Lesson Twenty- Three

NOAH’S ARK: A TYPE OF CHRIST

1. THE ORIGIN OF THE ARK TYPIFIED THE BIRTH OF CHRIST.
2. THE BUILDING OF THE ARK WAS BOTH DIVINE AND HUMAN.

Gen. 6:13-15 “God said … make … this is the fashion.”

Gen. 7:5 “Noah did according unto all … commanded.”

1. THE BIRTH OF CHRIST WAS BOTH DIVINE AND HUMAN.

Heb. 10:5 “a body hast Thou prepared Me.”

Luke 1:35 “born of thee.” See Gal. 4:4

1. THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ARK TYPIFIED THE PERSON OF CHRIST.
2. IT WAS MADE OF GOPHER WOOD. Gen. 6:14.

Wood typifies the humanity of Christ. Psalm 1:3 “He shall be like a tree.”

As trees were cut down to make the ark, so the man Christ Jesus gave his life to make us safe. I Tim. 2:5-6. He was “cut off.” Isa. 53:8; Dan. 9:26.

1. IT WAS COVERED WITH PITCH. Gen. 6:14.

The Hebrew word “pitch” means “covering” or “atonement”, oil… Holy Spirit

Those in the ark were safe from the waters of judgement because of the covering or pitch. We in Christ are safe from judgement because He is our covering. Rom. 5:9 “by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath.” “Sealed unto the day of redemption.”

1. IT HAD ONE DOOR, IN ITS SIDE. Gen. 6:16.

Only one entrance was provided, a door in the side of the ark. Because of the pierced side of Christ, we have access, and are safe. John 19:34; Heb. 10:19-20; John 10:7-9

1. THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE ARK TYPIFIED THE WORK OF CHRIST.

The ark teaches the perfect security of all in Christ.

Gen. 8:18-19 “Noah went forth” and “every” one with him.

John 18:9 “of them which thou gavest me have I lost none.”

1. IT WAS REFUGE FROM DIVINE JUDGMENT.

Gen. 7:21-23 “all flesh died,” except those “in the ark.”

CHRIST IS OUR REFUGE FROM DIVINE JUDGMENT.

Isaiah 32:2 “a man shall be … a covert from the tempest.”

Rom. 8:1 “no condemnation to them … in Christ Jesus.”

1. IT PRESERVED THE ANIMAL CREATION.

Gen. 7:1-3, 14-16, 8:17-19.

CHRIST REDEEMED THE WHOLE CREATION.

Rom. 8:21-22 “shall be delivered … the whole creation.”

1. THE HISTORY OF THE ARK TYPIFIED THE EXPERIENCES OF CHRIST.
2. IT’S PROVISION BEFORE THE FLOOD: CHRIST FROM ETERNITY.

The ark was provided before needed, no afterthought.

I Peter 1:19-20 “Christ … foreordained before … the world.”

1. IT’S PASSAGE THROUGH THE FLOOD: CHRIST’S SUFFERINGS.

Gen.7:11-12, 18 “the great deep … the rain … the flood.”

Psalm 42:7 “waves gone over me.” Heb. 12:2 “endured cross.”

1. IT’S POSTION AFTER THE FLOOD: CHRIST’S EXALTATION.

Gen. 7:17, 8:4 “lift up … rested upon the mountains.”

Phil. 2:9 “wherefore God … exalted him.” (as a result)

NOTE: The ark rested on the heights of Ararat on the very date (17th Abib) that Christ was raised from the dead. Gen. 8:4; Ex. 12:2-3; Deut. 16:1; Matt. 26:2, 27:62-63, 28:1.