

SLIDE- Life span of the patriarchs - When the flood took place (1656)

All About the ARK

SLIDE- Far Side humour

Slide-The way of making the planks to resist the massive stress of the flood

SLIDE-Full size ark

SLIDE- Height of Ark

- **How Tall Was the Ark?**
- **The roof of Noah's Ark was more than 50 feet from the ground—higher than a modern four-story house. That's plenty of space for three extra-tall inner decks as the Bible describes.**

SLIDE-size comparison of ships

SLIDE-Cargo space

- **Truckloads of Cargo Space**
- **The Ark had the same storage capacity as about 450 standard semi-trailers. A standard livestock trailer holds about 250 sheep, so the Ark had the capacity to hold at least 120,000 sheep.**

SLIDE- The species on the Ark

- **Drawing the Line for Ark Kinds**
- Over one million animal species have been named, but it's a mistake to assume all were on the Ark. The Bible says Noah took only air-breathing land animals. So that excludes sea creatures and possibly insects and other invertebrates. Of the land vertebrates, there are only around 33,000 named living species (and a few thousand more fossil species). These are divided into fewer than 10,000 *genera* and 1,000 *families*.
- So how many *kinds* of animals were on the Ark? The answer depends on which modern taxonomic level—order, family, genus,

or species—represents each original “kind.” A 1996 study assumed the genus, but the new Ark Encounter is evaluating each family.

The Animals in the Ark

So far, the current estimate of living and extinct vertebrate *families* is about 950. While we will continue to evaluate these families to see if they should be split up or combined with other families for our final estimate of the “kinds,” 950 families is a good approximation. Given that most animals were brought onto the Ark by twos, while “clean” birds and mammals were brought by sevens, this means that Noah cared for approximately two thousand land-dwelling vertebrate animals.

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Intro-

- **Meet Jagdeep Singh: He is 7ft 6 in tall, weighs 190kg and his shoe size is 19**
- **A celebrity in Punjab, the tall traffic cop is always stopped for selfies in the street**
- **Singh gets specially-made uniforms from a tailor, and his shoes from abroad**

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Reasons for the Flood

Genesis chapter 6 gives four reasons why God sent the Flood:

1. 'The wickedness of man was great in the earth' (v. 5).
2. 'Every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually' (v. 5).
3. 'The earth was filled with violence' (v. 11).
4. 'The earth...was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth' (v. 12). (All the people on earth had corrupted their way.)

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Four Views of the Nephelim

Name	View in short
Fallen angels view	Satan and/or his fallen angels bred with human women and had offspring that were called Nephilim.
Fallen angels overtook men view	Fallen angels and/or Satan possessed men and caused them to breed with women.
Sethite view	The sons of God were the godly line from Adam to Seth down to Noah, and the Nephilim were fallen children who sought after false gods.
Fallen men view	Godly men (sons of God) took ungodly wives, and their descendants (Nephilim) followed after the false gods, rejected God, and fell far from God in wickedness.

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Some believe they were the Sethites (descendants of Adam's son Seth). There are some minor views as well, such as kings, rulers, or heads of leading family groups as being godly from Psalm 82. This view has many similarities to the Sethite view but eliminates many of Seth's descendants and merely keeps with the leaders/kings (as well as some other leaders of other tribes) as godly. So, I will now leave this minor view out and discuss the Sethite view, which should encompass it for the most part. Another variation of the Sethite view is that these godly men had relations with ungodly women, and the offspring followed after other "gods" as opposed to God—and "fell away" in tremendous ways. This is called the "fallen men" view. There are other minor views as well as other minor non-biblical views but these are the primary ones I will discuss.

There is a great deal of confusion over the word *Nephilim*. No one today really knows what it means. It is related to the verb series "to fall" (*naphal*) in Hebrew, which is why some direct this to fallen angels or more appropriately, the offspring thereof. However, this also gives strong support to the view that *men* had fallen away from God. It was these two concepts that helped give rise to the various views mentioned above.

Many have associated the Nephilim with giants. Giant traits may not have been *limited* to Nephilim alone: Goliath, a giant, was not

considered Nephilim. As mentioned, the term *Nephilim* is unclear in definition. It is related to the verb “to fall” and the King James Version translates it as *giants* from the influence of the Latin Vulgate’s (early Latin translation by Jerome) term *gigantes* as well as the context from Numbers 13. The context of Genesis 6 does not reveal they were giants. There may have been some influence on the Latin Vulgate by the Septuagint’s (Greek translation of the Old Testament about 200–300 years before Christ) use of Greek word *gigantes*.

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2 Peter 2:4-10 (NIV) For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them in chains of darkness to be held for judgment; 5 if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others; 6 if he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; 7 and if he rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the depraved conduct of the lawless 8 (for that righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard)— 9 if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment. 10 This is especially true of those who follow the corrupt desire of the flesh and despise authority.

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The Character of God

- A God who is infinite and is patient
- NOT a God of infinite patience
- God has clear boundaries and keeps them
- Justice with Mercy

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Hebrews 11:7 (NIV) By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.

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The Covenant he keeps with Adam, promised again to Abraham, and made with Moses at Sinai, finally demonstrated with Jesus