetry.  
Imaged ark shaped anomaly. Upper tip 40' beneath ice.
  2. Dug 8'x8' 34 foot deep hole. "Spoofing" altered GPS location. 8 meters off.
  3. Auger produced wood with pitch.
- B. Location of 100' section at edge of glacier disclosed. Sketch. Expect to document.

## CONCLUSION

1. Tom Jarrell, ABC 20/20: "Consider if the biblical story of Creation is fact and not fable, then the theory of evolution is all wet. A confirmed discovery [of Noah's Ark] would be the greatest archaeological find of all times and would provide for religious fundamentalists hard evidence of the Bible's absolute reliability."
2. Flood says, "Sin is serious; God will judge.", II Pet.3:5, 10.  
Those who refused mercy were judged.
3. Also says, "God is merciful", I Pet.3:20; 21. Body of Christ, type of Ark.
4. Do not refuse God's final offer of mercy.