

Instructions for an Ark **Genesis 6:9-22**

Contrast of righteous Noah and ruined mankind: 6:9-12

- Noah is not merely the best guy in an evil world. And later we will see clear parallels between him and Adam as well as Moses.
- God *looks/sees* an earth *filled* (1:28) with violence, as all flesh is now repeatedly said to be *corrupted/ruined*. This helps clarify some of the wickedness God saw in 6:5, as well as the *men of renown* in 6:4.

Condemnation that will lead to the earth/mankind's destruction: 13

- As with Abraham (18:17-21), God takes Noah into His confidence.
- Note word play—since all flesh has become *corrupted/ruined* morally, in God's sight, His verdict is to *ruin* them physically.
- It is worth comparing this to other ancient flood traditions.

Construction instructions for the ark Noah is to build: 14-22

- The ark really refers to a chest or basket, and is a word elsewhere only in Ex. 2. Note how this compares to the Gilgamesh epic.
- God's covenant with Noah provides hope and is the 1st mentioned in Scripture. Covenants are crucial in Genesis, as 27x the word appears.
- Verse 22 records the first of 4x Noah does as he is commanded, 7:5, 9,16. This reveals his faith (Heb. 11:7) in a world that had absolutely no desire to do God's will and would have mocked his preaching and preparation of the ark, I Pt. 3:20 II Pet. 2:5, 3:3-5. Can we expect this?

