Genesis 6 - 9

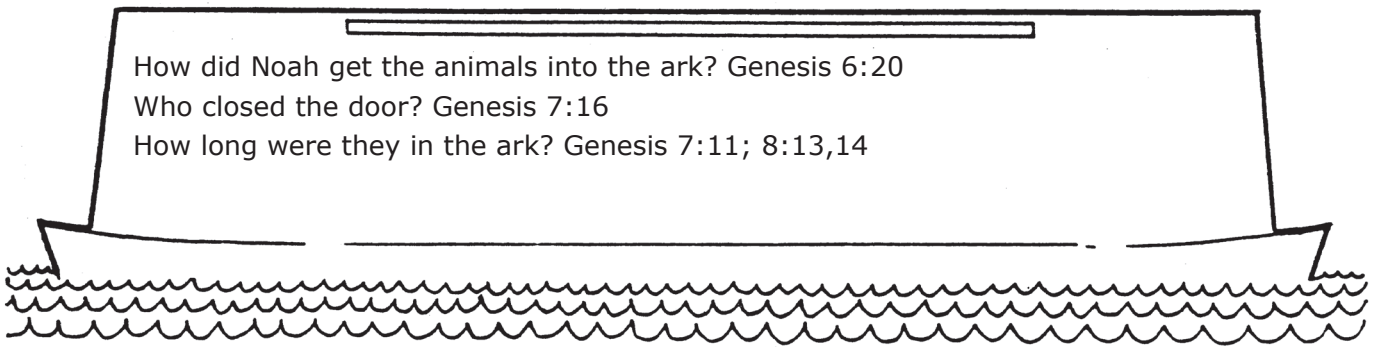*You also must be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. Matthew 24:24*

Why? How? What?

Read Genesis 6:5 - 14
Why did God bring a flood on the earth?

How did Noah witness to the people around?

What do you think the people around thought of Noah?

How did Noah get the animals into the ark? Genesis 6:20
Who closed the door? Genesis 7:16
How long were they in the ark? Genesis 7:11; 8:13,14

What do you think it would have been like in there?
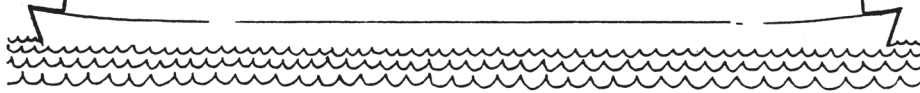
What was the world like after the flood?

The Return of Jesus - Matthew 24:36-41

What will it be like beforehand?	How is his coming like the flood?	What will it be like afterwards?

How can we be prepared?

Look at 1 Peter 3:20,21
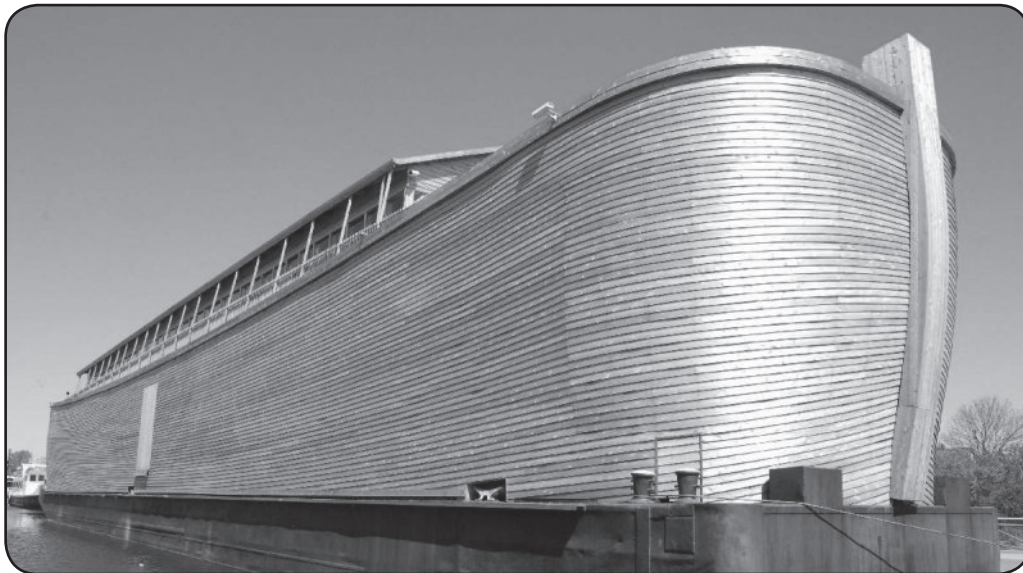
What saves us like the Ark saved Noah and his family?

What does he say baptism is not?

What does he say baptism is?

A Dutchman called Johan Huibers has built a replica of the ark (that's a picture of it on the left). It is half the size of the real thing. Read the description of it in Genesis 6 and see if he got it right. Try to draw your own impression of what it would have been like.

Digging Deeper - Promises to a New World

Read Genesis 8:20-9:1 and 9:11-16

What promises did God make in these verses and how do we know God still keeps them?

Do you think God had cleansed all the evil from the world? (8:21)

What two things did God want Noah and his sons to do? (9:1)

Now read Genesis 11:1-4. Find out what Noah's descendants wanted to do and two reasons they were they doing it?

Read v 5-9 to find out what God thought about this, what he did, and how it solved what he really wanted.

The picture below is of a Ziggurat, which is what historians think the tower of Babel may have been like. They were built around the time of the events in Genesis to honour false gods. None have been found intact but this picture is based on a contemporary description.