

DEFINING BIBLICAL TYPOLOGY

Typology: a person, office, place, institution, event, or thing in salvation history that anticipates, shares correspondences with, escalates toward, & resolves in Jesus

THE ARK AS AN EARTHLY TYPOLOGY

There are many that view the ark and flood as a picture of end time events.

Enoch is seen as a picture of the rapture of the Church, the flood as the Tribulation judgments, and the ark as safety for those who convert during the Tribulation period.

Remember: Enoch was saved from the Flood, while Noah was saved through the Flood.

THE ARK AS AN ETERNAL TYPOLOGY

1/ Noah's culture is a foreshadow of end times culture.

Like end times culture, Noah's culture was filled with wickedness and depraved minds.

The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. Genesis 6:5, NIV

"As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man." Matthew 24:37, NIV

2/ Noah is a foreshadow of Christians.

Like Christians, Noah was saved by grace, not works.

But Noah found **favor** in the eyes of the Lord. Genesis 6:8, NIV

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9, NIV

Like Christians, Noah had a responsibility to enter in.

Then the Lord said to Noah, "Go into the ark..." Genesis 7:1, NIV

"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them." John 3:36, NIV

3/ The flood is a foreshadow of the coming judgment.

Like the final judgment, the flood separated the righteous and the unrighteous.

"I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. But I will establish My covenant with you." Genesis 6:13; 18, NIV

"He will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on His right and the goats on His left." Matthew 25:31-33

At the Judgment Seat of Christ, Christians give account.

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil. 2 Corinthians 5:10, ESV

At the Great White Throne Judgment, non-Christians give account (Revelation 20:11-15).

4/ The ark is a foreshadow of salvation in Christ.

Like salvation in Christ, the ark required a plan.

"This is how you are to build it..." Genesis 6:15, NIV

The Father planned salvation. For (the Father) chose us in (Christ) before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. Ephesians 1:4, NIV

The Son executed salvation. For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son... John 3:16, NIV

The Spirit reveals salvation. The mystery of Christ...has now been revealed by the Spirit... Ephesians 3:4-5, NIV

Like salvation in Christ, there was only one way into the ark.

"Put a door in the side of the ark..." Genesis 6:16b, NIV

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6, NIV

Like salvation in Christ, the ark was atonement.

"Make rooms in the ark and cover it inside and out with **pitch**." Genesis 6:14, ESV

Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Romans 4:7, NIV

Like salvation in Christ, the ark offered assurance of salvation.

And the Lord shut him in. The only people who survived were Noah and those with him in the boat. Genesis 7:23b, NIV

For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:9, NIV

5/ The earth is a foreshadow of a new beginning.

Like the new creation of Christians, Noah experienced a new creation.

Genesis 8-9

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5:17, ESV

OTHER TYPOLOGIES

Like water purged the earth of evil, so water baptism symbolically purged us of sin (Genesis 6:7; 1 Peter 3:21).

Like Noah prepared many rooms for animals, so Jesus is preparing many rooms for His people (Genesis 6:14; John 14:2).

Like salvation was made possible through an instrument of wood in the ark, so salvation is possible through the wood of the cross (Genesis 6:14; Philippians 2:8)

Like Noah was invited by God to salvation, so we are invited by God to salvation (Genesis 7:1; Matthew 11:28).