

Communion Meditation – Jesus in Genesis

Genesis 7.11-12, 18-23

Jesus and the Ark

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Description of Noah's Ark

- Years ago I asked Tabitha not to buy any toy Noah's arks ~ 2 problems
 - They're incredibly small ~ They have only modern adult animals
 - The ark was huge (450' x 75' x 45') ~ 3 levels
 - It would have held dinosaurs and dragons too
 - Leviathan (dragon) (**Job 41.1ff** ~ mentioned 5 times in Scripture)
 - Behemoth (dinosaur) (**Job 40.15ff**) "*tail like a cedar*"

Noah's Condemned the World

- **Heb 11.7** ~ "*By faith Noah .. prepared an ark .. by which he condemned the world*"
 - Noah's actions were perceived as judgmental by his neighbors
- precise ~ **v11** ~ "*in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month*"
- **Luke 17.26** ~ "*as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.*"
 - **2 Peter 2.5** ~ "*Noah, .. a preacher of righteousness*"
 - Our neighbors also perceive the offer of salvation as judgmental...

The Flood was God's Justice ~ The Ark was God's Mercy

- The flood was condemnation of God ~ The ark was salvation of God
- God's justice fell upon the earth but in mercy He rescued the righteous
 - **v11** "*all the fountains of the great deep were broken up*" and "*the windows of heaven were opened*" and it rained for 40 days / nights
 - **v18** ~ "*the ark moved about on the surface of the waters*"
 - **v24** ~ "*the waters prevailed on the earth one hundred and fifty days*"
- 40-day storm → 330 days until they got off → entered new world
- justification → sanctification → glorification

Jesus was the ark bearing the punishment of God through the 40-day storm

Jesus carried them safely through their remaining 330 days on the ark

They exited the ark and entered the new world God prepared for them