

# Ark

## **The ark of Noah: Genesis 6, verse 14:**

"Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch."

## **The ark of Moses: Exodus 2, verse 3:**

"And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink."

## **The ark of the covenant: Exodus 25, verse 10:**

"And they shall make an ark of shittim wood: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof."

## **INFORMATION**

There are three arks mentioned in the Bible, each one in the book of Genesis. It has been said that these three arks represent the need for salvation, the deliverance of salvation, and the result of salvation. Noah's ark was proof of the need of salvation - in that case from the flood. The ark of Moses was made by his mother to save him from death at the hands of the Pharaohs' servants. That ark carried the man that God would use to deliver his people from Egypt and to deliver the books of the law. The Ark of the Covenant was placed in the tabernacle and contained the stones that bore the Ten Commandments. Moreover, God himself dwelled between the cherubims on top of the ark. This ark represented fellowship with God as God himself dwelled within the Ark of the Covenant. We either live in Jesus Christ or die in our sins. Which ark will we travel in?

## **WHAT IT MEANS TO OUR FAMILY**

We have an ark of safety that is Jesus Christ. Just as each of these three arks protected men, Jesus Christ protects us. We should not try and jump out or exit our ark, but should feel safe and secure in the knowledge that God enfolds us within the cloak of salvation. We should read and re-read Romans, especially chapters 6 and 8, as they tell us much about the ark of Jesus Christ that we live in.

## Relevant Passages

### **John 8:24**

I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.

### **Romans 8:31-39**

What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? 32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? 33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. 34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. 37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **Hebrews 11:7**

By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

### **Romans 6:8-9**

Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: 9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

### **Galatians 3:27**

For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

### **1 John 5:19**

And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.