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The Big Picture of Scripture in 52 Quick Reads



the **10**  
**MINUTE**  
**BIBLE**  
*Journey*



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## What People are Saying

“To pen a book that is a concise yet profoundly meaningful summary of the most strategic events in the Bible is an ambitious goal, but one that Dale Mason has met well! Two things stand out that I believe make *The 10 Minute Bible Journey* a “must have” for teens as well as adults. The first is the evidence—what Mason calls “faith facts”—woven into each entry, which brought 2 Timothy 3:16 to mind in that Scripture is God-breathed. For youth, this book moves the events from a flannelgraph “story” in primary Sunday School, to a relevant, real-life encounter with the Bible and its people.

The second thing is the chronological order of each account. Mason has crafted an overview that gives the reader an exciting new perspective and the essential context on events they may have read about many times. *The 10 Minute Bible Journey* is as well-suited as a personal devotional, as it is for group Bible Study and one-on-one discipleship. I highly recommend this book for men and women of all ages! A great, non-threatening way to jump to the next level in your understanding of God’s Word and the gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ!”

—Cathy Allen, COO, Love Worth Finding Ministries

“Love it! The writing style is extremely engaging and the presentation of biblical history is phenomenally seamless. The events selected to articulate the panoramic biblical historical perspective are extremely well chosen.”

—Bryan Osborne, apologetics speaker/chronological teaching specialist

“Dale Mason, in *The 10 Minute Bible Journey*, gives us the proverbial box top to the Bible puzzle. In concise and easily digestible portions, he leads us through the timeline of the Bible and shows the 30,000 foot view that puts everything into perspective. People constantly ask me for a book they can use to lead their family through the Bible in a systematic way...now I have the perfect resource to recommend to them! This is a useful tool for parents, students, church leaders, and anyone doing discipleship ministry. ...Nothing is more important in this world than knowing God as He has revealed Himself through His Word; and *The 10 Minute Bible Journey* will help you to accomplish that in an interesting, creative and powerful way.”

— Israel Wayne, author & conference speaker

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“... always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.”

— 1 Peter 3:15 (NKJV)

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COVENANT

## DEDICATION

To my beloved Karen...

Your grace-laced affections won my heart. Thank you for your ceaseless encouragement and patience.

To our four children...

You’re not kids anymore. It’s beautiful to watch as you and your godly spouses show your own children that the Bible is full of realities, not fantasies!



## FOREWORD

I met Dale and his wife Karen in the early '80s when I visited the USA from Australia to speak in various American churches on the topic of the relevance of the Book of Genesis. Dale was working in a Christian ministry called Films For Christ, which was known for distributing a movie entitled *The World That Perished*. This evangelistic film dealt with the account of Noah's Flood. We used the movie in Australia to reach thousands of people with the truth of God's Word and the gospel.

In 1986, my wife and I came to America for six months to work with Films For Christ. During this time, Dale and I spent many months on the road traveling across the USA together. Dale had organized scores of speaking events for me as part of a multi-city "book and film" tour. I conducted about 100 engagements: speaking in churches, doing interviews at TV and radio stations, and other outreaches. During these six months, we distributed thousands of books that we hauled to each event in a large trailer! After this successful 1986 speaking tour, my wife, our children, and I returned to Australia. But we all came back to the USA in 1987, where I would work for about seven years with the Institute for Creation Research.

Instead of returning to Australia in late 1993, our family, along with two other families, moved to Northern Kentucky to begin the Answers in Genesis ministry and eventually build the Creation Museum. As the ministry began to grow, and in God's providence, I met up with Dale again. In 2004, AiG had some special needs and I approached Dale about working with us. He agreed, and Dale has been with the ministry ever since and we continue to enjoy a strong friendship.

Several years ago, when Dale reached one of those "big decade" birthday markers, he shared a concern with me. He had been unable to find a book with a solid overview of the entire Bible that was written at an easy-to-read level that included faith-confirming apologetics. Well, I challenged Dale to write it himself! So, he did! And what a unique publication it is, filling a niche that had been missing for a long time.

I encourage dads, moms, grandparents, and teens to use this book as a special devotional. It's certainly different to any other devotional out there. It will give you an overview of the whole Bible and equip you with answers to help defend your faith.

You will love the way Dale has made the major accounts in the Bible flow from one event to the next. It's nearly seamless and in a way that the whole Bible makes so much more sense. With Dale's book, it is now so much easier to see how Jesus is prophesied in Genesis chapter 3 and is active behind the scenes throughout the entire Old Testament. It makes the New Testament come to life in a powerful way.

This book is also like no other because Dale has used his knowledge of apologetics that he has picked up at AiG, our Creation Museum, and the Ark Encounter. He has integrated that faith-confirming teaching into a survey that covers nearly all the most important events and heroes and heroines of the Scriptures. And with the illustrations and the one-of-a-kind timeline at the back, this book is one of the very best ways that adults and teens can get a great overview of the whole Bible quickly.

At our ministry of Answers in Genesis, we have a Sunday school program called the Answers Bible Curriculum. I see Dale's book as a tremendous complement to ABC as it gives teachers and parents a fast yet thorough summary of what they will be teaching over 3-4 years of the ABC curriculum. In as little as one weekend, or over 52 days of daily devotional times, an adult or teen will understand the big cornerstone events of the Bible. Along the way, they will get to know fun and little-known facts about many of the most-referenced characters of the Bible.

Enjoy and be blessed by this wonderful book.

—Ken Ham  
President/CEO  
Answers in Genesis

## Introduction

*The 10 Minute Bible Journey* is intended to be a fast-paced, apologetics-infused summary of the Bible. It reveals the amazing essentials of Christianity and tells why Jesus Christ is the only way to heaven. As I've told "seekers" and "believers" alike, getting to spend eternity with Jesus in the glories of heaven rather than separated from Him in the punishment of hell is not based on how good we are, what church we attend, or whether we've been baptized. Though important, those things do not determine our salvation. They are not the bottom line.

Friend, what we do with Jesus Christ is the bottom line when it comes to where we will spend eternity when our mortal life is through. Jesus said so Himself in various ways but probably most emphatically when He told His disciples, "I am the way the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father [goes to Heaven] except through me" (John 14:6).

Where are you with Jesus? God spoke through the Apostle Paul that no one is good enough to deserve heaven (Romans 3:23). So, why should Jesus allow you or me to spend eternity with Him? Have you prayed and asked Him to forgive you for your sins? Have you received Jesus as your Savior? Do you truly believe the book of His life? He said that those who are His followers seek to know what He said. Then they do it (John 14:22-24). The amazing true story and words of Jesus are recorded in the Bible, which opens our eyes to know Him better.

Like the Bible itself, *The 10 Minute Bible Journey* begins with "in the beginning" and points to the future return of Jesus. The Bible's journey is from rebellion to restoration, Genesis to Revelation, creation to heaven. It warns about the wide path to destruction, and it highlights the narrow gate to salvation (Matthew 7:14)!

In case the Bible is fairly new to you, here are some really important basic facts.

- The Holy Bible is the error-free collection of 66 smaller books. There is no other book like it.
- Over a period of at least 1,600 years, about 40 different authors from many walks of life wrote down the inspired text given by God's Holy Spirit.
- The first portion, the Old Testament, covers the first two-thirds of history. It runs from God's creation of the universe and mankind, to the years just prior to the birth of the promised Messiah.
- The final portion, the New Testament, covers the birth, ministry, death, and all-important Resurrection of Jesus, plus the rapid spread of Christianity in the first century A.D. It tells about the future Second Coming of Christ, how to be forgiven and spend eternity in heaven, and that those who are not forgiven will spend eternity in the very real place called hell.

However, this book is about the Bible; it is not the Bible itself. It is a carefully researched summary of the most strategic and faith-confirming accounts from the Bible's first book, Genesis, to its last book, Revelation. It includes faith-facts known as "apologetics" that confirm from science and other proof tests that the Bible is true.

The chapters in *The 10-Minute Bible Journey* are in the order that the events actually occurred. In our present era — when in most churches only the last portion of God's Word is taught — this "chronological" approach helps us to quickly understand the big picture of the Bible and the seamless storyline of Jesus. It helps us to easily place each event in relation to the others. It provides an overview, much like the picture on the box top of a jumbled jigsaw puzzle serves as a guide as to how the multitude of pieces actually fit together.

The Bible, as originally written down, is historically accurate. Therefore, in *The 10-Minute Bible Journey* approximate dates are included at the beginning of each account. These dates are based first and foremost on the Bible itself, and most are documented in the respected work of scholar and theologian James Ussher. His meticulous chronology of history is derived primarily from the dates of births, deaths, kingly rule, and other points in time. Though ridiculed by skeptics, especially those committed to belief in the idea of evolution, Ussher's chronology holds enormous value even today.

Whether you know the Bible well, or you long to see how all its amazing key events fit together, you will appreciate our Creator's plan for the restoration of creation and the salvation of mankind better than ever.

It is my prayer that you will be drawn passionately into God's Word, and an even deeper relationship with His son, Jesus.

Welcome to God's story — the true history and future of mankind!

—Dale Mason



Only God could create  
everything from nothing;  
light, the earth, the sun,  
the moon, and the stars!

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# THE BEGINNING

Day 1-5,  
c. 4004 B.C.

The first page of the Bible reveals the answer to the biggest question of all time.

How did everything come to be?

Some people believe in a “big bang” where a pinpoint of energy mysteriously appeared and exploded billions of years ago, somehow resulting in our exceedingly complex universe.

Some even believe the idea that space-alien life somehow evolved and seeded life on earth.

However, we have a book that is the eyewitness testimony of the only One who was there. That book, the Bible, reveals that creation is the direct result of the Creator God.

Genesis is the very first part of the Bible. It is 50 amazing chapters of flawless history. In Genesis, God tells us how the world came to be, how marriage and the family are to be structured, the origin of pain and death, why we wear clothes, the beginning of beauty and pleasure, and much more. The fascinating early pages of the Bible even make known the foundations of biology, zoology, anthropology, astronomy, and geology.

After revealing that the Creator made everything out of nothing by His Word,<sup>1</sup> the Bible summarizes what happened

on each day of the creation week.

On day 1, God created time, space, the earth, and light. He separated light from darkness, and He made evening and morning. The words that God used to describe how long He took are very specific. Each of the days in the first chapter of Genesis is a normal, 24-hour period. God could have taken millions of years, but He did not.<sup>2</sup> He emphasizes repeatedly that He created in six consecutive, ordinary days. And science confirms that the Bible is true.

On day 2, God separated the water by an expanse called heavens; He placed some water below the expanse and some above it. Then there was another evening and morning.

On day 3, He gathered the waters under the expanse into one place and made dry land appear — one big continent, and one big ocean with spring-fed rivers flowing into it. The angels shouted for joy when God laid the foundations of the earth. He made plants and trees with seeds to reproduce after their kinds,<sup>3</sup> and He saw that it was good. Then there was evening and morning.

On day 4, three days after He created light, God made ongoing sources of light: the sun and stars. Plus he made the moon, which reflects the sun's light for us at night. Because of the sun, earth has heat, photosynthesis, the water cycle, and more. The sun is a fireball, equal to thousands of hydrogen bombs exploding continuously. The Creator's immense power is staggering. Scientists now estimate that trillions of billions of stars fill the universe — numbers far beyond comprehension.

On day 5, He created winged creatures and every kind of fish, including those the Bible describes as huge monsters of the sea.<sup>4</sup> In addition to exotic and exquisitely colored animals, there were swimming reptiles and water mammals like whales. These would have included sea turtles and beasts like the *shastasaurus*, which grew to nearly 70 feet long. Besides the small and beautiful birds, there were flying mammals such as bats, plus enormous flying reptiles like the pterosaurs, whose wings spread as wide as an airplane. Because all animals were originally vegetarian,<sup>5</sup>

they lived in harmony and did not eat each other. God blessed them to be fruitful and fill the water and the sky with creatures after their kinds.

The perfection and intricate design of all creation filled both God and His angels with joy. But the best was yet to come. In only a few hours, He was about to fashion His most special creation of all!

### PRIMARY PASSAGES:

Gen. 1:1–23; John 1; Heb. 11:3;  
Col. 1:16, Job 38:4–7

### KEY VERSE:

“For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.”  
—Col. 1:16

### WRAP UP:

“Heavenly Father, thank You for revealing that You created everything in just six days, not billions of years. As I think of the infinite universe and earth's microscopic details, it leaves me in awe of Your power. Lord, it is so good to know that You made a perfect world. Please soften my heart and give me a clear mind. I want to know Your Word, the Bible, and I want to honor You, the Creator!”



It was probably early in the morning when God made the earth bring forth land animals on day 6. He formed the original kinds of antelope, horses, elephants, rhinoceroses, turtles, giraffes, apes, cattle, cats, dogs, and many others — including dozens of different kinds of dinosaurs!<sup>1</sup>

Next, God again took dust of the ground and formed the first man, Adam, and breathed life into him.

Adam and all of creation were perfect. There was no corruption, no disease, no death. Genesis reveals that God planted a special garden in Eden and placed Adam there to work it and watch over it.<sup>2</sup> Work was actually part of the original, perfect creation!

God then told Adam he could eat any plant that yielded seed and the fruit from all the trees in the garden, except one. He was not to eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. If he did, he would begin to die.<sup>3</sup>

After God created Adam, He declared that it was not good for man to be alone. However, before making him a companion, God brought many of the animals to him to name. Thankfully,

Adam only had to name the birds, the livestock, and the beasts of the field. He did not have to name the fish or the hundreds of thousands of modern sea creatures. He did not name what now amounts to over a million species of insects, beetles, spiders, and other animals.<sup>4</sup> In all, Adam probably had to name fewer than 1,000 kinds of creatures. He could have done that in only a few hours.<sup>5</sup>

Adam undoubtedly realized that although there were many kinds of creatures, none was right for him. Also, each already had a mate, yet he did not.<sup>6</sup> Then in another miracle of creation, rich in symbolism about marriage, Genesis chapter 2 documents that God caused a deep sleep to come over Adam and then took a rib from His side and fashioned it into the first woman, Eve.

When God presented Eve to Adam, he was delighted!<sup>7</sup> She was perfect in every way, and although they were both naked, they were unashamed.

In her perfection, Eve was exceptionally beautiful. It is important to realize that beginning at the beginning, in the Garden of Eden, the Creator intended

marriage for one man to one woman. Eve undoubtedly excited something in the amazed young Adam, who saw her beauty and that she was uniquely suited for him.

Through the first marriage, God also established the basis for the family and its place in the world. He told Adam and Eve to be fruitful and produce many children,<sup>8</sup> and to exercise dominion over creation by caring for it and ruling over the creatures and environment.

Man is not an animal, nor is he an angel — both of which God made during the first six days. Rather, mankind is the most special creation of all because both male and female were created in the image of God. Although all humans and some animals have what the Bible calls *nephesh* — which is apparently both breath and blood—only humans are made in the image of God Himself.

At the end of day 6, God considered all He had made — the heavens, the earth, the angels, the animals, and Adam and Eve — and He pronounced everything “very good.” There was no sin, suffering, or death. No shedding of blood. No disease. No thorns or thistles.<sup>9</sup> Everything everywhere was perfect!

Then, on the seventh day, He rested and blessed it. God gave man the pattern of working for six days and resting for one, as He did.<sup>10</sup>

### PRIMARY PASSAGES:

Gen. 1:24–31; Gen. 2; Ezk. 28:12–15;  
Mark 10:6; Ex. 20:11

### KEY VERSE:

But from the beginning of the creation, God ‘made them male and female.’ —Mark 10:6

### WRAP UP:

“Wow! Father, You made the animals, and then you made Adam and Eve. We didn’t evolve from stardust in some kind of primordial goo. You created us special on the sixth day of creation, in Your image. Then in the perfection of the Garden, You gave the amazing act of marriage and told the first husband and wife to produce many children! Please help me to honor marriage and family in the way you invented them, Lord. Please help me to be a good caretaker of the earth and the animals. I want to please You, Father.”

When the first man  
Adam met his wife  
Eve, he was  
delighted! And  
everything  
everywhere was  
perfect.



## BONUS — Angels

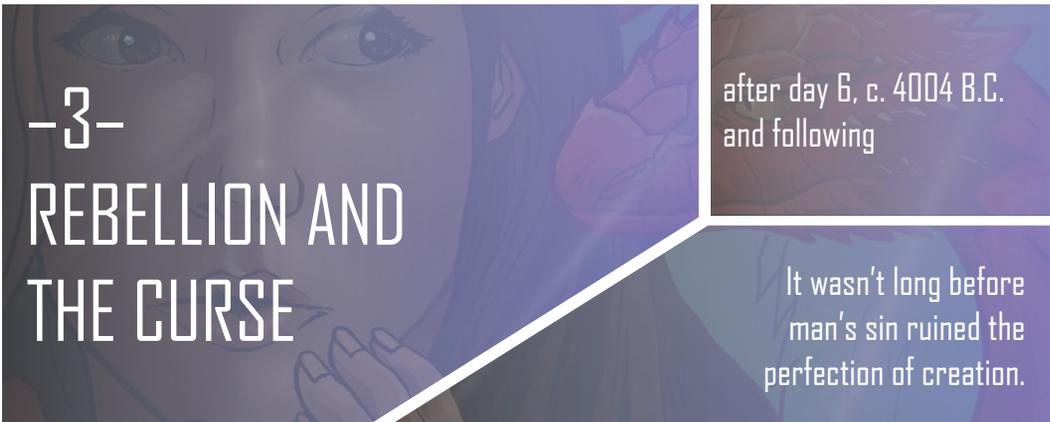
A war arose in heaven soon after God pronounced all creation “very good.” However, because the account of this event is spread throughout the Bible, with only the aftermath being addressed in Genesis, it is easily overlooked.

In what must have been a fierce battle, God’s army of loyal angels, led by Michael, their commander,<sup>1</sup> struggled against Satan (the great dragon) and the many angels that rebelled with him. Revelation — the last book of the Bible — seems to indicate that a third of all angels fought against God’s authority and were cast down to earth.<sup>2</sup> The prophet Ezekiel also refers to Satan being cast down. Defeated in heaven, Satan continued his rebellion on earth, where man had been given dominion. In the Garden of Eden, Satan spoke through a serpent in order to entice mankind to follow him rather than God.

Many assume that the heavenly battle of the angels occurred long before man’s creation, but it is clear that the fall of Satan and his minions had to occur after God declared that everything He had created was “very good,” at the end of day 6. Otherwise creation would not have been seen by God as being without blemish.

Likewise, the fall of Satan and the angels we now call demons took place prior to when Satan — in pursuit of God’s glory — entered the serpent and used it to beguile Eve into eating from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

While the Bible does not focus on the timeframe, it seems logical to assume that the period between day 6 and the Fall of Adam and Eve was very short, possibly only days or weeks, since Eve had not yet conceived the couple’s first child.<sup>3</sup> Their bodies were operating perfectly, so it is likely that the window of time prior to sin was a few months at most.



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## REBELLION AND THE CURSE

after day 6, c. 4004 B.C.  
and following

It wasn't long before  
man's sin ruined the  
perfection of creation.

The earth was breathtaking. Its perfection would stand in awe-inspiring contrast to the terribly fallen world of today. Peace, tranquility, and joy were all that Adam and Eve knew. Evil, disease, and death had not yet gripped the world.

The Bible doesn't say exactly how long it was before Satan spoke through the serpent, but it may have been only days or weeks before Adam's disobedience brought the horrible impact of his sin on all creation. It is clear, however, that God decreed the Curse prior to when Eve conceived the first child.

Genesis chapter 3 documents that through the serpent Satan deceived Eve. She sinned by eating fruit from the forbidden Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, which God had placed at the center of the Garden. Then she gave some to her husband, Adam. He was not deceived,<sup>1</sup> but *chose* to rebel against God.

Through Adam, sin entered the world.<sup>2</sup> The man and his wife realized they were naked, and quickly sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves. Later that day, God came walking in the Garden

and called to Adam. However, he and Eve were hiding among the plants, so God confronted them.

Adam first blamed his wife, who gave the fruit to him. Then he blamed God, who gave the woman to him. Eve blamed the serpent, who deceived her.

Satan's strategy to get man to follow him rather than God was not *completely* successful, but enough that everything changed. Before Adam sinned, there was no death in the world. Now, perfection was shattered. Suffering and dying had begun. Yet God was not taken by surprise. In response to man's rebellion, He launched His plan for the eventual restoration of the perfection that will one day come through Jesus. He cursed the serpent, promising that one day he would receive a fatal blow from the offspring of the woman.<sup>3</sup>

Soon after God killed animals and made coats of skin to clothe the couple. Adam was driven out of the Garden, and neither he nor Eve would ever return.<sup>4</sup> Then, God placed cherubim and a moving, flaming sword at the entrance, guards to block the way to the Tree of Life and as a reminder that it

was here that sin, suffering, and death began. How sad they must have been!

Now outside the Garden, Adam labored against weeds and thorns, and the ground no longer yielded food easily. Eve was blessed with pregnancy, but the fear and pain during childbirth were undoubtedly intense, especially due to all the unknowns of the first child's birth. Surely, the delivery of Cain was both awesome and bittersweet.<sup>5</sup>

Later, Abel and other sons and daughters were born. They married and had families of their own. Marriage between siblings and close relatives was accepted until about 2,500 years later at the time of Moses, when God forbade close intermarriage, perhaps because the gene pool had become too corrupted.<sup>6</sup>

One day both Cain and Abel presented offerings to God. Abel brought fat portions from the firstborn of his flock, and Cain brought some of the fruit of his fields. God was pleased with Abel and his offering, but He was not pleased with Cain and his offering.

The grief of Adam and Eve was surely extreme when Cain — filled with jealousy that God accepted Abel's offering but not his — struck and coldheartedly killed his brother Abel. The first couple's first son committed the world's first murder. It would be hard to overstate the crushing heartache that must have gripped Adam and Eve, especially since it was their own disobedience years before that brought sin and its many miseries into the once-perfect world.

It may be that no parents have longed more intensely than Adam and Eve for

the restoration that Jesus the Redeemer would one day bring to our terribly broken world.<sup>7</sup>

## PRIMARY PASSAGES:

Gen. 3-4, Rom. 5:18-20, Rev. 12:4-10, Isa. 14:12-15

## KEY VERSE:

"...sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it." —Gen. 4:7

## WRAP UP:

"Eve believed Satan's lie, and then Adam decided to disobey You, Lord, by eating from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. But thank You for not allowing them to keep eating from the Tree of Life. If they had not been kicked out of the Garden, they would have lived forever in the broken world with all of its sin and suffering, with no hope of everything being restored one day! Please help me to understand the big picture as I read to discover the key things that happened between the day Adam sinned, and the morning so many years later when Jesus rose from the dead!"



Suddenly perfection was broken. Suffering and dying began with the Curse after Adam and Eve sinned.

Noah led his family  
in building the Ark.  
Many pre-Flood  
people were very  
intelligent and  
skillful.





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## NOAH BUILDS THE ARK

c. 2424–2349 B.C.

The worldwide Flood brought a tragic end to the perfect beginning.

Family histories in Genesis reveal that the worldwide catastrophe known as Noah's Flood was unleashed less than 2,000 years after creation. Although it is clear that there were many people living by that time,<sup>1</sup> all humanity except one family followed the rebellion of Adam's sin against God. Death, suffering, and hate filled the earth, and by the time of the Flood, the thoughts of men were evil, continually.

God loves righteousness, but He hates evil. He was not surprised when Adam sinned, or decades later when Cain killed his brother Abel. The Creator was ready for what would happen, and now it was time for a massive step in His plan for man's salvation and creation's restoration.<sup>2</sup>

Beginning when Noah was 500, this "preacher of righteousness" and his wife were blessed with three sons. The first, Japheth, was born 100 years before the Flood. Shem was born two years later, then Ham.<sup>3</sup>

As Noah and his wife trained their sons to obey and praise the Creator, the boys matured into manhood. God tells us in the Bible that Noah followed God's

ways, so it is reasonable to assume that he loved his wife and trained his children in righteousness. Japheth, Shem, and Ham must have respected their parents and followed their instructions with care.

Genesis chapters 6 through 9 document that God told Noah to build a massive ship, called an ark, and instructed him to build it 300 cubits by 50 cubits by 30 cubits, with three levels. That's roughly 510 feet long by 85 feet wide by 51 feet high.<sup>4</sup> God told Noah to build it out of a specific type of wood and to coat it inside and out with pitch, which was probably based on the sap of trees in order to waterproof and preserve the wood extra well. It is likely that God gave Noah many other details, too.<sup>5</sup>

Because the world was exceedingly wicked, Noah and his family were surrounded by God-haters. Surely he was scoffed as a crazy man. But he stood firm and obeyed anyway.

Considering both the immense sinfulness of his culture and the magnitude of the task before him, Noah's obedience is perhaps the greatest example of persistent faith in all of Scripture.

It took many years to complete the huge Ark. We don't know how many were spent warning people, or harvesting timber, or actually building. But from the day when God declared that He would destroy man from the face of the earth until the Flood started, 120 years passed.

Noah's oldest son, Japheth was 100 when the Flood came.<sup>6</sup> Still young among the men of that time, Noah's three hard-working sons were undoubtedly strong. Although researchers are confident that Noah and his family could have built the Ark on their own, it is quite possible that Noah employed and continued to warn laborers and unbelieving relatives as well.<sup>7</sup>

We know from Genesis chapter 4 that even before the Flood, skilled tradesmen were making things out of metal. They were smart! In addition, the use of strong animals and labor-saving inventions such as pulleys, cranes, and wagons for the heavy lumber, are probable. After all, the mental and physical abilities of the people of Noah's day were much closer to the original perfection of Adam and Eve than to the sin-corrupted minds and bodies of humans today.

Moreover, because people lived considerably longer before the Flood,<sup>8</sup> they were able to experience, recall, and put to use far more than we can now. It is

likely that we vastly underestimate the abilities and inventions of Noah and the countless other pre-Flood people!

## PRIMARY PASSAGES:

Gen. 6–9

## KEY VERSE:

“Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. So the Lord said, ‘I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.’ But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.” —Gen. 6:5–8

## WRAP UP:

“Our Father, thank You for telling Noah to build the ark. He was such a great example of faith and dedication! With all the sin and evil that filled the world in his time, even worse than today, it must have been incredibly easy to be drawn into sin, and not to stay faithful to You in the six hundred years he lived before the Flood. Please help me to have faith that overcomes the pressures of this world, like Noah's.”