

# Noah

Who's He?

## Noah's story

- Bible record
- Babylonian records
- Archaeological findings
- Many traditions tell of the flood and one family saved from it

## Noah's Background

- Lived about 3000 BC
- Lived in Mesopotamia (Babylon...Iraq)
- Had wife and 3 sons

The Story →



## God said:

- “Man has become wicked
- Men have corrupted themselves
- The earth is filled with violence because of them
- I am sorry I made them
- I will destroy them off this earth”

BUT Noah – pleased God

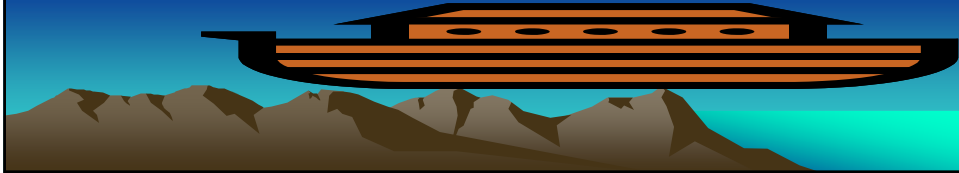


## God said - "Build an ark"

- 150m long
- 25m wide
- 15m high
- 3 storeys



10m x 9m



## 2 Jumbos to an Ark!



It took him a hundred years



He took 2 of every animal with him



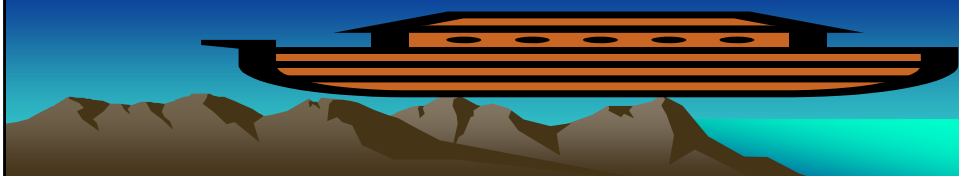
## The ark saved him and his family

- “God shut him in”
- It rained 40 days and 40 nights
- The whole land was covered
- The waters stayed on the earth for 150 days
- Landed on Mount Ararat in Turkey
- Waters subsiding for another 7 months
- Total of over 1 year in the ark



## Why did God choose Noah?

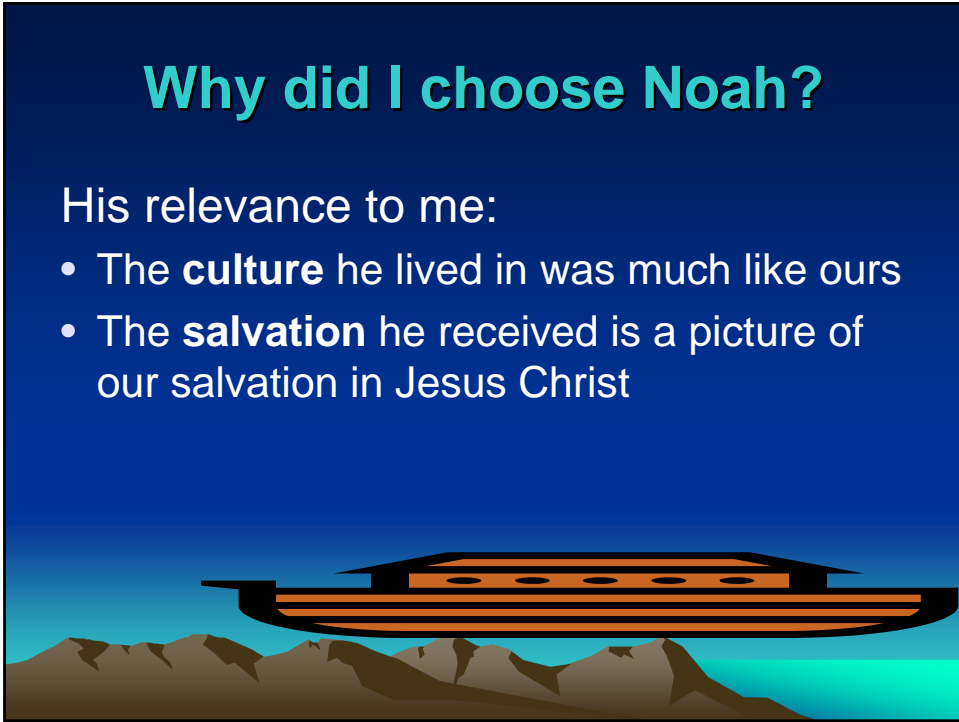
- He was a just man
- He was blameless among the people of his time
- Noah “walked” with God
- God made a covenant with him



## Why did I choose Noah?

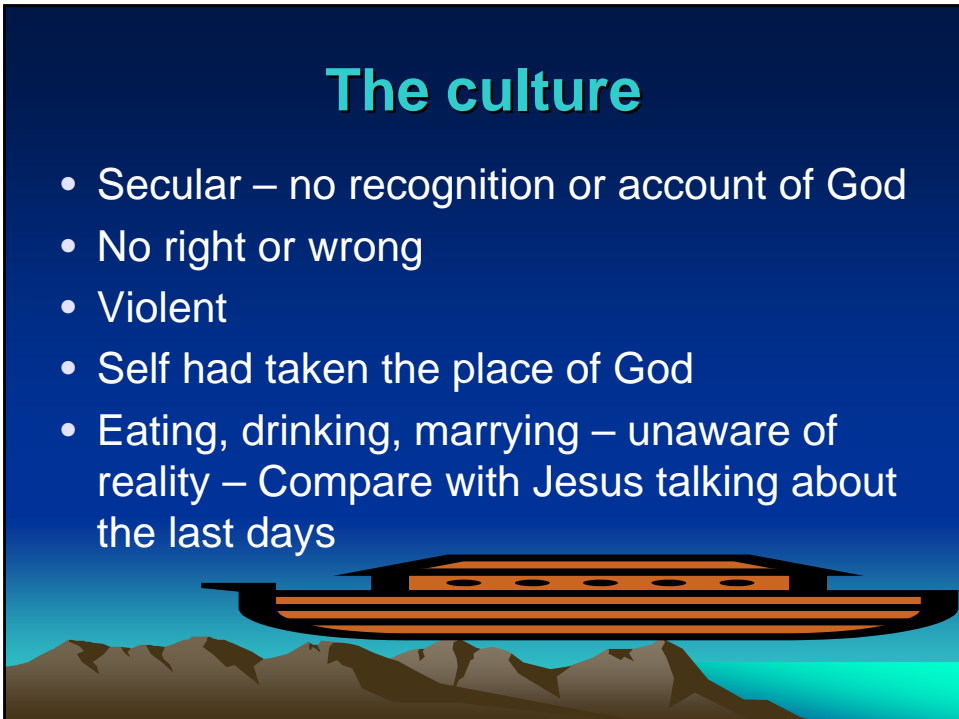
His relevance to me:

- The **culture** he lived in was much like ours
- The **salvation** he received is a picture of our salvation in Jesus Christ



## The culture

- Secular – no recognition or account of God
- No right or wrong
- Violent
- Self had taken the place of God
- Eating, drinking, marrying – unaware of reality – Compare with Jesus talking about the last days



## Against the Tide

- Noah chose God
- In a hostile environment
- He believed God, with no previous experience of floods or judgement – no previous rain?
- He obeyed - day after day, year after year
- Not belonging
- Not respected, he still preached righteousness
- He trusted God in all the details of going into the ark



## Saved!

- He knew he needed saving – and also saved his household
- The flood is a picture of:
  - Washing and regeneration
  - Deliverance from evil and the old world
  - Shut in with God - exclusively
  - Entry into new world – resurrection

