

## Genesis 7

1 The analogy is deep. We aren't righteous in ourselves, but because we look to the Lord to be our righteousness we can enter into the Salvation of God - Jesus. We are positionally in Him but then we must physically enter in. Our actions show what has happened in us. Noah was in Christ and so he entered in. Remember the Centurion jailer in Acts whose whole family was saved with him? Then there is Cornelius whose household received the word and was baptized in the Holy Spirit.

2 We think of two by two but there were seven of the clean animals and birds. They needed food after they arrive and the clean animals are for food. But wait... wasn't the clean determined by God on Sinai? So what are the clean referred to here. Is Moses abbreviating a detailed instruction of God because of present knowledge?

3,4 God was the first to be a nature conservationist. To load the ark with all the animals in seven days on your own would be an impossible task. Sometimes God asks us to do the impossible but then we find He does what we can't. If He asks then He sees we will have what is needed to do what He asked.

5,6 Here is the second mention of Noah's complete obedience which gives us an idea of his heart. Methuselah died, Noah has his 600th birthday, and the fountains of the deep open and the canopy begins to come down. Imagine the erosion from 40 days of rain like that! Why it would be enough to create things like the Grand Canyon!

7 There is a flood of sin in the world today. You better enter in the only door to the salvation of Jesus. Not just in mind or heart but physically - walk in Him.

8,9 The Lord commanded Noah but the animals came to him. Scholars estimate a triple level boat of that size could have held 45,000 animals. I'd be careful where I put the termites!

10 – 12 40 is the number for a long time in Hebrew. Does it literally mean 40 24hour periods? 40 is a number of purification - years wandering in the wilderness, days of fasting for Jesus.

13 The wrath will not fall without God providing a place for his own. We are not appointed to wrath. (1Thess 5:9) They were there but carried through by the Salvation of God. The Chinese symbol for a ship is 8 mouths by a boat. Interesting since this is the first ship.

14-16 That must have been a large door if elephants walked through it. The LORD closed it. Who seals us into Salvation? The LORD himself shuts us in. How much better to be shut in than shut out as those now on the outside. The day will come when God closes the door and we will be in or we will be out.

17-23 Everything not in the ark is dead. Everything in Christ is spared.

24 The condition continued for 5 months. I don't know if that includes the 40 days or not.