



Genesis Chapter 7

Faith vs. Vanity

As we have journeyed through the first six chapters of the book of Genesis, we've covered some pretty profound things, and I would venture to say that as we continue throughout the book of Genesis we will continue to find some pretty profound things. This week we are beginning our study into the seventh chapter of the book of Genesis, and as we move forward we will continue to see the evidence of the reality of duality that we have seen throughout the first few chapters of the book of Genesis, and we will continue to see the reality of duality all throughout the Torah as we journey through what it actually does, and does not say. And so, with that being said let's turn to the seventh chapter of the book of Genesis and let's read exactly what it does and does not say. Genesis 7:1-24:

Gen 7:1 Then the LORD said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you are righteous before me in this generation.

Gen 7:2 Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and his mate, and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and his mate,

Gen 7:3 and seven pairs of the birds of the heavens also, male and female, to keep their offspring alive on the face of all the earth.

Gen 7:4 For in seven days I will send rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground."

Gen 7:5 And Noah did all that the LORD had commanded him.

Gen 7:6 Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters came upon the earth.

Gen 7:7 And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him went into the ark to escape the waters of the flood.

Gen 7:8 Of clean animals, and of animals that are not clean, and of birds, and of everything that creeps on the ground,

Gen 7:9 two and two, male and female, went into the ark with Noah, as God had commanded Noah.

Gen 7:10 And after seven days the waters of the flood came upon the earth.

Gen 7:11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened.

Gen 7:12 And rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights.

Gen 7:13 On the very same day Noah and his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them entered the ark,

Gen 7:14 they and every beast, according to its kind, and all the livestock according to their

kinds, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, according to its kind, and every bird, according to its kind, every winged creature.

Gen 7:15 They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life.

Gen 7:16 And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him. And the LORD shut him in.

Gen 7:17 The flood continued forty days on the earth. The waters increased and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth.

Gen 7:18 The waters prevailed and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the face of the waters.

Gen 7:19 And the waters prevailed so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered.

Gen 7:20 The waters prevailed above the mountains, covering them fifteen cubits deep.

Gen 7:21 And all flesh died that moved on the earth, birds, livestock, beasts, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all mankind.

Gen 7:22 Everything on the dry land in whose nostrils was the breath of life died.

Gen 7:23 He blotted out every living thing that was on the face of the ground, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens. They were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those who were with him in the ark.

Gen 7:24 And the waters prevailed on the earth 150 days.

Before we get started going any deeper into the great flood... I want us to understand how many modern-day Christians there are out there who claim to be Christians... and yet deny that the flood ever even took place. We can see archaeological evidence of the flood on every continent on earth, not to mention the fact that the flood is mentioned throughout history in almost every religious belief system ever known to man. There are fossils of fish, and Wales, and crustaceans of things found at the highest mountain tops on earth. And so, I would submit to you that the question should not be “*was there a great flood that covered the whole earth?*”... But “*why was there a great flood that covered the whole earth?*”

Was the world full of sin? Yes, it was. Was every intent of man’s heart continuously wicked? Yes, it was. But we need to understand why every intent of man’s heart was continuously wicked in the first place. Did God create man’s heart to be continuously wicked? The flood was not brought about just because every intent of man’s heart had become wicked. The flood was brought about because of these inbred offspring of the fallen Angels who had come down and mated with women and tainted the bloodline of mankind, actually changing the DNA structure of the natural man that God had created in the beginning. Once again I would like us to remember Genesis 6:9:

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Gen 6:9 These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

Just as were told in Genesis chapter 6 verses 2 through 4... these fallen Angels... the “Bene Elohim” had left their proper estate just as we’re told in the book of Jude, and they came down and took themselves wives all that they chose and had offspring through human women. And this my friends is what the great flood was all about according to the Scripture. Because of the wickedness and the things that these Angels had taught men... the hearts of men had grown cold and every intent of their heart had become wicked. They had become lawless. By the way... What did our Messiah tell us was going to happen in the end days? Not only did he say that the end of days would be likened to the days of Noah... he also said that men’s hearts would grow cold because lawlessness would be increased. Matthew 24:10-12:

Mat 24:10 And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another.

Mat 24:11 And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray.

Mat 24:12 And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold.

Men began to believe that “do as thou wilt, was the whole of the law” because of the inbreeding that had been introduced through the same fallen Angels that we see bound in chains and imprisoned in gloomy darkness in the book of Jude. And we discussed this in detail in our previous study into Genesis chapter 6, and we proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that these things were so according to the Scripture, and so we won’t get back into all of that again here for time’s sake. But, it is important to know and to understand how men’s hearts became wicked, and why it is that our father in heaven knew that he had no choice other than to erase what was left of mankind from the face of the earth, and to start over again with Noah whose generations were still perfect. Once again, I want us to just notice what is written in Genesis 6:12:

Gen 6:12 And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.

This included but was not limited to, the offspring of these fallen Angels who had infiltrated the bloodline of mankind. Genesis 6:13:

Gen 6:13 And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

We’re told that all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth, and that this is why God determined to make an end of all flesh, because the earth was filled with violence through them. Notice that the Scripture is very explicit in telling us that all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. Not just the flesh of men. And so once again we see a very clear and concise reason for our Father in Heaven to bring a flood upon the earth. All flesh had corrupted their way and because they had corrupted their way... the earth was filled with violence through them.

As we move forward, one of the first things that I want us to notice here in the seventh chapter of the book of Genesis, is how salvation works. In order for Noah and his family to be

“saved”... there were certain criteria that Noah needed to follow. Salvation is, and always has been a two-way street between man and our Father in Heaven. Salvation is, and always has been a cooperative effort between man and God. Our Father in Heaven provides salvation, and at that point, man has a decision to make. Man will either accept the salvation offered by his Father in Heaven or, he will reject it. And just as we can see through the story of Noah, there was a great amount of work involved in accepting that salvation.

Our Father in Heaven gave Noah the blueprint to salvation. But it was Noah that had to build the vessel that would lead him to salvation, much like our father in heaven gave his only begotten son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. The blueprint for salvation was given to us through his only begotten son. It is now man's choice to accept, or deny that blueprint for salvation. And if man accepts the blueprint for salvation... he then has much “work” to do within the confines of his own life, and the new-found spirit that our father has given him to ratify his decision to accept the salvation that was offered to him by our Father in Heaven and his only begotten Son.

Too many times we hear the lost and the unstudied selflessly proclaiming that works are dead, and that we are saved by the grace of God through faith which negates the works of men. And yet when we read our Scriptures we find that nothing could be farther from the truth. For us, salvation is much like the ark that Noah had to build. In Noah's day God provided salvation through an Ark that had to be made with wood and pitch, but in our day God has provided salvation through his only begotten Son. And as followers of his only begotten Son we are commanded to pick up our crosses and to follow him. This my friends requires work! Matthew 16:24-27:

Mat 16:24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

Mat 16:25 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

Mat 16:26 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?

Mat 16:27 For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.

Notice in verse 27 “for the Son of Man is going to come with his Angels in the glory of his father and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.” So, in other words... if you have done nothing... you will receive nothing. Let's turn to Matthew 25:14-30:

Mat 25:14 "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property.

Mat 25:15 To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

Mat 25:16 He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more.

Mat 25:17 So also he who had the two talents made two talents more.

Mat 25:18 But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.

Mat 25:19 Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

Mat 25:20 And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.'

Mat 25:21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'

Mat 25:22 And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.'

Mat 25:23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'

Mat 25:24 He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed,

Mat 25:25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'

Mat 25:26 But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed?

Mat 25:27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest.

Mat 25:28 So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents.

Mat 25:29 For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

Mat 25:30 And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Too many modern day, would be Christians have been wrongly taught that there are no works required in-order to accept the salvation that our Messiah has freely given. And although we do agree that we are not saved by our works... this does not negate the fact that faith without works is dead. James 2:14-17:

Jas 2:14 What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works?

Can that faith save him?

Jas 2:15 If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food,

Jas 2:16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?

Jas 2:17 So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

Notice the question that James the brother of our Messiah, asks in verse 14. "What good is it my

brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?” So, in a nutshell what James is asking, is “can faith save you without works?” And the answer to that question is answered in verse 17. “So also, faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.”

So here we have the brother of our Messiah telling us that if you have faith, but you do not have works... your faith is dead. I ask you plainly my friends... Is that what today’s modern-day version of Christianity teaches? Or does today’s modern-day version of Christianity teach the lost and the unstudied that they are “*once saved always saved*”, and that the law and works are dead? The next question that we must ask ourselves, is why would they teach these things that are in direct opposition to what we find in our Scriptures?

If the brother of our Messiah who was an apostle of our Messiah clearly tells us in the Scripture that “*faith without works is dead*”... Then why is it that they teach that the law of God is nailed to some tree somewhere, and that works are dead?

I would submit to you my friends that Peter tells us very clearly why today’s modern-day version of Christianity teaches such things. Second Peter 3:15-18:

2Pe 3:15 And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him,

2Pe 3:16 as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures.

2Pe 3:17 You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability.

2Pe 3:18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

This is a very stark warning from the apostle Peter, and he clearly tells us that “*the writings of Paul have some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and the unstable, twist to their own destruction as they do the other Scriptures.*” And Peter also goes on to say: “*now that you know this beforehand, be careful that you’re not led astray with the error of people who are lawless.*”

Today’s modern-day version of Christianity loves to teach and preach that the apostle Paul taught us that the law of God has been nailed to the cross, and therefore does not exist any longer for today’s modern-day Christian. But is that what Paul truly taught according to the Scripture? Here are just a few things that Paul taught in his many writings to the churches.

Rom 2:13 For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, **but the doers of the law who will be justified.**

Rom 3:31 Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, **we uphold the law.**

Rom 6:1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?

Rom 6:2 **By no means!** How can we who died to sin still live in it?

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Rom 7:12 So **the law is holy**, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

Rom 8:7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, **for it does not submit to God's law;** indeed, it cannot.

Rom 8:8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from **the law of sin and death.**

You see just as Peter warned us... the ignorant and the unstable have twisted the writings of Paul to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures. The question we need to ask ourselves is what law was nailed to the cross? Paul spoke of many different laws that were found within the law of God.

THE LAWS OF THE APOSTLE PAUL:

1. **The Law Of God:** Rom 3:31, 7:22-25, 8:7
2. **The Law Of Sin:** Rom 7:23-25
3. **The Law Of Sin And Death:** Rom 8:2
4. **The Law Of The Spirit Of Life:** Rom 8:2
5. **The Law Of Faith:** Rom 3:27
6. **The Law Of Righteousness:** Rom 9:31
7. **The Law Of Christ:** 1st Cor 9:21



Which one of these seven laws is nailed to the cross according to the apostle Paul? The first thing we need to understand is the definition of sin according to the Scripture. What is the definition of sin according to the Scripture? According to first John 3:4 *“sin is the transgression of the law.”* Therefore, if you remove the law, there can be no more sin. Sin cannot exist without the law. And what is the penalty for transgressing the law? Romans 6:23 tells us that *“the wages of sin is death.”* So now that we know and understand that the biblical definition of sin... is the transgression of the law... and we know that the *“wages of sin is death”*... It should be clear to us which one of these seven laws, Paul says is nailed to the cross.

Number three... *“the law of sin and death”* is what our Messiah nailed to the cross. It was the penalty of the law that our Messiah moved out of the way, not the law itself. Consider what our Messiah clearly tells us in the book of Matthew 5:17-20:

Mat 5:17 *“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”*

Mat 5:18 *For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.*

Mat 5:19 *Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.*

Mat 5:20 *For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.*

Today’s modern-day version of Christianity will often-times try to wrongly teaches us that the word *“fulfill”* in verse 17 means that Jesus did away with the law so we don’t have to be bothered with the law of God. But I want us to use our own God-given common sense for just a moment. What today’s modern-day version of Christianity wants us to believe, is that the word *“fulfill”* actually means *“abolished.”* And so, I would like us to use their version of the word *“fulfill”* within that same sentence, and see if this makes any sense to you.

Fulfill or Abolish?

*Mat 5:17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to **abolish** them but to **fulfill** them."*

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I ask you plainly my friends... Does this make any sense to you at all whatsoever? Furthermore... when we look at how the word “fulfill” is used in other Scripture found within the Scripture... we once again find that it does not mean “abolish”. Let’s turn to Matthew 3:13-15:

Mat 3:13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him.

Mat 3:14 John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

*Mat 3:15 But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to **fulfill** all righteousness." Then he consented.*

And so, if today’s modern-day version of Christianity is correct in assuming that the word “fulfill” means to “abolish”... this would mean that Yeshua abolished all righteousness.

Let me ask you my friends... has righteousness been abolished by our Messiah? The word “fulfill” used in both Matthew 3:15, and in Matthew 5:17 is the same Greek word “Pleroo” that is used in both scriptures. Let’s take a look at the definition of the Greek word “Pleroo” according to “Thayers Greek definitions.”

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πληρόω

plēroō (fulfill)

Thayer Definition:

1) to make full, to fill up, i.e. to fill to the full

1a) to cause to abound, to furnish or supply liberally

1a1) I abound, I am liberally supplied

2) to render full, i.e. to complete

2a) to fill to the top: so that nothing shall be wanting to full measure, fill to the brim

2b) to consummate: a number

2b1) to make complete in every particular, to render perfect

2b2) to carry through to the end, to accomplish, carry out, (some undertaking)

2c) to carry into effect, bring to realisation, realise

2c1) of matters of duty: to perform, execute

2c2) of sayings, promises, prophecies, to bring to pass, ratify, accomplish

2c3) to fulfil, i.e. to cause God's will (as made known in the law) to be obeyed as it should be, and God's promises (given through the prophets) to receive fulfilment



What I want us to notice here my friends is that the word “*Pleroo*” (which is the Greek word for “fulfill”) has many different meanings. It can mean any one of the things listed here under its definition. Nowhere under this definition will you find the word “*abolished*”. In order to understand how the word is being used in a sentence... one must first understand the context of the sentence. And clearly as we’ve already proven to you... The word “*Pleroo*” (also known as “*fulfill*”) does not mean “*abolished*” in Matthew 5:17:

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Mat 5:17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to abolish them."



Furthermore, if we simply read the rest of the paragraph, there would be no way that we could possibly be led into such confusion. Once again Matthew 5:17-20:

Mat 5:17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

Mat 5:18 For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

Mat 5:19 Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Mat 5:20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Clearly our Messiah tells us in his own red-letter words in verse 18, that not the crossing of a “t” or the dotting of an “I” will pass from the law until heaven and earth pass away, and all things are accomplished. So, the next question then becomes... when does Heaven and earth pass away and all things become accomplished? Revelation 21:1-6:

Rev 21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

Rev 21:2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Rev 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

Rev 21:4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

Rev 21:5 And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Rev 21:6 And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.

Notice that heaven and earth do not pass away until Revelation chapter 21 verse one, and all things are not accomplished until Revelation chapter 21 verse six where it is written, and I quote... “it is done”. Let there be no mistake about it my friends the law of our Father in Heaven still stands today. Without the law sin cannot exist, and I can assure you my friends that sin indeed does still exist in the world today, and the new Heaven and a new Earth has not yet been created, and will not be created until we get to the point in time when Revelation chapter 21 verse one comes to fruition.

Salvation came to Noah through the grace of God. But this did not negate the work that Noah had to do in-order to ratify the free gift of Salvation that God was offering him and his family.

Salvation comes to us today through the grace of God. But this does not negate the work that we need to do in-order to show our love for our Father in Heaven and his only begotten Son. First John 5:2-3:

1Jn 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

*1Jn 5:3 **For this is the love of God**, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.*

We can all thank our Father in Heaven that Noah knew how important it was to obey our Father in Heaven and to keep his commandments, and his precepts, and his appointments, and to do the work that God had given him to do... just as our Messiah has shown us how to obey our Father in Heaven and to keep his commandments, and his precepts, and his appointments, and the work he has given us to do in order to show our love and appreciation for the free gift of Salvation that he has offered us. Our Messiah clearly tells us that only those of us who do the will of his Father in Heaven, will enter the gates of Heaven in Matthew 7:21-23:

*Mat 7:21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but **the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.***

Mat 7:22 On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?'

*Mat 7:23 And then will I declare to them, **I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.***

The truth is my friends... that the question has never been about “*Faith vs Works*”. It has always been a question of “*Faith vs Vanity*”. If we think in our small human minds that we can earn our way into Heaven through our “works”... we are severally flawed in our understanding. The only way that we can gain access into his kingdom is through his grace, and the faith that we have in him. But this does not negate the “work” that needs to be done in order that he would know that we truly do have faith in him.

Noah was not saved because he built the Ark... he was saved because God had the mercy and the grace to show Noah how to be saved by building the Ark that God had designed for him. We are not saved by our works... we are saved because God had the mercy and the grace to show us how to be saved by building our faith in what God has designed for us. The Israelites could have attained righteousness through the law if they would have kept it by “*faith*” instead of, by thinking that they could earn their way to righteousness by their works. Romans 9:30-33:

Rom 9:30 What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith;

Rom 9:31 but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law.

*Rom 9:32 Why? **Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works.** They*

have stumbled over the stumbling stone,

Rom 9:33 as it is written, "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

Once again, my friends it is not a question of “*Faith vs. Works*”. It’s a question of “*Faith vs. Vanity*”. The mistake that today’s modern-day Christianity makes is that it believes that Salvation is a one-way street. The biblical truth is that faith has always been a two-way street. God freely designed salvation in-order for us to be saved, much like he designed the Ark for Noah to be saved. The Ark itself could be seen as a representation of our Messiah. It was through the Ark that Noah and his family were saved, just as it is through our Messiah that we are saved today. But make no mistake about it my friends... there was plenty of work for Noah to do in-order to enter into the salvation of that Ark, and there is plenty of work for us to do in order for us to enter into the salvation of our Messiah. We cannot honor him with our lips... if our hearts are far from him, and we can-not make void the word of his Father in-order to hold onto our own traditions.

And just for those of you who may be new to this understanding... we have several teachings on this very topic if you would like to know more about what the scripture truly does say about “faith vs. works”. We invite you to visit us at HolyImpactMinistries.com for a more detailed and in-depth study into exactly what we see here in Genesis chapter 7.

Something else that we might make note of here in Genesis chapter 7 is that the Hebrew word for “ark” is “*tebah*” which is the same term used for the basket that baby Moses would be placed in centuries later. A Hebrew “*tebah*” is a boxlike craft that is not the same thing as a boat. It is simply a floating box that is rudderless and without a crew to operate it. The idea is that the “*tebah*” is guided only by God’s hand and providence, and mankind is but a passenger.

The Ark was to be made of gopher wood and it was to be made approximately 450 feet long, and 75 feet wide, and almost 5 stories in height. It is calculated to have weighed approximately 43,000 tons. It would have three decks and a skylight built into it, and there would be one entry ramp in its side.

Four men, along with their wives were allowed to enter the ark. The total number of humans who have been elected and set apart to restart life on the planet is eight. The number eight is of great significance all throughout the Scripture. The number eight stands for redemption, and we’ll see that all throughout the Scripture as we move forward.

Another thing that we should take note of is that each species of animal is represented by one male and one female. This representation of one male and one female is the only way that life can continue to go on for man or beast. If our adversary can convince man to decide to lay with man... humanity ceases to exist. And so, it is with the animals and the beasts of the field. Once a male decides to lay with a male... that animal species will become extinct because two males cannot produce an offspring, nor can two females produce an offspring. And so, it shouldn’t be

too hard for us to figure out why it is that our adversary loves to promote homosexuality the way that he does. Turning good into evil, and evil into good, taking what is natural, and turning it into something unnatural, taking something that God loves, and turning it into something that is an abomination to God. Our adversaries whole premise, his whole plan, is to destroy mankind, because he knows how much our Father in Heaven loves the children that he created in his own image.

Something else that I find very profound within Genesis chapter 7 is that God commanded Noah to pitch both the outside of the Ark... and the inside of the Ark in Genesis 6:14. Now when most people build a boat, they make sure that the outside of the boat is waterproof... not the inside. So, the question then becomes why did God commanded Noah to pitch both the inside and the outside of the Ark? I believe the reason that God told Noah to pitch both the inside and the outside of the Ark was so that the Ark would be preserved for those of us who are living in our time. And believe it or not... I do indeed believe that the Ark was preserved, and we know that because the Ark has indeed been Found in our time.

Before we end part one of Genesis chapter 7... I'd like to give you some homework to do. I would like you to watch a documentary before we return to part two of Genesis chapter 7 next Wednesday evening at 7pm EST.

The Real Noah's Ark Found In Turkey: Phenomenon Archives Documentary

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i7iycpe16V0>

Scientific Evidence on Noah's Ark

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hrhQwkNFTZw>

The boat, and the visitors center built by Turkey can be seen on Google Earth if you have that free program downloaded on your computer.

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