

The Ark is the Mark

A. God's Plans Never Fail

1. I am the Lord your God; I never change. Mal 3:6
2. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. Heb 13:8
3. Heaven and earth may pass away but God's words will never pass away. Matt 24:35
4. The Word out of God's mouth shall accomplish what He pleases. Isa 55:11
5. God's plan for us is to be *fruitful, multiply* (Ps 127:3,4), reign over the earth and live in fellowship with Him. Gen 1:26
Ex 25:8
6. Press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Phil 3:14

B. The Original Plan for Man

1. The Garden of Eden
 - a) God separated His family from the rest of the beings on the earth. Gen 2:8, 6:1,2
 - b) God created an ark for Adam; a place free of the evil in the world. Gen 2:15
 - c) God told Adam and Eve, "Be *fruitful and multiply* and replenish the earth." Gen 1:28
 - d) **On the same day** they sinned, Adam/Eve were put out of the Garden of Eden. Gen 3:24
2. Noah and the Flood
 - a) The earth was full of sin. Noah by his faith and actions condemned the earth. Heb 11:7
 - b) God told Noah to create an ark and fill it with his family and animals. Gen 6:18-20
 - c) Because of disobedience, especially with sexual sin, the earth was cleansed. Gen 6:4-8
 - d) **On the same day** that Noah entered the ark, the flood started. Gen 7:13
 - e) Afterwards, God told Noah, "Be *fruitful and multiply* and replenish the earth." Gen 9:1
3. Lot and Sodom & Gomorrah
 - a) Because of disobedience, especially of sexual sin, both cities were destroyed. Gen 18:20
 - b) **On the same day** that Lot fled Sodom with his family and gained safety in Zoar, fire and brimstone fell from heaven onto the cities. Gen 19:23-24
4. Moses and the Israelites
 - a) Satan tried to sabotage God's plan by trying to kill Moses as a baby. Ex 1:22
 - b) **On the same day** that the Hebrews were delivered by the death of the first born, the hosts of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt. Ex 12:41
 - c) Because of their disobedience, God proposed killing off the Israelites and starting over with Moses (i.e., Moses would be *fruitful and multiply*). Num 14:11-16
 - d) Because of disobedience, the Israelites were prohibited from entering the Promised Land and they died off in the wilderness. Num 14:22-29

C. The Plan of Redemption Restores the Original Plan

1. Joshua and the River Jordan
 - a) Only two who believed God's promises could cross the river into the Land. Num 14:6,30
 - b) Joshua and Caleb took with them the younger generation (younger than 20). Num 14:29,31
 - c) God's plan was to cleanse the land and use it as an ark to separate His people. Josh 1:2,3
 - d) Crossing the Jordan into the Promised Land is a foreshadowing of the Rapture. Josh 5:8-12
2. Jesus and the River of Death
 - a) Satan tried to sabotage God's plan by killing off Jesus as a young child. Matt 2:16
 - b) Jesus lived and ministered under the Adamic Covenant. Luke 21:36
 - c) "Whosoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Believe you this?" Jn 11:26
 - d) Only those who believe can cross the River of Death into the Promised Land, become an overcomer by not dying & living unto Jesus returns in the Rapture. 1 Cor 15:26
 - e) We shall not all die but we shall all be changed. 1 Cor 15:51

3. Remembering the Plan with Holy Communion, The Lord's Table
 - a) The Body
 - 1) Completes the Abrahamic Covenant. (Gal 3:13) 1 Pet 2:24
 - 2) Fulfills and recognizes Jubilee. Luke 4:19
 - 3) Restores the rights of the Adamic Covenant through the last Adam. 1 Cor 15:45
 - b) The Blood
 - 1) Improves on the Adamic Covenant
 - Our sins have been remitted (i.e., they no longer exist). Matt 26:28
 - Gave us power over the Heavens. Matt 28:18
 - 2) Gives us a much better (i.e., perfect) covenant in Christ Jesus. Heb 10:14
 - We are complete in Christ Jesus. Col 2:9,10
 - God lives in us. 1 Cor 3:16
 - We have been redeemed from the law of sin and death. Rom 8:2
4. The Church without Spot of Wrinkle
 - a) Satan will try to sabotage God's plan by trying to kill every Jew and Christian Matt 24:21-24
 - b) All creation is waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God. Rom 8:19
 - c) Jesus is perfecting a church (His Body) without spot or wrinkle by washing us with the water of the Word. Eph 5:26,27
 - d) Manifested Sons of God feed on strong meat (Heb 5:14), are led by the Spirit of God and live in dominion as ambassadors of Heaven on earth. Rom 8:14
2 Cor 5:20

D. The Future Completion of the Original Plan

1. The Short Term Future - The Rapture
 - a) As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the days of the Son of Man. Luke 17:26
 - b) **On the same day** that Lot went out of Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. Luke 17:29
 - c) Those who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with Jesus. 1 Thes 4:15
 - d) Every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. 1 Jn 3:3
 - e) Be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. 2 Pet 3:10-14
 - f) Those who believe that they shall never die will build an Ark of Anointing. Gen 5:24
 - g) In this Ark of Anointing *can* be loved ones who will also be raptured. Luke 17:37
 - h) The Rapture triggers the cleansing by fire which ends the Tribulation. Matt 24:29-30
2. The Long Term Future – The Millennium
 - a) We will be caught up to meet Jesus in the air (i.e., greet and escort the King of Kings back to the earth to start the Millennial period). 1 Thes 4:17
 - b) As it was with Noah, **on the same day**, the earth will be cleansed, purged with fire; and those in the Ark of Anointing will return to the earth with Jesus. 2 Pet 3:5-7
 - c) The Ark Builders will not be subject to the Second Death. (Rev 3:12 + 2:11) Rev 21:8
 - 1) Those who are faithful unto death (i.e., martyrs) are given a crown of life. Rev 2:10, 20:6
 - 2) Those who overcome unto the end shall eat of the Tree of Life. Rev 2:7, 3:12
 - d) Those in the Lamb's Book of Life shall enter into the New Jerusalem. Rev 21:27
3. After the Millennium
 - a) Satan will be released for a short time. Rev 20:7
 - 1) God is no respecter of persons. Acts 10:34
 - 2) For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven. This does not apply to the raptured. Mat 22:30
 - 3) Those born while Satan is bound must be exposed to Satan's temptations. Rev 20:8
 - b) Satan and his followers will be cast into the Lake of Fire. Rev 20:10, 15
 - c) We will have a new heaven/new earth (Rev 21:1) where dwells righteousness. 2 Pet 3:13