

### WHAT HAPPENED AND WHAT WAS ABOUT TO HAPPEN – VV. 11-13, 17

- The problem: corruption to the point of self-destruction
- The prognosis: All flesh had been corrupted to the point that the end of flesh must come
- The plan: God would use creation to destroy the perversion of His creation

### WHAT INSTRUCTIONS WERE GIVEN FOR PREPARATION – VV. 14-16

- The Instrument: an ark
  - Not the same word as “Ark of the Covenant”
  - The same word as “basket” which saved Moses
- The Instruction
  - Made of Gopher wood
  - Filled with “rooms” – literally “nests”
  - Covered with “pitch” –literally “atoned with ransom”
    - Entirely different words than Exodus 2:3
    - *Kaphar* is “cover”, used 102 times, always in the sense of atonement and forgiveness, as in Exodus 29:33
    - *Kopher* is “pitch” and is typically “ransom” and even “mercy seat”
  - The dimensions are perfectly seaworthy and perfect in their testimony to Biblical numerology.
    - Length of 300, height of 30 – numbers of “depth, substance, fullness”
    - Width of 50 – number of grace, jubilee, release

### WHAT PROMISE WAS GIVEN – VV. 18-22

- God promised the future establishment of a covenant with Noah, by which his family and “every living thing of all flesh” would be saved.
- God promised the future of life, and instructed two of every kind to be given room and board on board the ark.

### “AS IN THE DAYS OF NOAH....” – MATTHEW 24:37-41

These verses are likely more reference to the coming judgment than the coming rapture. They describe a day in which there has been:

- Population multiplied – Genesis 6:1
- Prophecies of destruction proclaimed – Genesis 6:3
- A rapture – Genesis 5:24
- A freedom of “sons of God” to wreak havoc on the earth – Genesis 6:2, Revelation 9:1-11
- A deluge of God’s wrath – Genesis 6:13
- A Man who saves
  - He gives rest
  - He is pure in his generations
  - He found favor with God
  - He was righteous
  - He walked with God
  - His work preserved humanity
  - He did the work alone (Lev 16:17)
  - He preserved animal life
  - He was obedient
  - He lost none which God committed to his care
  - He was the instrument through whom God established an everlasting covenant
- A remnant preserved in an ark
- A new beginning