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Noah Enters the Ark (Genesis 7:13-16)

13 In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark;

14 They, and every beast after his kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird of every sort.

15 And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life.

16 And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the Lord shut him in.

Make sure you get in the ark!

Again we see the obedience of Noah and his family to do what the Lord has commanded in an orderly and timely manner.

God shut the door.

1. To secure him, and keep him safe in the ark.

¹⁶Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, and the LORD listened and heard them; so a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the LORD and who meditate on His name.

¹⁷"They shall be Mine," says the LORD of hosts, "On the day that I make them My jewels (or special treasure). And I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him." (Mal. 3:16-17)

2. To exclude all others, and keep them out forever.

Here Comes the Flood (Genesis 7:17-20)

17 And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth.

18 And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters.

19 And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered.

20 Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered.

What would this look like?

1. The highest place on earth is Mount Everest at 29,029 feet above sea level (that's 5.5 miles.)
2. The water went 15 cubits above the mountains, which is about 22.5 feet.
3. The lowest place on earth is the Mariana Trench at 35,994 below sea level (that's 6.8 miles.)
4. The deepest "free-dive" ever successfully completed was by a man named Herbert Nitsch, when he dove 831 feet.

The Aftermath of the Flood (Genesis 7:21-24)

21 And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man:

22 All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died.

23 And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark.

24 And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

The Result

- The deluges of the flood lasted 40 days
- The ark remained floating for an additional 110 days (a total of 150 days.)
- All life “on the face of the ground” was destroyed
- No mention was made of any sea life, which is assumed to have been protected from destruction.
- No birds survived even though the longest flight of the Alpine Swift has been recently recorded at 200 days.

Judgment ...

- God sovereignly declared that He was losing patience with mankind
- Opportunity is always given for repentance

... and Salvation

- God is always calling us to himself
- Jesus said the last days will be like the days of Noah
- Jesus is the ark to which we can run
