

THE ARK AND THE CHURCH

1 Peter 3:20-21

INTRODUCTION

- A. Types and antitypes.
- B. The type is a faint, generalized outline; but the anti-type is specific and clear.
- C. The faint pictures in the OT resemble reality in the NT.
- D. This is by God's purposeful design. HE 9:24; 10:1; 1 PE 3:20-21.

DISCUSSION

- I. THE BUILDER.
 - A. Noah was the builder of the ark. GE 6:9-14. Cf. PH 2:8.
 - B. Jesus is the builder of the church. MT 16:18.
 - C. There is only one ark and there is only one church. CO 1:18; EP 4:4.
- II. THE MATERIAL USED.
 - A. Noah used what God commanded. GE 6:15.
 - B. There is only one material used for the church. 1 PE 2:5; 1 CO 12:12-13.
- III. THE LIGHT.
 - A. The ark had one window for light. GE 6:16.
 - B. The church has one light. JN 8:12; 1 JN 1:7; PS 119:105, 130; JN 3:19; Acts 26:23; 13:47; 20:24.
- IV. THE DOOR.
 - A. The ark only had one door. GE 6:16.
 - B. The church only has one door. JN 10:7, 9; 14:6; JN 3:3-5; 10:1.
 - C. The humble obedient enter. MT 18:3; PH 2:8; MT 7:21; 1 PE 5:6; JA 4:10.
 - D. Needs were supplied. EP 1:3.
- V. ONE FAMILY SAVED.
 - A. Those saved were the family of Noah. GE 7:7.
 - B. The saved today are one family. EP 3:14-15.
- VI. SALVATION INSIDE.
 - A. Salvation was found in the ark. 1 PE 3:20.
 - B. Salvation is found in the church. EP 5:23; 1 CO 12:13; 1 PE 3:21; Acts 2:47; EP 2:16; 2 TI 2:10.
- VII. THOSE OUTSIDE WERE LOST.
 - A. Those outside the ark were lost. GE 7:21-23.
 - B. Those found outside the church are lost. 2 TH 1:7-9; RE 14:11; RE 22:15-16; 21:8; EP 5:23.

CONCLUSION

- A. The church – the body of the Christ – will bear us across the sea of destruction at the end of the world.
- B. Become a member the body of the Christ – the church – by obeying the Gospel of the Christ.