

Pictures of Jesus in Genesis

Abel was a type of Jesus.

He was a shepherd who offered a lamb accepted by God. He was hated without a cause, and killed by his brother. He died violently, and his blood cries out from the ground. Who does that sound like, but Jesus?

The only difference is Abel's blood cried out vengeance. Jesus' blood cries out mercy.

Noah's ark is also a type of Jesus.

First, the ark was made of wood – a symbol for humanity. Wood is an object that was once living, but is now dead – just like mankind. Jesus was without sin, but He came to Earth in the form of a man. And remember where God was? He was in the ark, as He was also in Jesus!

Also note the ark was 3 decks, yet 1 ship. God is 3 persons, yet 1 God.

Remember, both Noah and Jesus were carpenters. Both built a judgment-proof means of salvation, and invited all who would enter to come.

In Genesis 50:6 we're told the bones of Joseph were placed in an ark. There the ark was a coffin, just as it is here. Think about it, on the ark Noah and his family died to their past life, their former relationships, their old environment. The old life was gone, and they were given a whole new life. Likewise, for those of us who are in Christ – we also, die to the old life. When we come to Christ a new man

emerges - we enter a new environment - with a whole new way to live.

Everyone on the ark was safe and secure. It was water-proofed inside and out. God even shut the door! And when you're in Christ you're as saved as you can get!

There was only one ark, and there's only one means of salvation - through Jesus. Notice, the ark had only one door. Jesus said, "I am the door". He is the only way to God.

And note, where the door is located – in the side of the ark. It was out of that door that life came to repopulate the earth – and it was from Jesus' side that the blood was spilt which enables you and me to experience new life.

The ark was also not just a shelter from the storm, but Noah stored supplies on the ark. It was a source of sustenance. Likewise Jesus is not only our Savior, but He satisfies our deepest needs. He provides us abundant life.

Noah entered the ark because he believed in God's promise to protect him through the storm, and likewise we enter Christ by faith in God's promise.

And finally, it's fascinating that the ark landed on Mount Ararat on Nisan 17th. That's the exact day of the year Jesus rose from the dead. The resting of the ark and the resurrection of Jesus both marked new beginnings for mankind.

- N "Cain" means "acquired".
- A "Abel" means "vanity".
- A "Lamech" means "powerful, or wild man".
- M "Jabal", "Jubal", "Tubal" are from the same root word "to produce or invent".
- E "Seth" means "substitute".
- S "Enoch" means "dedicated".
- S "Methusaleh" means "when he dies, it will be sent".
- "Noah" means "rest".
- "Nimrod" means "to rebel".
- "Peleg" means "division".
- T "Babel" means "confusion".
- E "Antediluvian" means "pre-flood".
- R "giants" is the Hebrew word "nephilim" which means "fallen ones".
- M "sons of God" is the Hebrew "bene elohim" which usually refers to angels.
- S "windows of heaven" can be translated "sluice gates".
- "asphalt for mortar" is a waterproofing material.

The Pre-Flood World ch 4-6

There are two ways to come to God. You can come on your terms, or on His terms. Abel comes on God's terms. He offered a sacrifice. Cain comes on his own terms. He was a farmer and brought God *a fruit basket*.

Adam and Eve had tried to cover their sin by sewing together fig leaves. Cain also trusted in the work of his own hands. He *fig-ured* a fruit basket would be okay with God!

But it doesn't matter what you *fig-ure*! So what if you think all your deeds and meditations should counterbalance your sin. If the righteousness you *con-fig-ure* is not what God requires, it's worthless. God's answer to sin is a sacrifice!

The NIV renders it, *"sin is crouching at your door"*.

Sin is like a wild animal stalking its prey. It's up to Cain, *and us*, to guard ourselves against it! As long as we inhabit these mortal bodies we're going to battle with sin, and God holds us responsible for obtaining the victory.

"The LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?" And

the answer for Cain, and us, is "Yes!" In the parable of Good Samaritan Jesus agrees! No man is an island. God wants us to sense the responsibility to care for the people around us.

The basis for business is man's insufficiency. A merchant barter what he has for what he lacks. But when Jesus returns each person will provide for themselves.

Evolutionary propaganda causes us to assume the ancients were primitive people – and gradually advanced in their knowledge and know-how, but not so. All over the world there are ancient stories of very advanced civilizations that were lost in a flood. The story of Atlantis is a good example.

I believe the antediluvian world featured a highly advanced and sophisticated society, that might even rival the modern world. The pyramids of Egypt and England's Stonehenge are possible examples of the technology of the pre-flood world.

We know Adam had a brilliant intellect. Even after his sin I'm sure he'd still do well on the SAT. It's probable his immediate descendants were also extremely smart.

Noah's Flood ch 7-8

There is tremendous evidence for a universal flood. Some of the tallest mountain peaks in the world - the Himalayans are an example - are made of sedimentary rock. *When were the Himalayans underwater?* We've also found marine fossils on the peaks of some of the world's tallest mountains.

Understand a global deluge is the most validated event in antiquity. All cultures - from Mexico to Babylon to China - have accounts of a great flood, a boat, and a family who survived. Though not identical to the biblical record, these stories are corrupted versions of the same historical event. God judged the earth with a flood.

Some scholars believe a comet penetrated the vapor canopy causing it to explode and collapse. We're told *"windows of heaven were opened"*, or literally the sluice gates were unleashed – not simple rain, but gushing water poured onto the earth. In addition, *"the fountains of the deep were broken up"*. Volcanic explosions released subterranean springs and oceans. It's also possible the comet caused a tilt in the earth's axis, the continents to shift, and the mountains to rise.

The whole geology of the earth was altered. As we're told in 2 Peter 3:6, *"the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water."* When Noah and his family exited the ark they walked out into a whole new environment.

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In Genesis 9:13 God referred to the rainbow He put in the clouds as, *"My rainbow"*. It was a sign to man that He will never again destroy the earth with water.

The word *"rainbow"* is derived from the word *"bow"*, as in *bow and arrow*. It was as if God were hanging up His bow, or His instrument of judgment, in the clouds. It's interesting too, that the rainbow is pointed up, now down – and it's an unstrung bow. It's a symbol of peace.

Imagine the fear that swelled up within the post-flood population every time they heard a thunder clap. *Is it happening again?* The rainbow was God's sign to man that He is no longer angry. He loves us, and wants to make peace with us. That's still God's attitude today!

Devotion Box - My Rainbow

Dinosaurs?

Dinosaurs may've lived in the antediluvian world, and were contemporaries of man. We've found cave drawings of dinosaurs - put there by human artists. The Bible describes two animals that sound like dinosaurs in Job 40-41.

In fact, there are animals we could call dinosaurs still alive today in remote parts of the world. In 1977, a plesiosaur, was snagged 900 feet underwater near Christchurch, New Zealand.

Noah could've carried two of all the infant dinosaurs, or even two of the dinosaur eggs, aboard the Ark. But after the dinosaurs walked out into the post-flood ecosystem they were unable to survive, and quickly became extinct.

The Post-Flood World ch 9-11

If you took the population trends over the last 100 years and extrapolated them back 4500 years - you'd end up with a total world population of 8 people. And this is exactly what the Bible teaches. God started over repopulating the earth around 2500 BC with the 8 members of Noah's family.

It is interesting that anthropologists agree that humans can be grouped into 3 major divisions: Caucasian, Negroid, and Oriental. And as we follow *The Table of Nations* in chapter 10 we discover that the 3 sons of Noah and their descendants loosely parallel those 3 divisions. Japheth migrated north into Europe, and fathered the Caucasian nations. Shem's descendants moved eastward. He originated the Oriental and Semetic peoples. And Ham's family traveled southward. The African nations trace

their lineage back to Ham.

In Genesis 9:1 God told Noah's descendants to multiply, and fill the earth. Instead they came together under the leadership of a man named Nimrod. Nimrod founded the city of Babel, and built an observatory where his astrologers could consult the stars. Nimrod led people away from the true worship of God, and into the occult and paganism.

To scatter the people and protect the nations of the world from the Babylonian system of false religion God confused the languages. Afterwards, He started over again by working with one man and his family, Abram. The rest of the Bible is all about the promise God gave to Abraham.

Devotion Box - Are you grieving God?

In Genesis 6:6 the Lord is "*grieved in His heart*". "Grieve" is a love word. You can't *grieve* someone who doesn't love you. You can make them angry or frustrated, but you can grieve them only if they care.

Is there's something in your life today that's grieving the heart of God?

What explains the old ages of people before the flood?

In Genesis 1:7 God divided the waters below and above the firmament. It's believed by some scholars that the water above refers to more than simply the water vapor contained in our atmosphere. Before the flood a dense, highly compacted, vapor canopy existed in the upper levels of the atmosphere. This canopy shrouded and shielded the globe.

The oldest book in the Bible, Job, seems to speak of this canopy in 38:9. God says, "*When I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band...*"

The cause of aging is a mystery, but the chief culprit seems to be solar radiation. A vapor canopy would block out the harmful rays of the sun, and slow down the aging process. Humans would be able to live up to 900 years.

If this vapor canopy existed it would mean the antediluvian world was a virtual paradise. Global temperatures would be constant - probably around 72

degrees.

Storms would be nonexistent since hot air would never collide with cold air. Clouds wouldn't form which would preclude rain - which is what we were told in 2:5.

The world before the flood would've been a subtropical paradise, with lush vegetation from pole to pole. The Earth was a colossal greenhouse.

It's interesting, that all around the world there's great evidence for this idea. On the northern tip of Canada's Vancouver Island we've found thousands of fossilized palm trees. On the Spitsbergen Islands, north of Norway, well above the Arctic Circle, fossilized palm leaves, 10 to 12 feet in length, have been discovered. As well as, fossils of various kinds of subtropical marine life. Also in Siberia, Russian miners discovered frozen mammoths with tropical vegetation still in their mouths.

When it's time to board the Ark, God doesn't tell Noah to *go into the ark*, but to *come into the ark* - the implication is that God is onboard waiting for Noah. Hey, we call it Noah's ark, but God was the captain!

Actually, the ark was not a boat, it was a barge. It had no onboard navigation. Noah couldn't steer it. It was up to God to guide it to a proper resting place.

Devotion Box - Who is steering your ship?

Next time you feel you've lost the power to navigate your life, remember Who's onboard. When you feel like a victim - like you're being tossed on the waves. Trust the Captain to steer your ship, and set you down on dry ground!

Bible Scan - Genesis 4-11

Calvary Chapel

If you have questions on tonight's study email Pastor Sandy - sandyadams@calvarychapel.org

Calvary Chapel Announcements - August 29, 1999

Ladies Night Out - August 30 - 6:45 - Salad Potluck - Teacher: Kathy Adams

Father - Son Raft Trip - French Broad River - Bryson, NC - Sunday & Monday, September 5-6
cost: \$45 adult, \$40 child - kids must be at least 8 years old to raft - leave Sunday 2:30 pm

Baptism - Sunday, September 12 @ 6:00 pm on the back lawn

Ladies? Tuesday Morning Bible Study - begins September 14 at a new time, 10:00 am - Genesis

Cafe Calvary - every Wednesday @ 7:30 pm - this week Pastor Randy begins a new series,

Nothing But The Truth? - special music by Sean McAuley

High School every Wednesday @ 7:30 pm - Junior High every Sunday night @ 6:30 pm.

Next Bible Scan - September 1? - Genesis 12-38

"I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and the earth." - Genesis

Bible Scan Memory Verse

Fun, Facts, and Faith

"What did Adam and Eve do when they were expelled from Eden?"... "They raised Cain."

Top 10 statements made by Noah...

- 10) Strange, we haven't seen another boat for weeks.
- 9) If only I'd brought along more rhino litter.
- 8) I never want to sleep in a waterbed again.
- 7) Fish for supper - again?
- 6) Does anyone have more Dramamine?
- 5) What? You don't have film to photograph the rainbow?
- 4) Honey, please stop saying, *"Into each life a little rain must fall."*
- 3) How can I fish with just two worms?
- 2) God, are you sure I don't need to keep the termites in a tin can?
- 1) Noah was seen years after exiting the Ark slapping his neck and mumbling, *"I should've killed those*

lousy mosquitoes while I had the chance!"

The Ark was 450 feet long, by 75 feet wide, by 45 feet high.

Prior to 1858 it was the largest seagoing vessel ever constructed. Its 3 decks gave it 100,000 square feet of floor space. To illustrate its capacity, imagine sitting at a railroad crossing watching a train. You count 522 livestock cars, each carrying 240 sheep - the Ark could hold 125,280 sheep.

The Ark's 6 to 1 ratio of length to width is by modern day shipbuilding standards the perfect proportion to survive rough waters. The Ark would be impossible to capsize. It was an incredible piece of engineering - designed by God!

Devotion Box - Waiting on God

Noah was in the ark for 371 days (over a year), and about 60% of the time was spent just sitting on Mount Ararat, waiting for the waters to recede. Noah had to be patient. He had to learn to wait on God.

Philip Brooks, was pacing back and forth in his living room when a friend came to visit. His friend asked Brooks why he was so restless. Brooks responded, *"Because I am in a hurry, and God is not."*

Is there an area in your life where you need to learn to rest in God's promise and allow Him to bring it to pass in His time and in His way? Remember, *"Noah"* means *"rest"*, and we need to rest in the Lord as Noah rested in the ark.