

BIBLICAL ARKS

A. What is an ARK?

1. Webster: **ARK**
 - a. To shut up, to enclose.
 - b. In the Bible, the huge boat in which Noah, his family, and 2 of every kind of creature survived the Flood.
 - c. A place of REFUGE.
2. Webster: **REFUGE**
 - a. Shelter or protection from danger, difficulty, etc.
 - b. A place of safety; safe retreat.
 - c. Action taken to escape consequences.

B. Examples of Biblical ARKS

1. Adam and his wife: The Garden of Eden
(enclosed in the borders of the Garden)
 - a. God's part: planted the Garden. Gen 2:8
 - b. God's part: put the man in the Garden. Gen 2:15
 - c. Adam's part: tend, cultivate, keep, guard Eden. Gen 2:15
 - d. Adam's part: obedience. Gen 2:16-17
2. Noah and his family
(a big boat)
 - a. Attitude. Gen 6:8-9
 - b. Preparation. Gen 6:14-16
 - c. Obedience. Gen 6:22, 7:5
 - d. Readiness. Gen 7:1, 7
3. Lot and his family
(together with the angels)
 - a. Being ready. Gen 19:12-14
 - b. Being in the right place at the right time. Gen 19:15-16
 - c. Being obedient. Gen 19:16-22, 26
 - d. Not looking back. Gen 19:26, Phil 3:13
 - e. Looking unto Jesus. Heb 12:1-2
4. The Israelites in the wilderness
(God's Presence in The ARK of the Testimony
and in The Tabernacle of Meeting)
 - a. God's part: gave instructions to build. Exod 25:8, 10-22
 - b. Man's part: build to specifications. Exod 40:1-2
 - c. God's part: dwell among them. Exod 25:9
 - d. Man's part: obey and follow the lead. Exod 35:30-39:32

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| 5. Rahab and her family
(together in the house) | Joshua 2:1-24
Joshua 6:17, 25
Joshua 2:8-11
Joshua 2:12-14,
Num 30:2
Joshua 2:1-7, 15-16
Joshua 2:17-21
Joshua 6:17, 25 |
| a. Expectancy. | |
| b. Faith Action Plan (FAP): swore an oath with the spies. | |
| c. Boldness. | |
| d. Preparation. | |
| e. Obedience. | |
| 6. Ruth
(together in the presence of Naomi to the Promised Land) | Ruth 1, 2, 3, 4 |
| a. Attitude. | Ruth 1:16-17 |
| b. Commitment. | Ruth 1:18 |
| c. Diligence. | Ruth 2:10-12 |
| d. Obedience (Inheritance). | Ruth 3:1-6 |
| 7. The Philippian Jailer and his family
(together in the house with him) | Acts 16:25-34 |
| a. Attitude – humility. | Acts 16:29 |
| b. Seeking expectantly. | Acts 16:30 |
| c. Receiving for all his family. | Acts 16:31 |
| d. Obedience (salvation plus baptism). | Acts 16:33 |
| e. Thanksgiving. | Acts 16:34 |
| 8. Body of Christ for the Rapture
(together in the clouds to meet Jesus) | 1 Thess 4:16-17 |
| a. God's part: the timing. | 1 Thess 5:1-5 |
| b. Our part: be alive and remain faithful to the Gospel of Jesus. | 1 Thess 4:15, 17 |
| 9. The Blood of Jesus | |
| a. Passover. | Exod 12:7, 13 |
| b. Communion. | 1 Cor 11:23-26 |
| c. Body + Blood of Jesus = ARK of Protection and Life. | John 6:53-57 |