

A cosmic background featuring a view of Earth from space, with the Moon in the upper center. The scene is filled with stars, nebulae, and galaxies, creating a deep blue and purple color palette. The text is centered over this background.

THE BOOK OF  
**GENESIS**

# ***THE ARK OF NOAH***

## **GENESIS 6:13-16**

Noah's Ark has caused so much controversy over the years, so many questions.

- Is the Ark literal or is it purely figurative?
- I believe that we will see tonight that it is both!
- One might ask whether the description given is even possible to build—and to what end?
- One thing must be considered: the Ark was never intended to be a ship as we know it.

# ***HOW LONG IS A CUBIT?***

- The Babylonians had a royal cubit of about 19.8 inches.
- The Egyptians had a longer and a shorter cubit of about 20.65 and 17.6 inches, respectively.
- The Hebrews apparently had a long cubit of 20.4 inches (**Ezekiel 40:5**) and a common cubit of about 17.5 inches.

**Most believe the biblical cubit to be 18 inches.**

# ***SO HOW BIG WAS THE ARK?***

**Using the shortest of all cubits at 17.5 inches:**

- The Ark would have been **438 feet long, 72.9 feet wide, and 43.8 feet high—it was big!**
- The one at the Ark Encounter is **510 feet long, 85 feet wide, and 51 feet high—and way too nice!**
- The Ark Encounter (Ken Ham's), located in Grant County, Kentucky; **[www.arkencounter.com](http://www.arkencounter.com) or [www.answersingenesis.org](http://www.answersingenesis.org)**







# **ARK—Hebrew “*tabhah*”—TRIVA**

- The total volumetric capacity of the Ark was approximately 1,400,000 cubic feet, which is equal to the capacity of 522 railroad livestock cars.
- A total of over 125,000 sheep could have been carried in the Ark.
- There are no more than **25,000 distinct species** of land animals known (mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians), **either living or extinct**, whose average size is smaller than a sheep.
- The Terrible Lizards—**Job 40-41**

## A FEW MORE ARK DETAILS

- The three “decks” were each 15 feet high and divided into various “rooms,” in Hebrew the same as “nests.”
- The Ark was to be made of “*gopher wood*”—likely the same as modern day cypress—very hard and durable.
- The word for “*pitch*”—Hebrew *kopher*—is different from that used in other places in the Old Testament. Here it means *covering/atonement*.
- There was only to be *one* door, and all must enter and leave by the same door.

## ***NOW, THE FIGURATIVE!***

- 1.** The Ark was a type or foreshadowing of the Lord Jesus . . . The ark of salvation.
- 2.** God took the initiative to save Noah and his family.
- 3.** Relative to his generation, Noah was a righteous man. **2 Peter 2:5**
- 4.** Jesus is our ark of safety from the penalty of sin. **Ephesians 2:4-7**

# ***JESUS IS OUR ARK!***

- The Ark was the only means of escape and there was only one door to enter the ark. **Genesis 6:16; John 10:9; John 14:6; Acts 4:12**
- Once Noah and his family got into the Ark, they were perfectly safe; no one who entered was lost. **John 10:27-30**
- We have been protected from the wrath of God by the perfect covering that comes from Jesus Christ.

***THE DOOR REMAINS OPEN TO THE ARK FOR NOW!***