



Mt. Ararat

Hope, Promise, and New Beginnings

Objectives

- The Problem
- The Answer
(And Why it Worked)
- The Resolution
- Modern Implications



The Problem:

Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

- Genesis 6:5

The Answer:

Then God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence because of them; and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth. "Make for yourself an ark of gopher wood; you shall make the ark with rooms, and shall cover it inside and out with pitch.

- Genesis 6:13-14



WHY DID THIS ANSWER WORK?

Why the Answer Worked:

Thus Noah did;
according to all that
God had commanded
him, so he did.

- Genesis 6:22



Why the Answer Worked:

By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

- Hebrews 11:7



The Resolution

But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the cattle that were with him in the ark; and God caused a wind to pass over the earth, and the water subsided.

- Genesis 8:1



The Resolution

So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him. Every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out by their families from the ark.

- Genesis 8:18-19



The Resolution

God said, "This is the sign of the covenant which I am making between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all successive generations; I set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth.

- Genesis 9:12-13



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Modern Applications:

"The fear of you and the terror of you will be on every beast of the earth and on every bird of the sky; with everything that creeps on the ground, and all the fish of the sea, into your hand they are given. "Every moving thing that is alive shall be food for you; I give all to you, as I gave the green plant. "Only you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood.

- Genesis 9:2-4



Modern Applications:

"Surely I will require your lifeblood; from every beast I will require it. And from every man, from every man's brother I will require the life of man.

"Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed, For in the image of God He made man.

- Genesis 9:5-6



Modern Applications:

who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through the water. Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you – not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience – through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

- 1 Peter 3:20-21



Conclusion

- In the Mountains of Ararat, Humanity Restarted.
- This New Beginning brought several new things:
 - Rain,
 - Rainbows,
 - Meat, and
 - Capital Punishment for Murder.

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- More importantly, the Great Flood set a spiritual precedent for salvation:

Immersion in water.