

Doctrine of Noah's Ark

Introduction

1. As a young man, I desperately hoped that Noah's Ark would be found, but I doubted that it would ever happen.
2. Well, it has happened.
3. We have found Noah's Ark.
4. It is not just a story for little children.
5. So will mankind finally believe the evidence, or will you just dismiss it because it does not fit the current world-view?

Why the Flood

1. Before we discuss the Ark, let's see if we can answer the question, why the flood?"
2. The Doctrine of **Tartaros** is a study of a special coterie of fallen angels confined in a place called **Tartaros**. **Tartaros** is translated in 1Pe 2:4 "hell."
3. Let's start at the beginning with Satan's plan to corrupt civilization and abrogate God's grace plan of salvation.

Gen 6:1 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,

Gen 6:2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

3.1 Some number of fallen angels elected to leave their first estate, i.e., their angelic form and take on that of man. This was done for the purpose of cohabiting with the fair ladies of earth in order to impregnate them. The result would be a half angel and half man. Ergo a hybrid would be incapable of salvation. Given our knowledge of Satan's table of organization we must conclude these fallen angels, like all fallen angels were under the authority of Satan.

Gen 6:3 And the LORD said My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

3.2 These sordid events took place 120 years before the flood.

Gen 6:4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bear children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

3.3 It is here mythology comes to our aid. There are many myths handed down from generation to generation of super creatures like Hercules, Apollo, Jupiter, Jason, etc. These creatures were capable of super human feats. Could these creatures have been real, or were they mythology?

Gen 6:5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Gen 6:6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

Gen 6:7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

Gen 6:8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

3.4 God clearly took note of Satan's nefarious plan to corrupt civilization.

Gen 6:9 These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

3.5 Noah was said to be a just man and perfect in his generations says Gen 6:9. A better translation would be "Noah was ... perfect in his genetic make-up." He and his family had not been corrupted by Satan's insidious plan.

Gen 6:10 And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Gen 6:11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

Gen 6:12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

Gen 6:13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

3.6 God, after seeing the work of Satan and his subalterns, decided: "the earth will be destroyed by water and Noah and his family will be instructed to build an ark. It will soon rain for the very first time. The enormous band of water surrounding Planet Earth would soon descend in torrents."

Gen 6:14 Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.

Gen 6:15 And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.

4. Noah in 2Pe 2:5 was said to be “a preacher of righteousness.” His preaching was not to evangelize but to announce “there would soon be rain.” Noah made clear in his preaching just what was about to take place and that he was following God’s orders.

5. Just what will become of the fallen angels who sinned just before the flood can only be ascertained by an analysis of several related New Testament Scriptures.

6. Let’s begin our search by defining the word **Tartaros**. Zondervan in his lexicon has written “**Tartaros**, translated in the Latin ‘*Tartarus*,’ which in the mythology of the ancients was that part of Hades, where the wicked were confined and tormented ...”

7. Peter needed a word to describe the place of punishment selected for the demons, who left their first estate, in order to impregnate the women of Planet Earth. Satan had devised what he thought was a perfect plan. “A hybrid creature could not be saved.”

8. Satan did not foresee the faithfulness of Noah and his family—eight people perfect in their generations. We can only conjecture the pressure they must have been under.

9. The best way to continue our analysis of where the demons would be placed and what ramifications their imprisonment would have on future events is best determined by a review of certain New Testament passages and a couple of charts.

2Pe 2:4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell (**Tartaros**), and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;
2Pe 2:5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

10. Clearly, these two verses give us insight as to the timing of the acts of angelic infamy. Clearly, these events took place just before the flood.

1Pe 3:18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but made alive by the Spirit:

1Pe 3:19 By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;

1Pe 3:20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

11. Christ is said to be empowered by the Holy Spirit for His trip to **Tartaros**, where He preached to the evil spirits imprisoned in a place of darkness until the judgment day. Apparently these demons will be released during God’s judgment of earth. We will see more of these events later. The time of their release will take place during the Tribulation.

Jude 6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

12. Let's review what we know about the acts of Christ during His three days in the grave.

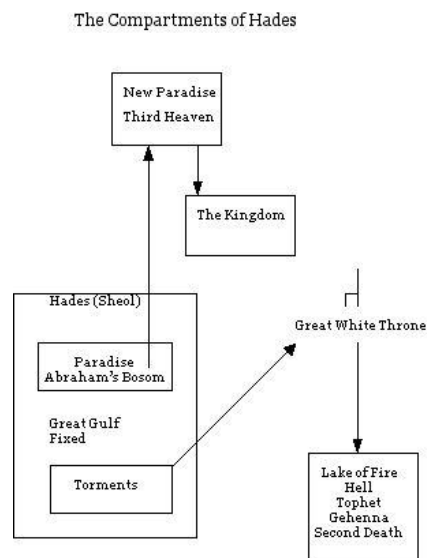
Eph 4:8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

Eph 4:9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?

Eph 4:10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

13. During the three days in the grave Christ made two trips. He went to **Sheol**, or **Hades** as it is also called, to transport the souls of the believers from paradise to heaven. He also went to **Tartaros** to let the "Genesis Six Gang" (those who had attempted to corrupt civilization) know that His victory was complete.

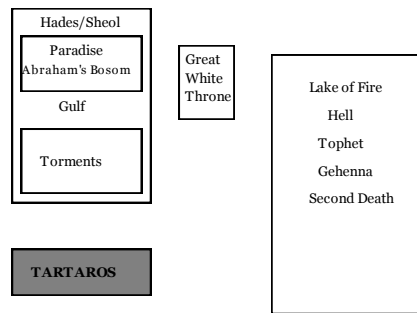
14. **Sheol** is a duplex, where on one side we find the beggar Lazarus being comforted by Abraham, and on the other side we find the rich man in terrible pain and suffering, and begging for a return trip to earth to warn his brothers. Let's first look at a chart describing the compartments of **Hades**, with brief comment.



15. The Scriptures teach us that Christ went to **Hades** to transport the believers, resident in **Sheol** in the bosom of Abraham, to the New Paradise. Whether Christ went first to **Hades** is not known. It is possible He went to **Tartaros** first and then **Hades**. What we do know, with a great deal of certainty, is that He did go to **Sheol** and **Tartaros** during His three days in the grave.

16. The trip to **Tartaros** was made to tell the "Genesis Six Gang" "the conflict is over and THE CHRIST is victorious."

The Compartments of Hades



17. Now let's see what future events might await these special demons inhabiting **Tartaros**.

18. Recall Jude 6 where we learn the "Genesis Six Gang" is reserved in everlasting chains ... until or unto the judgment of the great day."

Jude 6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

19. Let's look at Rev 9:1-11 by which may describe the "Genesis Six Gang" as part of Satan's Tribulation force.

Rev 9:1 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.

Rev 9:2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.

Rev 9:3 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

Rev 9:4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.

Rev 9:5 And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.

Rev 9:6 And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.

Rev 9:7 And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men.

Rev 9:8 And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions.

Rev 9:9 And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.

Rev 9:10 And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.

Rev 9:11 And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.

20. The purpose of the locusts would seem to be to punish the earth. I have attempted to shed some light on their role by going to the *Revelation of John*.

21. The locusts are a visual presentation of demons running amok on Planet Earth. It has been written “they are uncanny denizens of the abyss, locusts of a hellish species, animated by devilish instincts and equipped with infernal powers.”

21.1 Another has written “... the locust army is a symbolic representation of judgment of a superhuman kind ... The locusts are commanded, probably by God not to hurt the grass of the earth or any green thing, or any tree, but only men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.”

22. It would seem the locusts here represent a divine judgment upon a wicked world. They torment men in a way comparable to the torment of a scorpion. All except the sealed of God are subject to their torment. The torment is rather a judgment upon those who reject Christ.

23. The graphic description of the torment is compared to that of a scorpion’s sting. Scorpions in some places grow so large that their venom has been known not only to be painful but even fatal to infants, the aged and the infirm.

24. The torment is said to last five months; the best interpretation would seem to be a literal five months. Five months is said to be the time when the locusts commit their ravages. Five months may be symbolic of “a short time.”

25. This is a horrible picture of a pervasive supremacy of demons to such an extent that men are dominated in agony of body. The natural plagues described by the first four trumpets are now joined by a torment of demons.

26. Rev 9:1-2--Scripture and comment

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Rev 9:2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.

26.1 John devotes more space to this “woe” than to all the preceding judgments combined.

26.2 The star falling from heaven, to whom was given the key of the pit of the abyss, is “a fallen angel, an instrument of carrying out God’s purpose with reference to the ungodly world.” Most agree the “evil angel” who opens the pit is Satan himself. This is pretty much a given and most grace scholars provide little argument otherwise. The abyss is a place, but what place is the question?

26.3 Could this be **Tartaros**, the place of confinement for the angels who sinned just before the flood or is it just a special abyss where reserve forces of Satan are made to reside until needed? I believe the coterie is in fact the “Genesis Six Gang.”

Noah’s Ark—Fact or Fiction

1. A relatively new Hollywood blockbuster “Noah” has created a tremendous amount of interest in the story of Noah’s Ark. Traditionally, most people have regarded it as just a cute Bible story to tell children. But could it be real?

2. Is there solid evidence that Noah’s Ark actually existed? If there is real evidence, would you believe it? What you are about to see is absolutely stunning. In fact, some of the things that you are about to read are so shocking that many people will simply refuse to accept them.

3. There are physical remains of Noah’s Ark in southern Turkey. The discovery has been known about for quite some time, but the mainstream media has mostly ignored it.

4. A boat-shaped object the exact length and width of the Ark has been discovered on mount Ararat. Ground penetrating radar shows us how the Ark was laid out, and scientific tests have been conducted on wood and metal extracted from the gigantic boat.

5. If you have never heard about any of this before, prepare to be blown away. The following are 14 cold, hard facts about Noah’s Ark that you probably do not know:

#1 The Ark was about 500 feet long. That would make it approximately the size of a World War II aircraft carrier.

#2 It has been estimated that the Ark had an internal volume of more than 1.5 million cubic feet.

#3 According to new research conducted by scientists at the University of Leicester, Noah's Ark could have carried at least 70,000 animals without sinking. Noah's Ark would have floated even with two of every animal in the world packed inside. Although researchers are unsure if all the creatures could have squeezed into the huge boat, they are confident it would have handled the weight of 70,000 creatures without sinking.

#4 Of course the Ark would not have needed to hold 70,000 animals. One conservative estimate puts the number of animals on the Ark at about 16,000. This would have allowed for more than enough room for food, supplies and lots of empty space.

#5 We have discovered at least 250 different ancient cultures that have a story of a massive, cataclysmic flood. Most of those stories have striking similarities to the Genesis account.

#6 If there really was a global flood, we would expect to find billions of dead things laid down in rock layers all over the globe. And that is precisely what we find.

#7 We know where Noah's Ark is today. Yes, you read that correctly. There are stunning pictures available of the big boat. Many of these pictures have been shared on YouTube.

#8 The remains of the Ark are just as long and just as wide as the Bible says they should be.

#9 Wood from the Ark has been tested, and the tests show that it does contain organic carbon. That means that the fossilized wood that was discovered was once living matter.

#10 Along with wood, metal was also used in the construction of the Ark. Iron fittings have been discovered at the remains of the Ark.

#11 Petrified animal dung, a petrified antler and an ancient piece of cat hair have also been retrieved from the remains of the Ark.

#12 Historical records confirm that many believe Mount Ararat is the correct resting place of the Ark. The Gilgamesh Epic (650 B.C.) gives Mt. Nisir as the landing place of the Ark. The local name for the town where the Ark was found is Nasar. Both are located in the Ararat chain. The annals of Ashurnasurpal II of Assyria (833-859 B.C.) places the Ark south of the Zab river which is also located near Ararat. Theophilus of Antioch (A.D. 115-185) said the Ark could be seen in his day in the Arabian mountains.

Later Church Fathers also mention the Ark as late as the mid 7th century. In the 13th century, Willam, a traveler, stated for the first time that Mt. Masis was the Ark location (present-day Mt. Ararat). Ptolemy's Geographia (1548) mentions these same mountains of Armenia in the Ararat range as the place of landing. So does the traveler Nicolas de Nicolay (1558).

#13 A village near the remains of the Ark is known as "the Village of Eight", and a nearby valley is known as "the Valley of the Eight." There were, as you know, eight survivors on the Ark.

#14 The site is now known as "the National Park of Noah's Ark" and it has previously been officially recognized by the Turkish government.

Conclusion

1. The decision on the part of God to destroy the earth was designed to rid the earth of a angelic/human mutation. There was just before the flood a half-angel, half-man extant. This ploy of Satan was foiled just at the right time. Eight pure souls floated away to safety from a hybrid-creature who could not be saved. You have just studied how God saved the day. And this will not be the last time God will deliver mankind from the "jaws of defeat."

2. In c. A.D. 32 the ultimate deliverance will occur when God will send His only begotten Son to planet earth making our so great salvation possible.

Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Joh 3:17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Joh 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

3. This concludes our study of Noah's Ark.

4. It is now time to prepare for the celebration of our Lord's Table. Get your hymnals and stand as we sing hymn #99 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*. Ken come and leads us please.

