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**“The Human Condition:
Who Are We?”**

Genesis 1-16

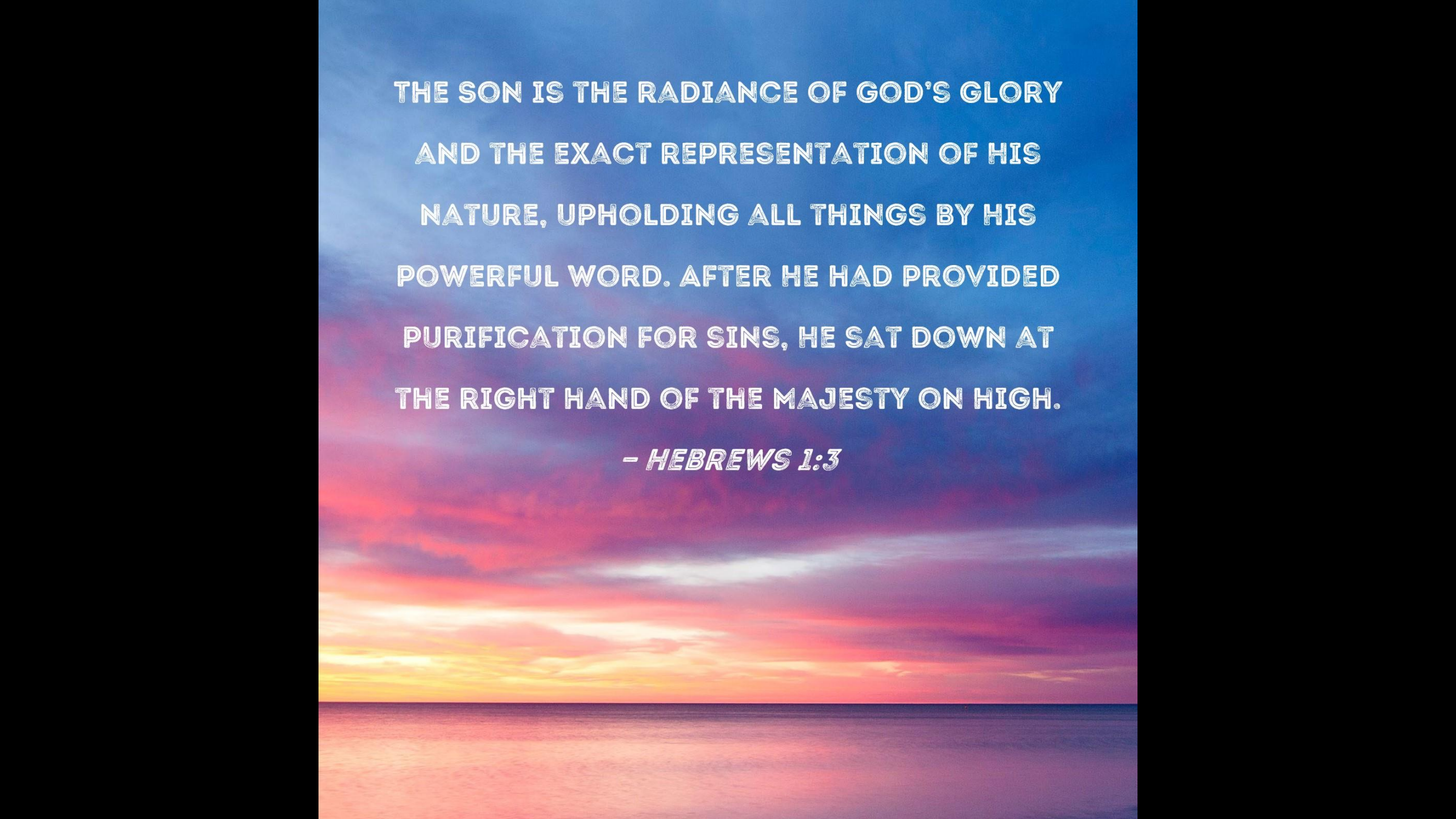
Truth for the Whole World

I

**We All are Created
in God's Image,
but We are Fallen.**

God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them; and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.

1:27-28



THE SON IS THE RADIANCE OF GOD'S GLORY
AND THE EXACT REPRESENTATION OF HIS
NATURE, UPHOLDING ALL THINGS BY HIS
POWERFUL WORD. AFTER HE HAD PROVIDED
PURIFICATION FOR SINS, HE SAT DOWN AT
THE RIGHT HAND OF THE MAJESTY ON HIGH.

- HEBREWS 1:3

We are created
in the Image of God,
male and female,
to multiply and
to rule the Earth.

We are images of the Divine Image.

Then the LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him.”

2:18



**GOD WAS DOING THIS
WHILE ADAM SLEPT**

God created woman from man
for marriage,
family,
and society.

Man was formed from red earth. Woman was
built from the flesh and bone of Adam's side.

We are made for God,
and for togetherness, not for isolation.

Now the man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all the living. The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. Then the LORD said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might stretch out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"—therefore the LORD sent him out

...from the garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken. So He drove the man out; and at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.

3:20-24

Woman is life, because of motherhood.
The LORD God tenderly tailored leather
clothing for Adam and Eve.

We have clothed ourselves ever since.

We live because of farming.

We have become like God through rebellion.

We are banned from immortality in this life.

We are in exile because of our sin.



II

Some of Us are Murderers

Some of Us Walk with God

All of Us have Evil Imaginations

So it came about in the course of time that Cain brought an offering to the LORD of the fruit of the ground. Abel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and for his offering; but for Cain and for his offering He had no regard. So Cain became very angry and his countenance fell. 4:3-5



The LORD attends us in our exile, and notices true offerings and prayers.

People who do not please God are jealous and angry at those who do please God.

Envy leads to murder. We kill each other, and then we exploit God's mercy.

Then Enoch walked with God, three hundred years after he became the father of Methuselah, and he had other sons and daughters.

5:22



Having children leads some of us to the
LORD.

Raising children teaches us to walk with
God.

Godly folks love to have children.

Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. The LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. The LORD said, “I will blot out man whom I have created... 6:5-7

Evil in our minds progresses like a sickness until it has entirely dominated the inner life.

The LORD God entered our affairs and saw violence and corruption close up.

Fallen angels attempted to alter humanity.

The result was more violence and more corruption.

God decided that everything that breathed had to be wiped out.

III

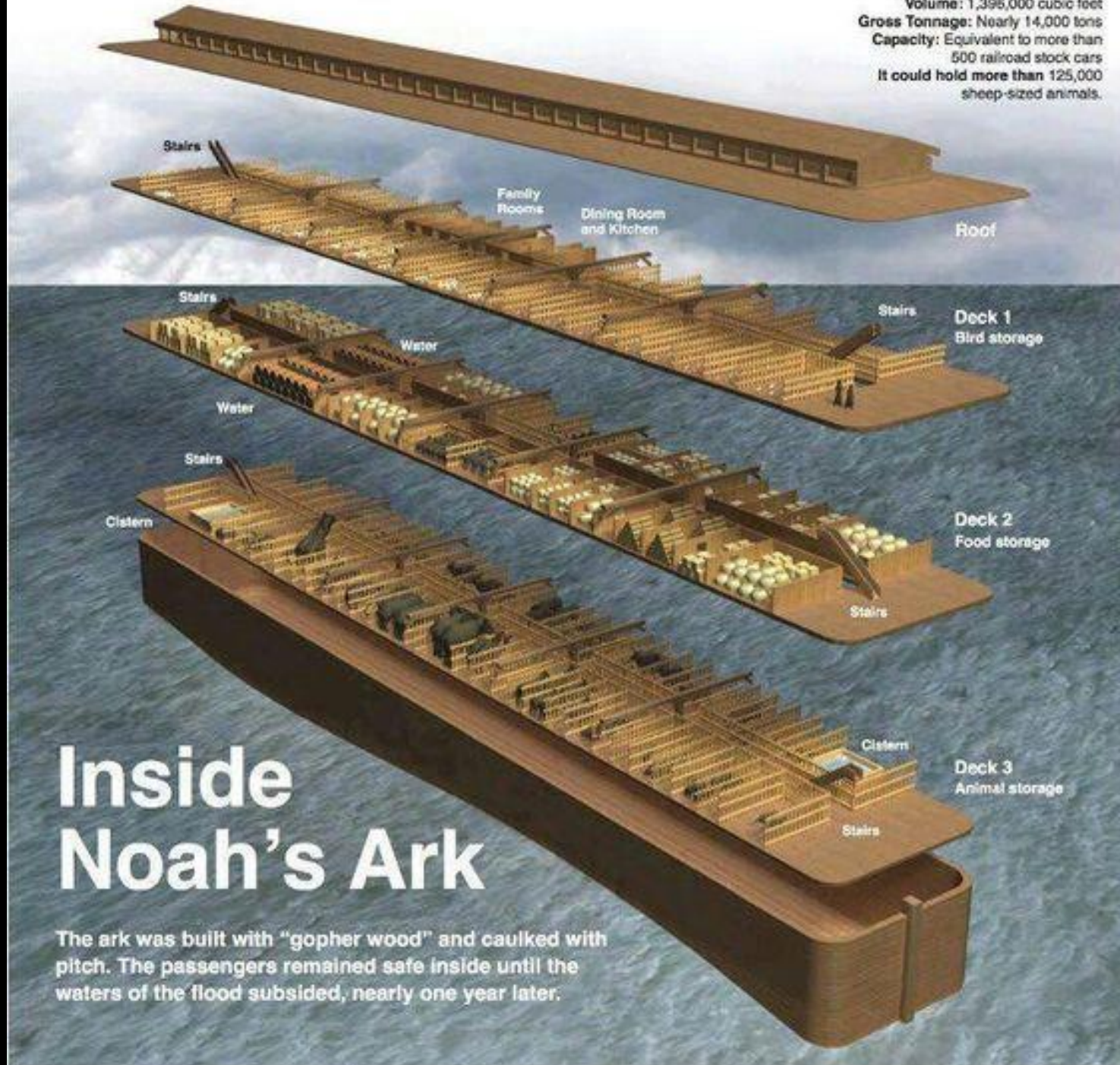
**When the World Ended
There was Only One Way for
Us to be Saved**

So they went into the ark to Noah, by twos, of all flesh in which was the breath of life. Those that entered, male and female of all flesh, entered as God had commanded him; and the LORD closed it behind him.

7:15-16



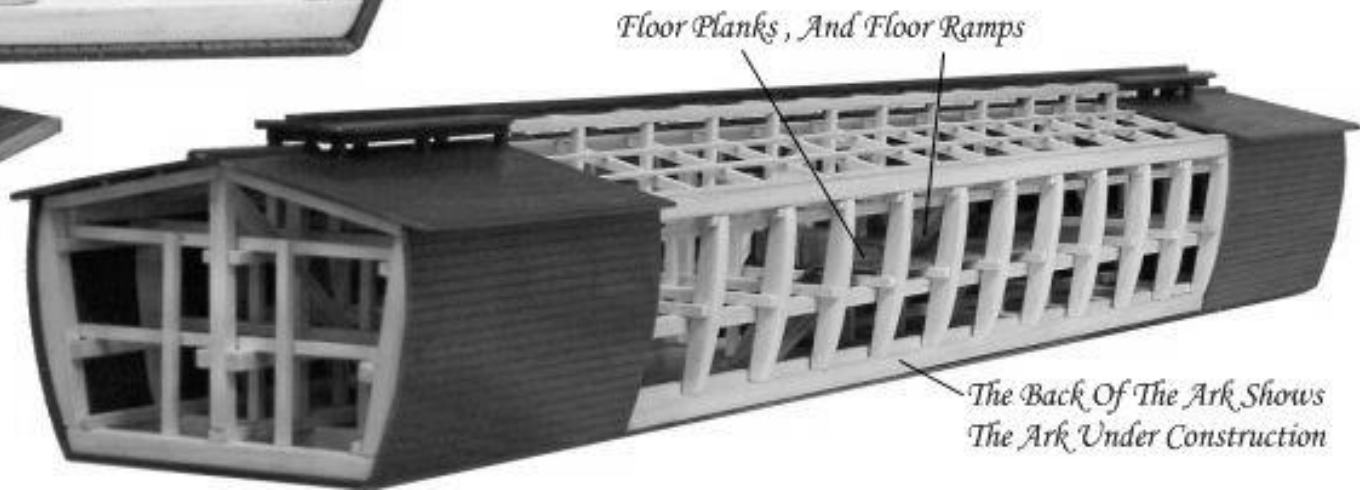
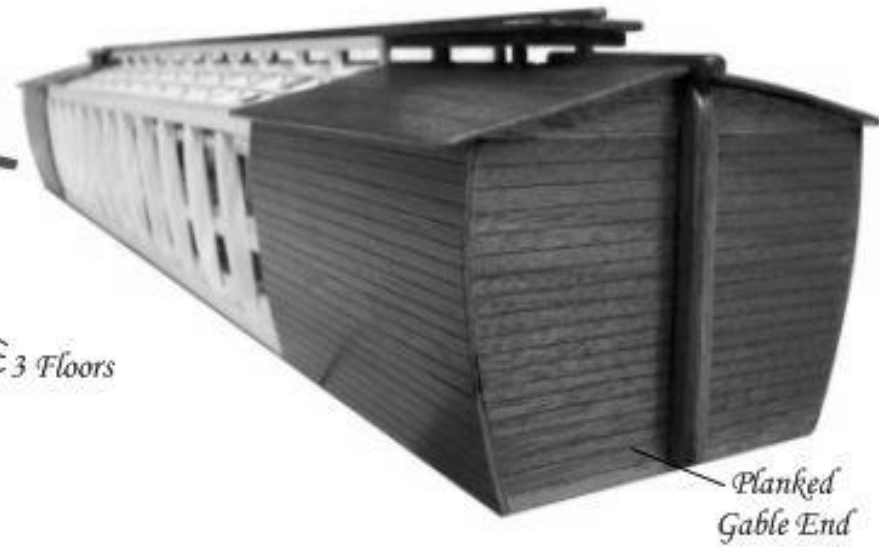
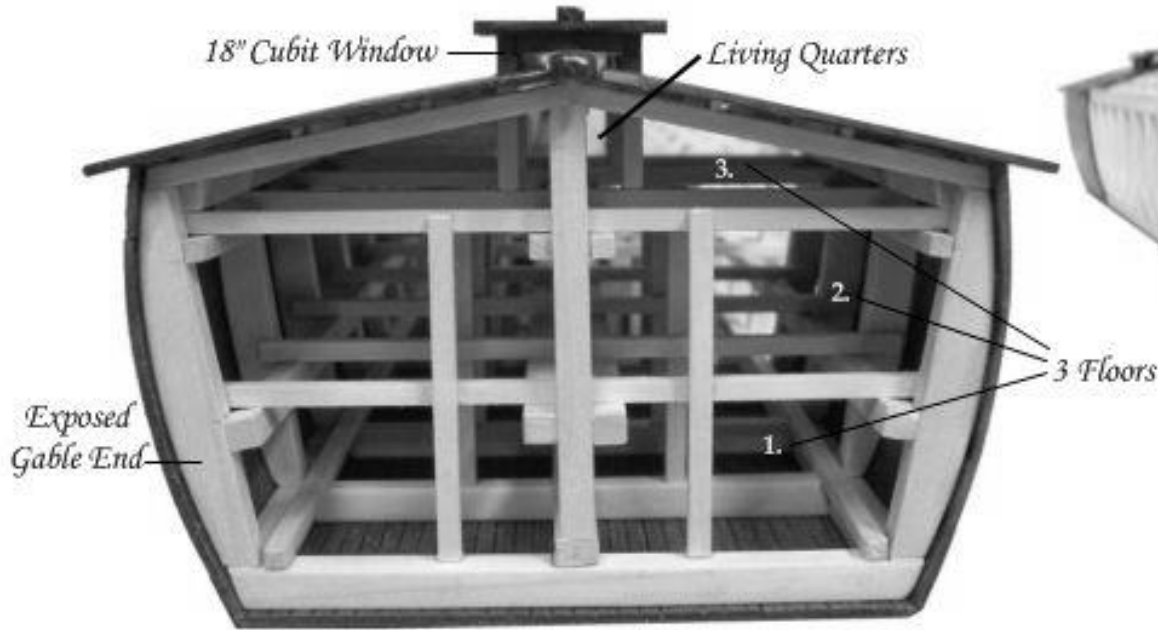
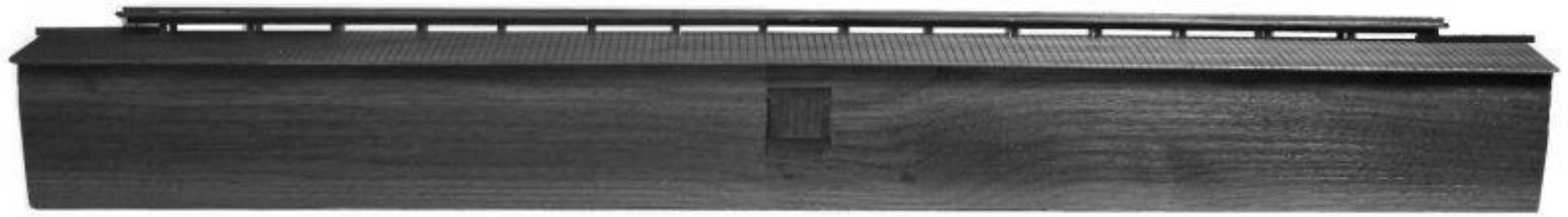
Volume: 1,396,000 cubic feet
Gross Tonnage: Nearly 14,000 tons
Capacity: Equivalent to more than 500 railroad stock cars
It could hold more than 125,000 sheep-sized animals.



Inside Noah's Ark

The ark was built with "gopher wood" and caulked with pitch. The passengers remained safe inside until the waters of the flood subsided, nearly one year later.

Ark Of Noah





When people experienced the end of their world, four couples and pairs from each species of animals and birds found salvation and a path to a renewed world in the ark Noah built. Noah constructed it according to specific measurements which he heard from the LORD.

There was only one way to be saved. Salvation involved entering a coffin-shaped pitch black, rudderless ship-without-a sail, the ark. They were enclosed for a year. The LORD alone saved them into a new world. It was like coming back from death into a new life.

Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. The LORD smelled the soothing aroma; and the LORD said to Himself, “I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man’s heart is evil from his youth; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done. 8:20-21



The LORD alleviated the curse upon agricultural land after the Flood.

The LORD has promised never to destroy all living things again while earth lasts.

We are still evil in our hearts from our youth.
God's grace alone makes us secure.

IV

We Live in Nations

Whoever sheds man's blood,
By man his blood shall be shed,
For in the image of God He made man.

As for you, be fruitful and multiply;
Populate the earth abundantly and multiply in
it.

9:6



To murder is to destroy the image of God.

For murder to be punishable by death, there must be a just legal system and government.

We live subject to sovereign governments who have the power of life and death.

We are commissioned to have children and descendants. Families sustain the nation.

From these the coastlands of the nations
were separated into their lands, every one
according to his language, according to
their families, into their nations.

10:5



We live in families and nations within borders, speaking our own languages.

Genealogy and descendants are part of God's work in our lives.

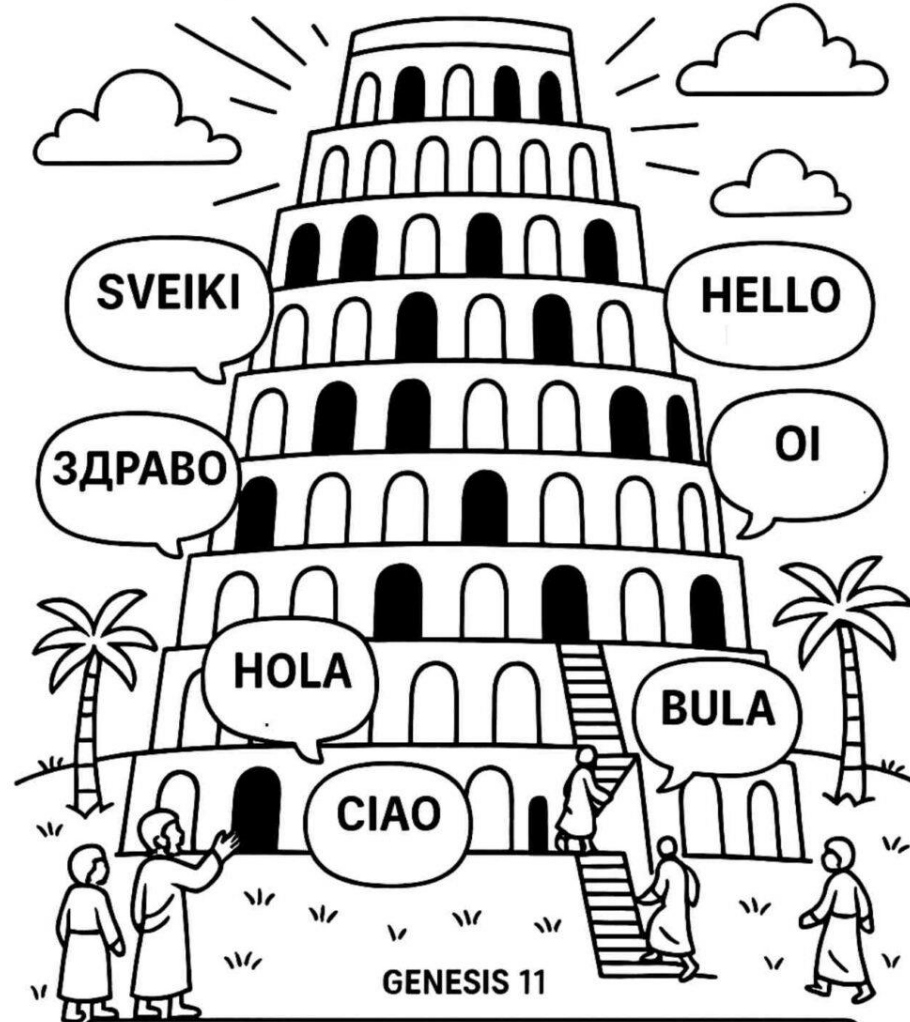
V

**The Miracle of our Languages
is the Judgment
and Mercy of God.**

The LORD said, “Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they began to do, and now nothing which they purpose to do will be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they will not understand one another’s speech.” So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of the whole earth... 11:6-8

THE TOWER OF BABEL

People tried to build a tower high enough to reach heaven.
He Lord wasn't pleased. **He changed their language**
so they couldn't understand each other.



WHAT WAS THE NAME OF THE TOWER?

Satan tempted Eve saying we would be gods.

Cain claimed the right to kill his brother.

Before the Flood there were angelic beings who tried to breed us to be semi-divine.

When we all had only one language, we attempted to be omnipotent—to be a god.

VI

**All our Families
Have One Way
to be Restored to God in Blessing**

Now the LORD said to Abram,
“Go forth from your country,
And from your father’s house,
To the land which I will show you;

(1) And I will make you a great nation,

(2) And I will bless you,

(3) And make your name great;

(4) And so you shall be a blessing;

(5) “And I will bless those who bless you,

(6) And the one who curses you, I will
curse.

(7) And in you all the families of the earth
will be blessed.” 12:1-3

The LORD has a program to bless all nations and families through the Seed of Abraham. Jesus Christ is the Seed.

Matthew One.

God calls us to follow in Abraham's steps of faith, in order to be his children through faith.

Romans Four.

VII

**The Faith of Abraham is
for Us All**

He went on his journeys from the Negev as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, to the place of the altar which he had made there formerly; and there Abram called on the name of the LORD.

13:3-4



Abram, like us, was prone to make mistakes and to wander.

People who know God sometimes stray, and they need to return to their relationship to Him.

We worship God between the House of God (Bethel) and the Ruin (Ai) of the World.

VIII

We Make War

...four kings against five.

14:9

A dramatic, cinematic illustration of Abraham leading his army to rescue Lot. Abraham, with a long white beard and wearing a white turban and a red and white robe, is mounted on a brown horse in the center. He holds a spear in his right hand and a sword in his left. Behind him, several other men on horseback, also in traditional attire, are following. The scene is set in a dusty, rocky landscape under a bright, hazy sky. The overall tone is heroic and action-packed.

Abraham Rescues

Lot

Genesis 14

Our inclination to rule earth, shows itself
in empire building and war.

The man of God is a man of peace; but he
cannot always avoid war.

War is a moment for our faith in God to
shine.

IX

**We shall be Justified by Faith
in the LORD**

And He took him outside and said, “Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” And

He said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

15:5-6





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We get right with God when He reckons His
righteousness to our account.

That happens when we believe in Him.

Salvation is the glorious City of Resurrection,
and eternal life—the City of God.

Through many tribulations we must enter the
Kingdom of God.

X

The LORD Seeks Us
when We are Lost.



Then she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, “You are a God who sees”; for she said, “Have I even remained alive here after seeing Him?”

Therefore, the well was called Bir-lahai-roi; behold, it is between Kadesh and Bered.

16:13-14

Salvation comes to us broken and lost people.

Salvation is the LORD who comes, personally to us sinners, confronts us with our sin, and gives us life, hope, and liberty, while requiring submission and trust.

We meet the LORD between Kadesh and Bered: the Holy Place and the Hail Storm.

“Call Me Ishmael”

God has long-term plans for tribes and nations, because he makes tribes and nations.

He made us and He has His plans.