

## **Genesis 7:1-24**

### **The Ark and the Flood**

#### **Introduction:**

Martin Luther's commentary on Genesis is most enjoyable to read because you can hear Luther speak with excitement throughout. Luther says that God speaks to us in two ways:

1. Ordinarily through our parents and grandparents and church teachers.
2. Extraordinarily through inner revelation or the Holy Spirit. Luther gives examples of God teaching in an ordinary sense by Noah's grandfather Methuselah. In an Extraordinary sense God directly speaks to Noah when He warns and promises to wipe out all mankind except for Noah's household.

#### **I. The Ark's Typology**

##### **A. Three Ark's in the Bible:**

1. Noah's Ark – Psalm 32:7
2. Moses wicker basket Ark – Exo. 2:1-10
3. Ark of the Covenant – Num. 10:33; Deut. 10:8

##### **B. The Ark's design**

1. The plans were not Noah's
2. The plans were entirely the Lord's –
3. God's plan of redemption John 17, Phil. 2:6-11

##### **C. The Ark's Invitation**

1. It is extended to all far and wide
2. It is given to burden sinners – Matt. 11:28-30
3. It is given to whole households – Acts 10:2; 11:14; 16:15; 16:31,33,34; 18:8)

##### **D. The Ark's Absolute Security**

1. Pitch within and without – Gen. 6:14; Col. 3:3
2. The closed the door of the Ark – Gen. 7:16; I Pet. 1:5; John 18:9

##### **E. The Ark's Exclusivity**

1. One door, way, truth and life – John 10:9; 14:6
2. No other way to be saved from judgment and for heaven – Acts 4:12

##### **F. The Ark's window – Gen. 6:16**

1. Looking heaven ward – Col. 3:2

##### **G. The Ark's waves and rain – Psalm 42:7**

##### **H. The Ark's Rest – Gen. 8:4; Heb. 4:9,10**

#### **II. The Flood's Universality**

##### **A. Bernard Ramm's local flood view**

##### **B. Refutation of Ramm's view:**

1. The Hebrew word kol, "all" – v.19, 21,22
2. The descent of the rain and the rise of the water continued – Gen. 8:14

##### **C. Henry Morris and John Whitcomb view a worldwide flood:**

1. The construction and stocking of the Ark would have been absurd if it were a local flood
2. After the flood was over God promised by way of covenant that He would never again destroy the earth with a massive flood. Gen. 8:21,22; 9:11,15
3. In the later chapters of Genesis the Bible traces all people of the earth to Noah and his three sons – Gen. 9;18-10:32
4. Other Biblical texts presuppose the universal flood – Psalm 104:5-9 Turn To;; II Pet.2:5; Heb. 11:7; I Pet. 3:20; II Pet. 3:5-6

#### **Finally:**

*We have our Lord Jesus characterizing the flood of Noah compared to the world wide destruction when the Son of Man returns – Matt. 24:37-41; Luke 17:26-27 Jesus compares the universality of the flood with the universality of the coming destruction by fire – Matt. 24:40-42*

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