

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ARK



- God-Principle:
Salvation a co-operative effort between God and Mankind
- God is to provide it
- Mankind is to accept it
- Noah had to BELIEVE what God told him
- *Tevah* = ark, floating box, no rudder, no crew
- Moses' basket was also called a *tevah*

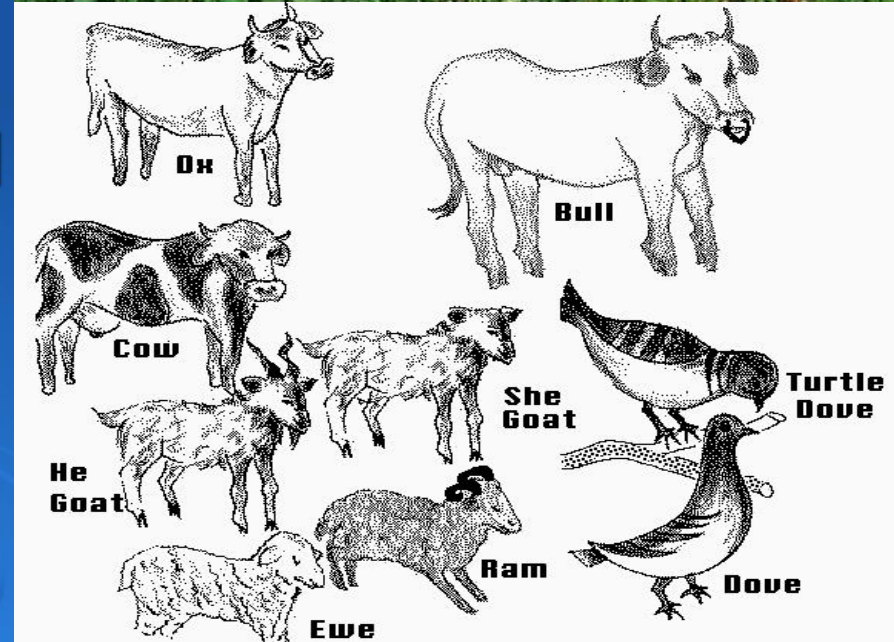
NOAH'S ARK



- Gopher wood, unknown
- 450' X 75' X 45'
- 43,000 tons water displacement
- 3 decks, 1 side door
- 8 people entered the Ark
- 8 is the number of redemption in the Bible
- Divine ideal of a family unit: one man and one woman

WHAT IS FOOD?

- Gen. 1:29 – 30 defines food
- Green plants
- Food is God authorized nutrition for our bodies
- All else is NOT FOOD!
- Law of Moses carefully defines what is food
- Hebrew Tradition has added many questionable rules about Kosher eating
- Biblical “Kosher” is quite simple and straightforward



GENESIS 7: NOACH'S INVITATION



- “.....*come into the Ark....*”
- Invitation came with *RSVP*
- Inaction meant death
- The dividing line between those who are invited and those who are not:
RIGHTEOUSNESS
- Noach was called “righteous”
- Tzaddik = righteous
- Yeshua is our modern-day Ark

RIGHTEOUSNESS

IT IS SAID THAT:

- 1) O.T. is about “works” righteousness
- 2) N.T. is about “faith” righteousness

BAD THEOLOGY!!



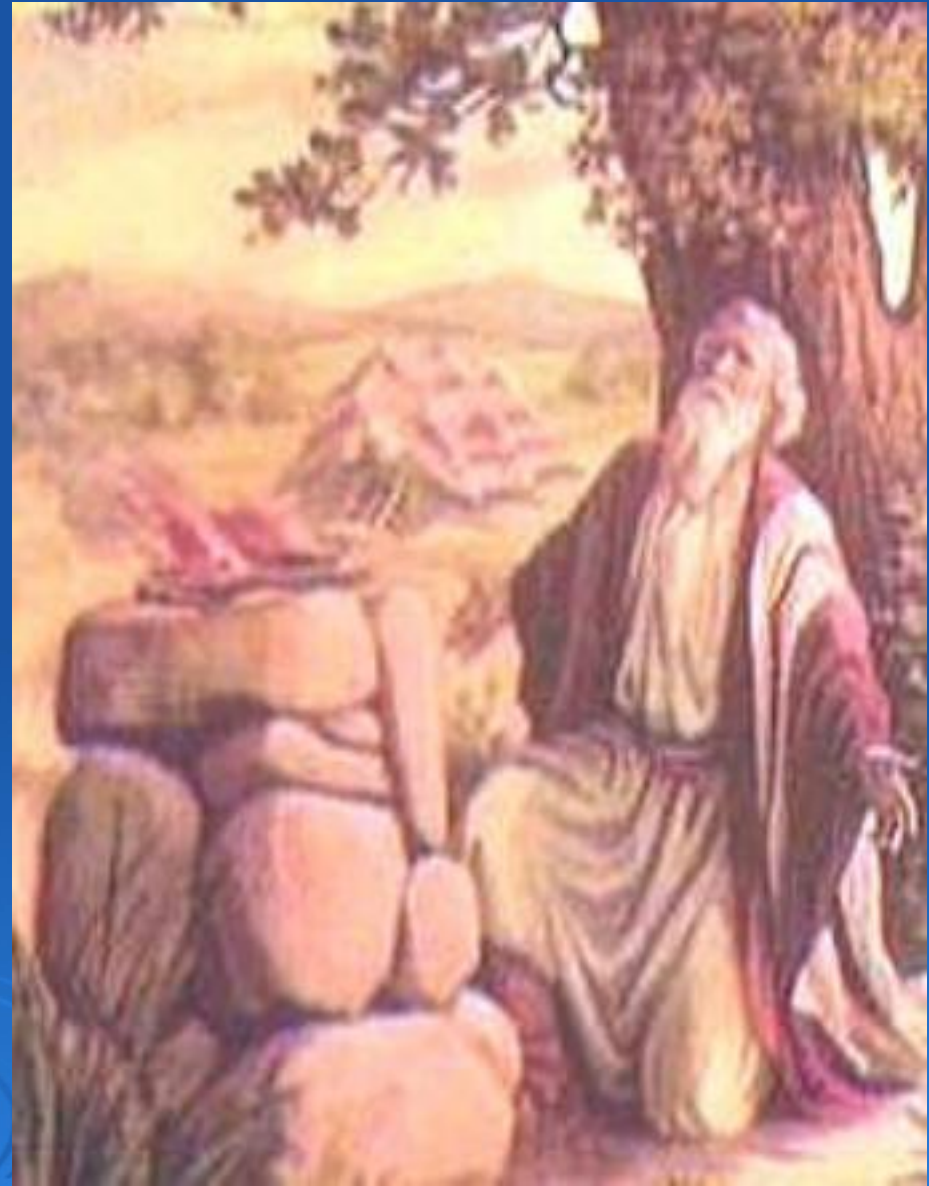
SAGES PLACE EMPHASIS ON DOING GOD'S COMMANDS



- Motivation was not to gain, but to obey out of gratitude
- Often taught that **GRACE** is a N.T. era dispensation
- Choosing LAW or GRACE is a false proposition!
- This is a manmade doctrine, designed to separate Jews from gentile Christians

HEBREWS DID NOT TRY TO “WORK THEIR WAY TO HEAVEN”

- Early Hebrews understood righteousness HAD to be a gift from God
- E.P. Sanders :
“Paul and Palestinian Judaism”
- Mishnah Rabba Bereshith
- WHY was Noach saved?
- 1) Noach found GRACE in the eyes of the Lord
- 2) Through the cleanness of THY hands
- **1st use of the word GRACE is in Genesis....NOT the N.T.**



GRACE: UNMERITED FAVOR

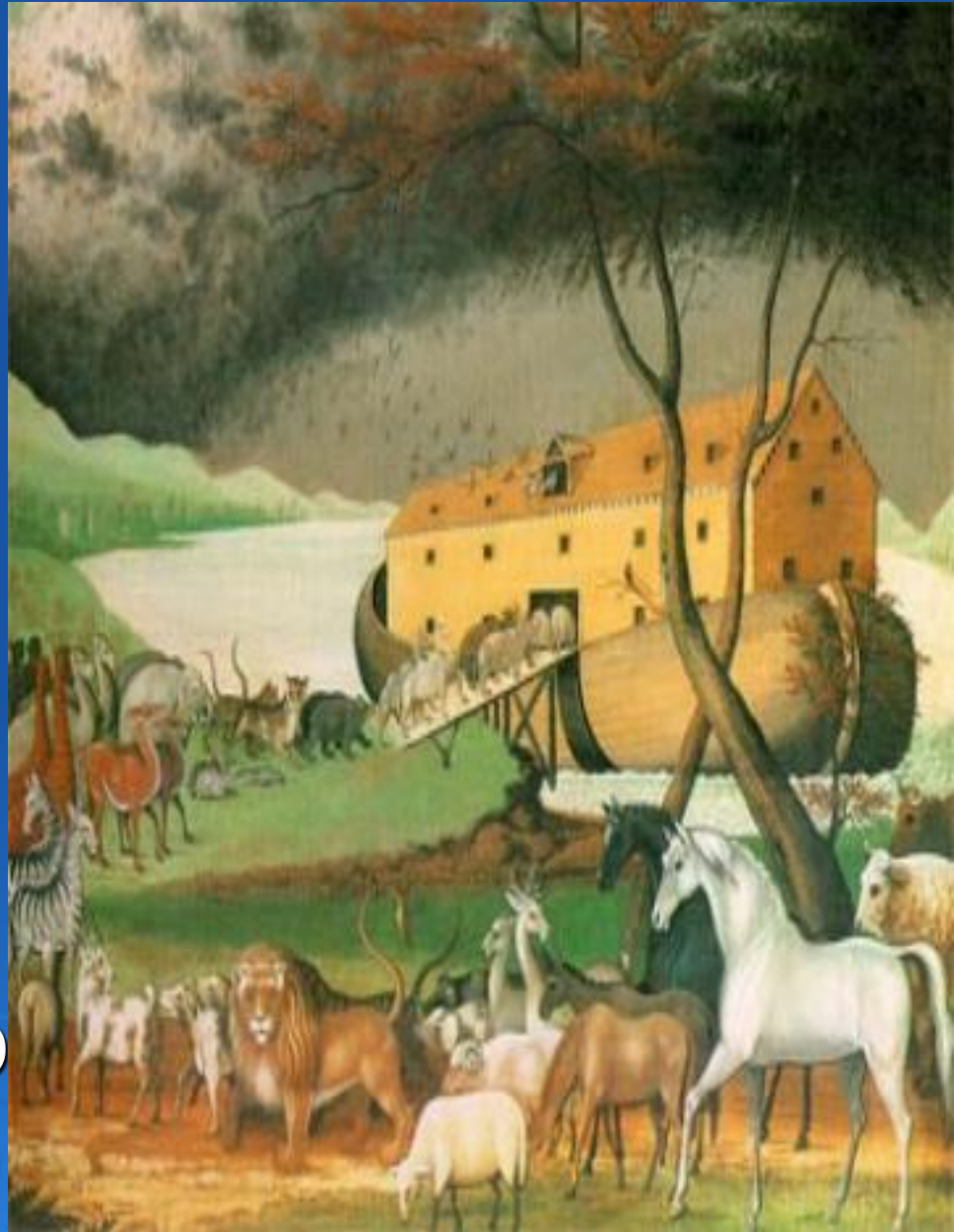
- Were the Rabbi's WRONG?
- Pre-Jesus, were the Israelites to WORK their way to Salvation?
- **NAS Genesis 15:6 *Then he (Abraham) believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.***
- Noah didn't "earn" his righteousness, it was given by GRACE.....same as US!

TWO-BY-TWO?

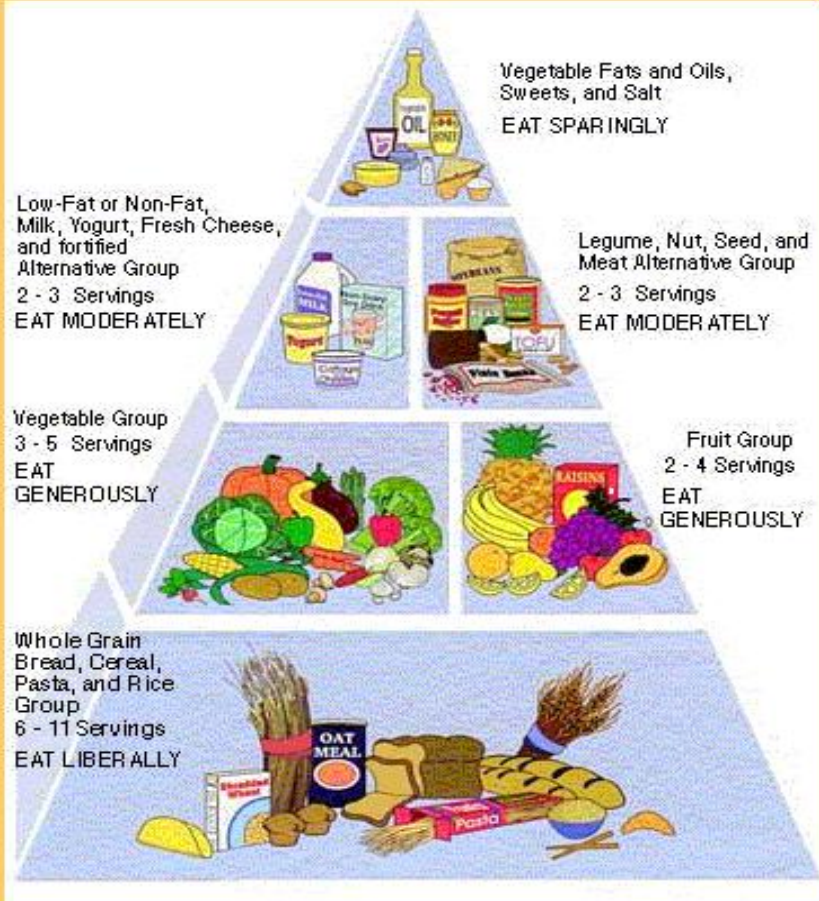
- Vs. 2 Some animals were to consist of 7 pairs
- **CLEAN** animals 7 pairs
- **UNCLEAN** 2 pairs
- *Clean* means ritually pure
- *Unclean* means ritually impure

CLEAN FOR SACRIFICES

KOSHER COMMON WORD
FOR “CLEAN” FOOD



BIBLICALLY, WHAT IS FOOD?

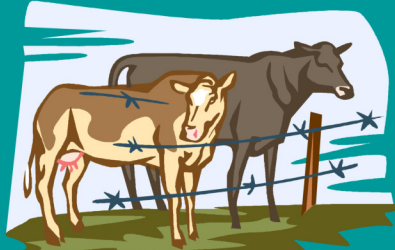


- Food is ONLY what is authorized by God as edible
- For a Hebrew non-Kosher meat IS NOT FOOD!!
- Bible is from a HEBREW cultural view
- Until the Flood, eating meat was akin to cannibalism
- Eating another “living creature” was not in their minds
- Line of Kayin may have

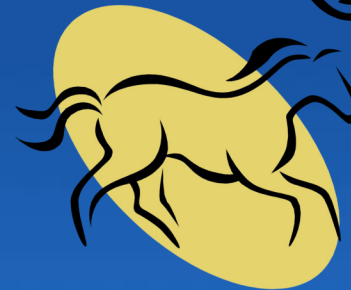
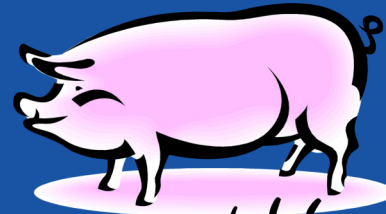


**NOT “FOOD” UNTIL
AFTER THE FLOOD**

CLEAN



UNCLEAN



NOACH AND FAMILY BOARD THE ARK



- After boarding, will be 7 more days until the Flood
- The fate of everyone on Earth was sealed when the door closed
- Matthew 24:30-44
- This pattern played out again in the near future
- ***Kol yeyum*** = all existence

NUMBERS IN THE BIBLE

- After the # 7, the # 40 is the most used number in the Bible
- 40 symbolic of testing, trial, period of probation, an era passing into a new one
- Hebrews, 40 years as age of Wisdom
- Greeks, 40 years as the pinnacle of life
- Together is the reason for Christian Tradition being a Generation is 40 years
- Rained 40 days, Jacob embalmed for 40 days, Moses on Mt. Sinai for 40 days, Jesus fasted for 40 days, spies scouted Canaan for 40 days, 40 days purification period for new mother of boy child
- Isaac married at 40 years, Moses led Israel for 40 years, Kings David and Solomon ruled 40 years
- Multiples of 40

FOUNTAINS OF THE DEEP



- Wasn't just rain that caused flooding
- Underground cavern filled with water burst upward
- The Abyss?
- Greek "abbussos"
- Emptied to hold Satan during the 1000 Kingdom?

NOAH WAS 600 YEARS OLD WHEN THE FLOOD BEGAN



- 2ND month, 17th day, the flood begins
- This was BOTH the day of his life, and the date
- 2nd month, 27th day, able to leave the Ark
- One complete Hebrew lunar year (12 New Moons plus 11 days) about 359 days
- Around early November by our calendar that the flood began

MOUNTAIN TOPS UNDER 25' OF WATER

- God closed the door to the Ark
- 15 cubits = 25 feet
- All “basar” died
- Means all animals and men
- Birds, rodents, also died
- SEA CREATURES DID NOT PERISH
- Those things with “neshemah” (breath of life) died
- Life Spirit
- Plants survived

