



Noah

A Righteous Man in a Wicked Age

Lesson 04

Noah Built an Ark

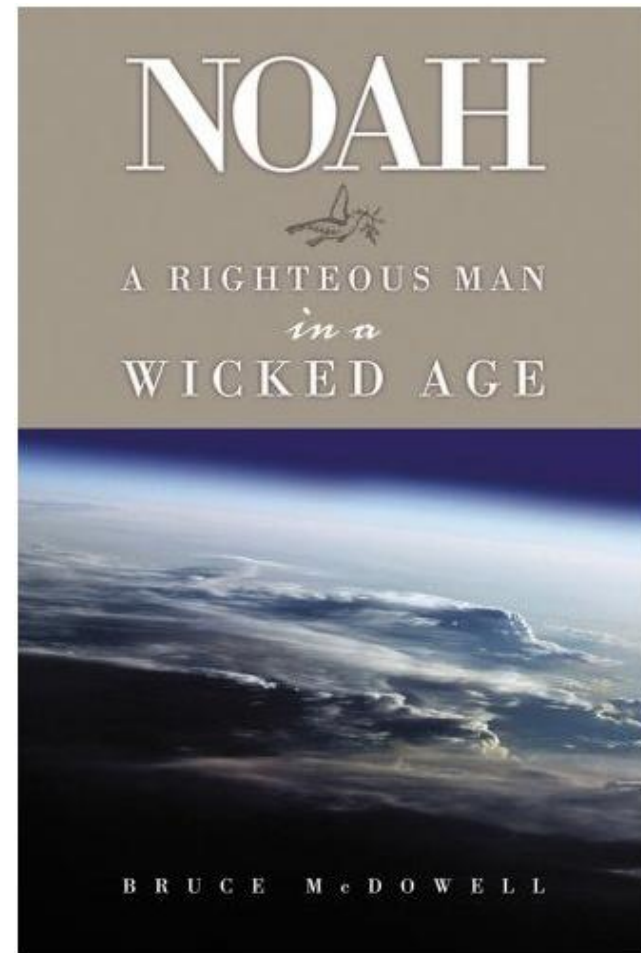
Genesis 6:9-16

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Chapters 6:9-16

Noah Pleases God

Genesis 6:9-12- *NKJV*



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The Ark Prepared

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Noah Walked with God

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■ Genealogy

• Toledot Structure of Genesis

- ✓ Toledot (תולדות) means “*generations*” or “*genealogy*” or “*history*”
- ✓ Eleven toledot sections
- ✓ Noah is the third toledot

3rd Toledot

1. “These are the generations of [Toledot] the heavens and of the earth” (Gen. 1:1-2:4).
2. “This is the book of the generations of [Toledot] Adam” (Gen. 5:1).
3. “These are the generations of [Toledot] Noah” (Gen. 6:9).
4. “These are the generations of [Toledot] the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth” (Gen. 10:1).
5. “These are the generations of [Toledot] Shem” (Gen. 11:10).
6. “These are the generations of [Toledot] Terah” (Gen. 11:27).
7. “These are the generations of [Toledot] Ishmael” (Gen. 25:12).
8. “These are the generations of [Toledot] Isaac, Abraham’s son” (Gen. 25:19).
9. “These are the generations of [Toledot] Esau, who is Edom” (Gen. 36:1).
10. “These are the generations of [Toledot] Esau the father of the Edomites” (Gen. 36:9).
11. “These are the generations of [Toledot] Jacob” (Gen. 37:2).

Noah is the third toledot of Genesis.



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By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.



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Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every intent of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually.



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And the **angels** who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;



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■ Perfect in his generations

- Noah is presented as perfect in his generations
 - ✓ The Hebrew word for generations is different than *Toledot* @ verse beginning
 - At the beginning of the verse ... This is the genealogy (*generation*) of Noah
- Noah's lineage is perfect
 - ✓ From Adam to Noah un-corrupted by sons of God mischief
 - ✓ Seed of the woman remains un-contaminated by the seed of the serpent
 - Curse on the serpent at the fall ... Genesis 3:14-15

14 So the LORD God said to the serpent:
"Because you have done this,
You *are* cursed more than all cattle,
And more than every beast of the field;
On your belly you shall go,
And you shall eat dust
All the days of your life.

15 And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and
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He shall bruise your head,
And you shall bruise His heel."

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²² After he begot Methuselah, Enoch walked with God three hundred years, and had sons and daughters.

²³ So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years.

²⁴ And Enoch walked with God; and he *was* not, for God took him.



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And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.



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²¹ “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

²² Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’

²³ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’



Genesis 6:10 - Observations

10 And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

■ Noah's Three Sons

- All peoples of the world today trace lineage to Noah's sons
- Only Noah, his sons, and their wives
 - ✓ Span the two great epochs
 - Antediluvian - before flood
 - Postdiluvian - after flood
 - ✓ Spared the wrath of God



Noah Built an Ark

Depravity of the World

Chapters 6:11-13



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11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

- The earth was corrupt and filled with violence
 - State of the earth at the time of Noah and his sons
 - ✓ Corrupt - because of thoughts, words, and actions of man and angels
 - ✓ Man and angels did what was right in their own eyes
 - Did not walk with God.
 - Is there a parallel today?
 - Is our generation corrupt?
 - Is our generation filled with violence?
 - What did Jesus say regarding the end times? - Olivet discourse (Matthew 24:36-44)



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36 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. **37** But as the days of Noah *were*, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. **38** For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, **39** and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. **40** Then two *men* will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. **41** Two *women* will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. **42** Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. **43** But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. **44** Therefore you also be ready, for **the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.**

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Genesis 6:12 - Observations

12 So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.

■ God Looked Upon the Earth

- God provides assessment of the earth's state
 - ✓ Condition: Corrupt
 - ✓ Cause: All flesh had corrupted their way on the earth
 - All flesh includes all terrestrial beings
 - » Man
 - » Sons for God - fallen angels who left their estate and took on human flesh
 - » Nephilim - offspring of the sons of God union with daughters of men
 - » Animals on the earth and in the air - beasts, creeping things, birds
 - » NOT the aquatic animals - fish ... salt water or fresh water (*Bible is silent*)
 - ✓ Contrast with God's assessment of His creation in **Genesis 1**
 - What God made He pronounced
 - » Good
 - » Very Good



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and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, *one of eight people*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;



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- God revealed to Noah the awful holocaust that was coming
 - ✓ Warning of the flood judgment was protracted ... 120 years
 - ✓ The execution of the flood judgment was sudden
 - Olivet discourse (Matthew 24:36-44)



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■ The end of all flesh has come before Me

- Everything is laid bare before God - Nothing escapes His attention
 - ✓ God sees the end from the beginning
 - ✓ Here He sees the end of all flesh
 - ✓ He sees the solution
 - In sending the Great Flood
 - In sending Jesus



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- For the earth is filled with violence through them
 - Corruption, wickedness, and violence had reached a limit
 - ✓ The earth is filled with violence
 - Through them ... who are the "them"?
 - ✓ "All flesh"
 - Man
 - Sons of God
 - Nephilim



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■ I will destroy them with the earth

• God Expands on His assessment of Condition and Cause

✓ To include His Action

- I will destroy them with the earth
- "them" includes wicked man, the sons of God, and the Nephilim

✓ Reason for Action

- Height and breadth of corruption, wickedness, and violence reached its limit
- God needed to act to preserve the seed of the woman
 - » Integrity of the lineage of Jesus our savior
 - » Judgment of evil - human and angelic
- All God's actions were part of Plan A
 - » God does not ~~have~~ alternate plans
 - » God does not ~~need~~ alternate plans



Noah Built an Ark

God Designed an Ark

Chapters 6:14-16



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3 But when she could no longer hide him, she took an ark of bulrushes for him, daubed it with asphalt and pitch, put the child in it, and laid *it* in the reeds by the river's bank.

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5 Then the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river. And her maidens walked along the riverside; and when she saw the ark among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it.



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- Gopherwood
 - ✓ Unrelated to the animal, gopher
 - ✓ Actual type of wood is unknown



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■ Make rooms in the ark

- “rooms”
 - ✓ Cells or chambers
 - ✓ Literally nests
 - ✓ At the time of the English translation
 - Room and place were synonymous terms
- Brings to mind the **rooms** that Jesus is preparing for us (John 14:1-3)

14 “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.
2 In My Father’s house are many **mansions**; if *it were* not *so*, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. **3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.

Literally “dwellings”



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- Cover it inside and outside with pitch
 - “pitch” ... Hebrew *koper*
 - Used to provide a water tight seal
 - ✓ *Noah used for the ark*
 - ✓ *Moses' basket*



Genesis 6:15 - Observations

15 And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark *shall be* three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits.

■ This is how you shall make it

- God designed the ark
 - ✓ The ark was not designed for navigation but floatation
 - ✓ The ark was designed to preserve man and the terrestrial animals
 - ✓ The ark was a type of Christ -
 - A means of salvation
 - God is the author of salvation
- The units of measure for Noah were cubits
 - ✓ What is a cubit?



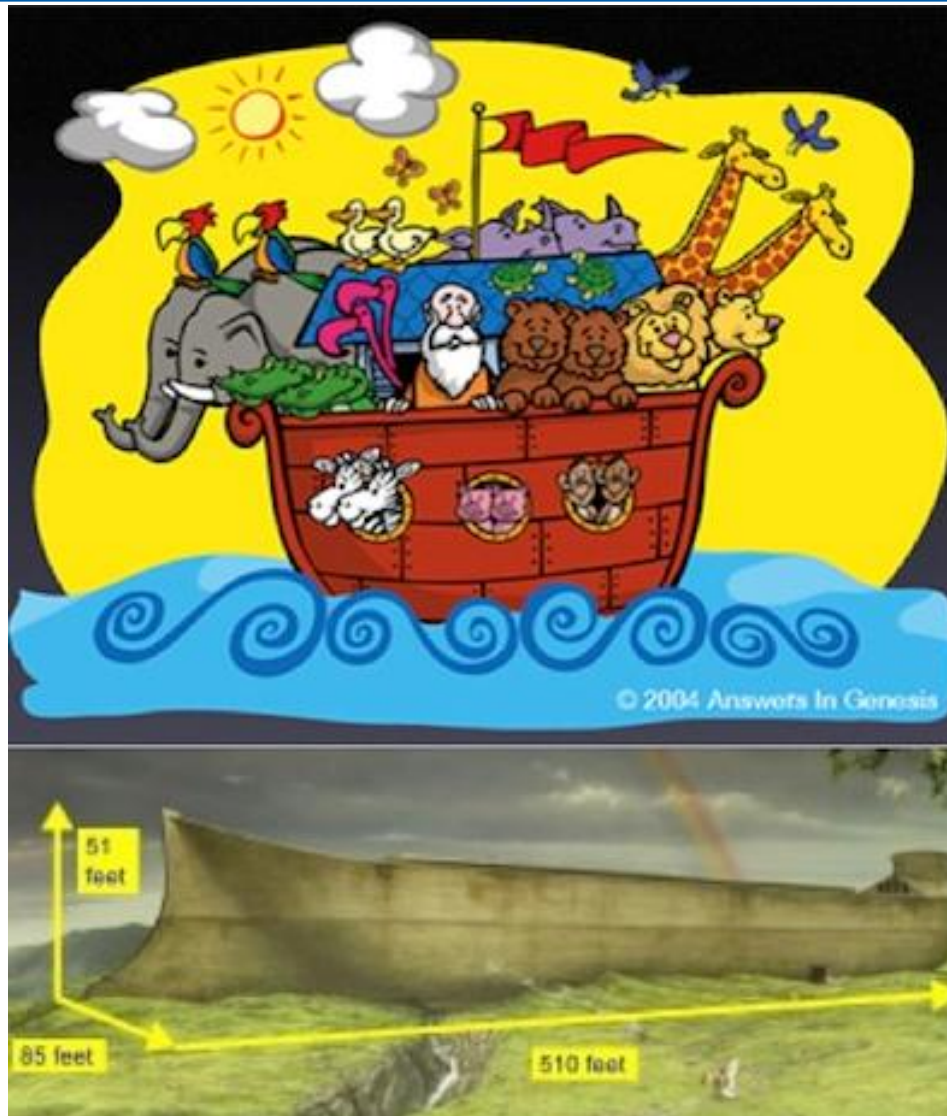
How Long is a Cubit?

The length of a cubit was based on the distance from the elbow to the fingertips, so it varied between different ancient groups of people. Here are some samples from Egypt, Babylon, and ancient Israel

Culture	Inches (centimeters)
Hebrew (short)	17.5 (44.5)
Egyptian	17.6 (44.7)
Common (short)	18 (45.7)
Babylonian (long)	19.8 (50.3)
Hebrew (long)	20.4 (51.8)
Egyptian (long)	20.6 (52.3)



Noah's Ark Comparison To Flannel Board

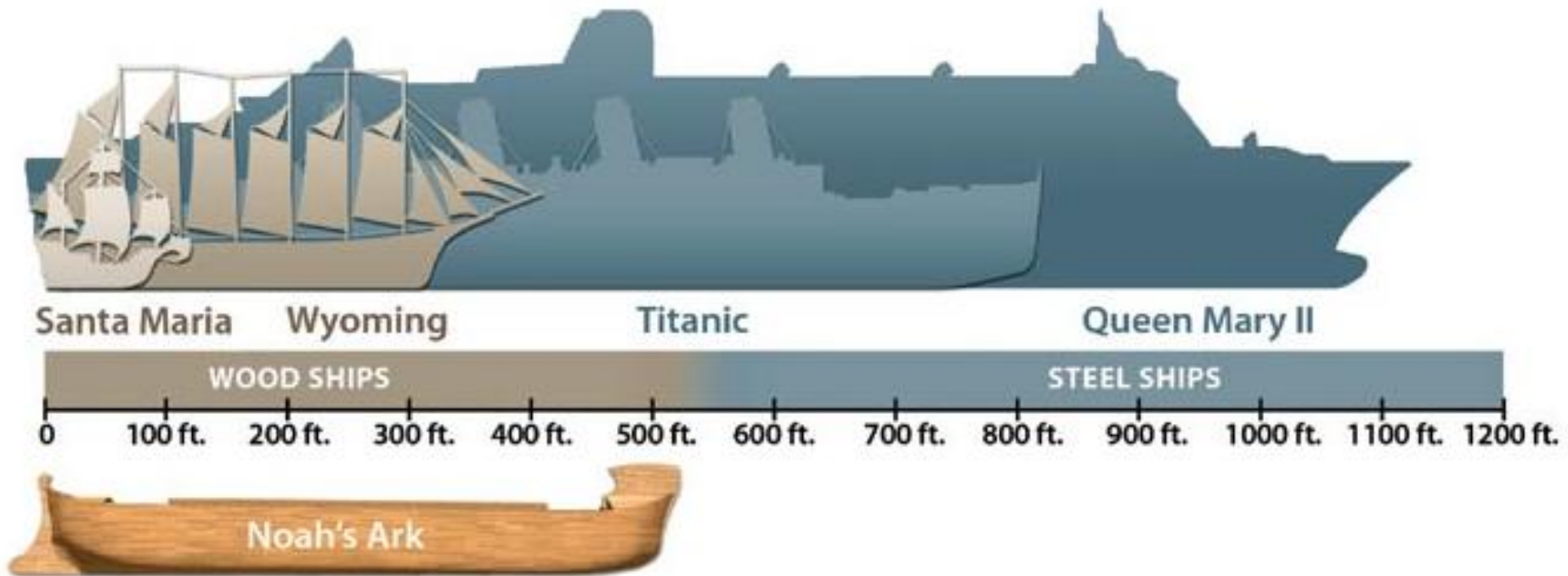


Noah's Ark: Shape & Its Proportions



Scripture gives no clue about the shape of Noah's Ark beyond its proportions that are given in [Genesis 6:15](#), which reads: "And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits" (NKJV).

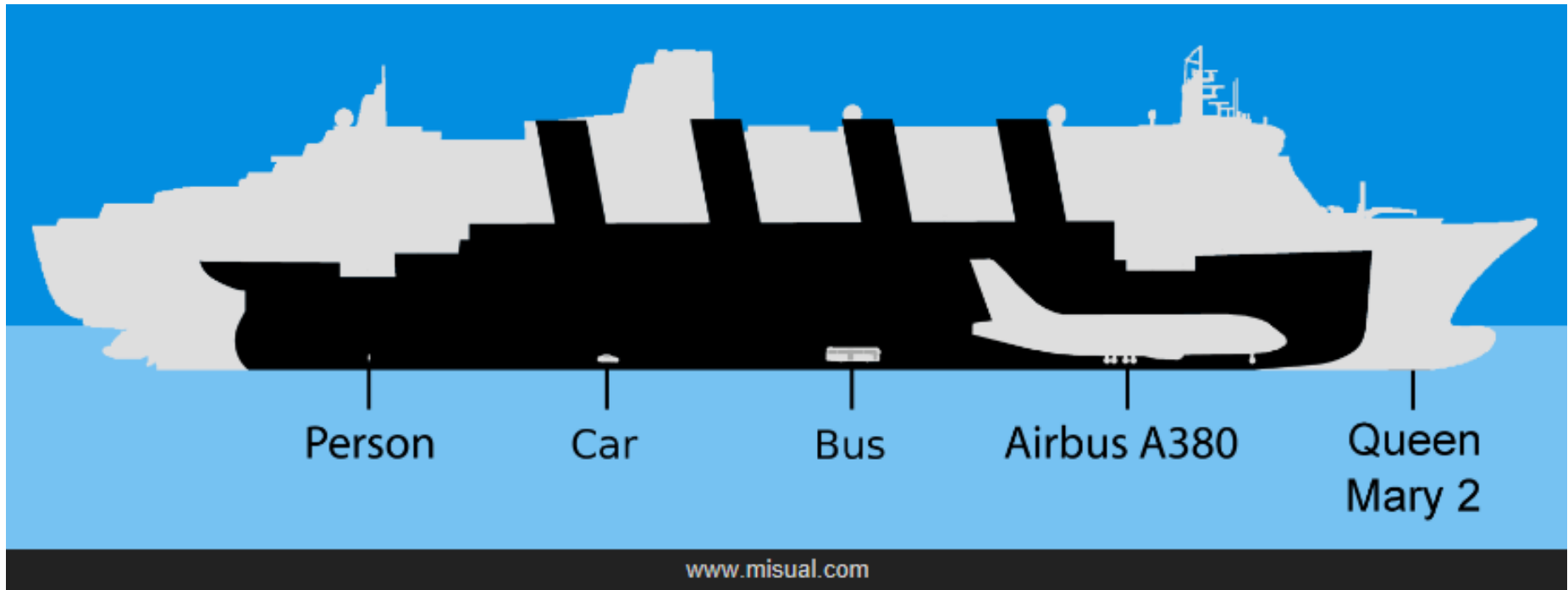
Noah's Ark Comparison To Other Ships



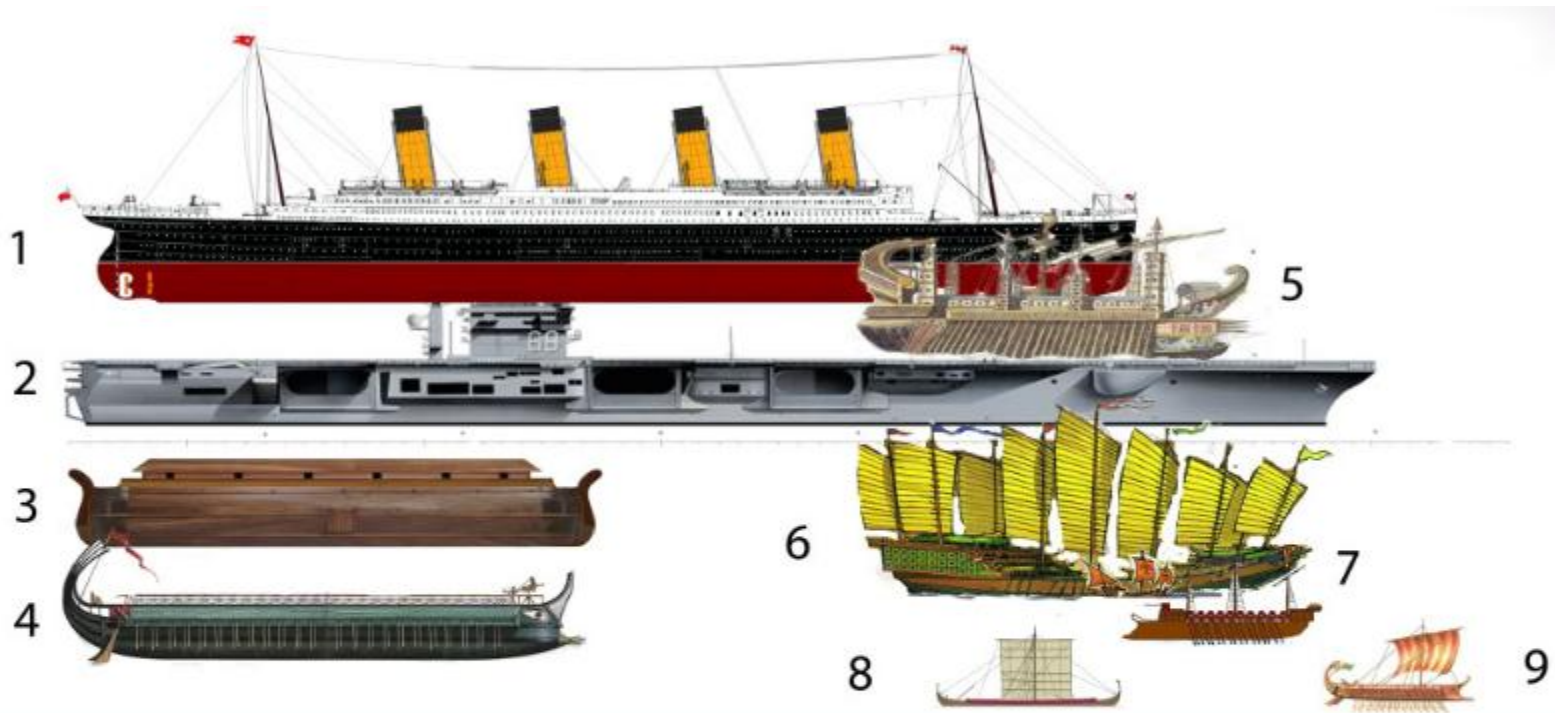
How Big Was the Ark?

It depends on your cubit size! To get the 510 ft (155 m) given here, we used a cubit of 20.4 in (51.8 cm). See

Queen Mary 2 Comparisons



Noah's Ark Comparison To Other Ships



1)HMS Titanic - 269 meters

2)USS Nimitz - 332 meters

3)Noah's Ark - 135-157 meters?

4)Ptolemy Philopater's "Tessarakonteres" (Forty) - 128 meters

5)Emperor Caligula's "Giant" ship - 95-104 meters

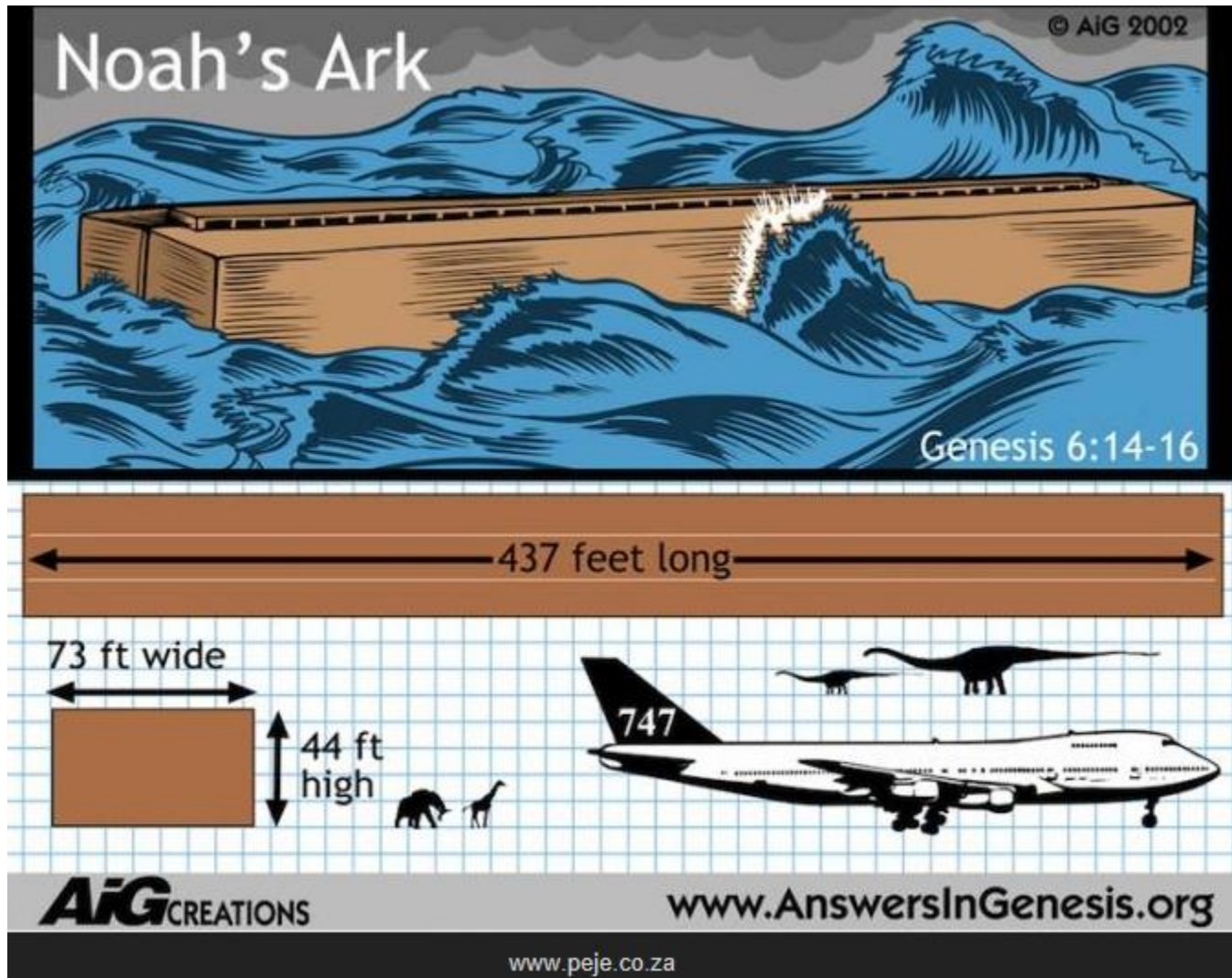
6)Zheng He's "Treasure ships" - 120-140 meters

7)Byzantine Dromon warship - 45-50 meters

8)Viking Busse Longship - 45 meters

9)"Average" Trireme - 37 meters

Noah's Ark Comparisons



Full-sized replica of Noah's Ark



Johan Huibers poses with a stuffed tiger in front of his full-scale replica of Noah's Ark in Dordrecht, Netherlands, Monday, Dec. 10, 2012. The Ark has opened its doors in the Netherlands after receiving permission to receive up to 3,000 visitors per day.

Huibers - who had previously constructed a smaller version of the ark - said his \$1.6 million replica has realized a 20-year dream to educate people about history and faith.

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Genesis 6:16 - Observations



16 You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it *with* lower, second, and third *decks*.

■ You shall make a window

- Note that there is a single window

■ Set the door of the ark

- Note that there is a single door
- Jesus is the door (John 10:7-10)
 - ✓ The only way of salvation
 - ✓ You must enter the door to be saved

7 Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. **8** All who *ever* came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. **9** I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. **10** The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.

■ Three decks

- Three decks represent the three heavens

