

NOAH'S FLOOD

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CONTINENTS AND MOUNTAIN RANGES

- before the flood high mountains were only 6000–7000'—now over 20,000'
- higher mountain ranges pushed up by God to balance deeper ocean basins—marine fossils on mountains (Psa 104:8)
- a world-wide, mountain-covering flood is not possible today:
no known force powerful enough to elevate oceans and submerge continents suddenly—except God

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WATERS ABOVE

- not enough rain in present atmosphere to completely flood the earth: all water vapor in clouds can precipitate in a few hours and only cover the earth two inches deep
- must have been a water vapor canopy surrounding the antediluvian earth: it took 6 weeks for the water vapor to precipitate
- antediluvian world had low-lying, ice-free mountains, rainless skies, warm and humid climate, and shallow seas

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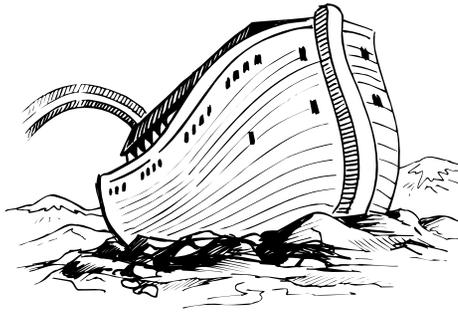
WATERS BELOW

- all the fountains of the deep broke up on the same day—another miracle (Gen 7:11)
- uplift of ocean floors and sinking of continents continued for 6 weeks (Gen 7:17–20)

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SIX MIRACLES

- divinely revealed design of the Ark
- gathering and care of the animals
- uplift of oceanic waters from beneath
 - release of waters from above
- formation of our present ocean basins
 - formation of our present continents and mountain ranges



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ANIMALS

- 30,000–40,000 animals on the Ark
 - God sent them into the Ark to Noah (Gen 6:19–20; 7:9, 15–16)
 - sent in pairs—an obvious miracle (Gen 7:9)
 - perhaps supernatural hibernation: impossible for 8 people to care for so many animals (water, feed, clean cages, keep them calm)
 - no reproduction for a year: they went off the Ark in pairs (cf. Gen 8:17)

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ARK

- *tebah* means "box" or "chest"—also of papyrus box for baby Moses (Exod 2:3)
- Ark was 450' x 76' x 45' (Mayflower 90' long; Cutty Sark 212'; ocean liner 860')—first ship to exceed Ark was *Eturia* in 1884
- big flat-bottomed barge designed to float
 - Danish barges called *Fleuten* were modeled after the Ark—very seaworthy and almost impossible to capsize
- 3 decks (Gen 6:16) with 95,000 square feet of floor space and 1,396,000 cubic feet volume (assuming a cubit of 17.5 inches) = carrying capacity of 522 railroad stock cars (5 freight trains pulling 104 box cars each)
 - one third more carrying capacity than a ship with sloping sides
- thousands of built-in cages ("nests" Gen 6:14)
 - big enough to carry two of every species of air-breathing animal in the world today on only half of its deck space
 - remaining space for Noah's family, clean animals, animals now extinct, and storage for food (6:21)
 - took 120 years to build the Ark—proof of God's patience (1 Pet 3:20)
 - in the Babylonian flood account the Ark is a 120 cubit cube with 9 decks

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OCEAN BASINS

- deeper ocean basins created by God to collect the flood waters (Gen 8:2–3; Psa 104:8–9)