

# FLANNEL BOARD FRIDAY

## PART 1 NOAH AND THE ARK

### The Size of the Ark: Genesis 6:15

Cubit=17.5" > Ark = 438' long, 73' wide, 44' high = 1.4 million cubic feet or 522 standard railroad box cars

### The Animals on the Ark

There were 2 of each kind of animal on the ark, along with an additional 7 of each kind of clean animal. The purpose of the additional clean animals was for offering sacrifices to God (Genesis 6:19-20; 7:2-3; 8:20).

### The Duration of the Flood: Genesis 7:11; 8:14 = 371 days aboard the ark

40 days & nights rains and floods the earth + 110 more days of rain Genesis 8:1-3

+74 more days for water to recede Genesis 8:4-5

+40 more days Noah sends out a raven Genesis 8:6-7

+7 more days Noah sent out dove Genesis 8:8-9

+7 more days dove returns with olive leaf Genesis 8:10-11

+7 more days dove did not return Genesis 8:12

+29 more days Noah dug through the ark and found the surface to be dry Genesis 8:13

+57 more days God allowed them to disembark the ark Genesis 8:14-19

## EVEN MORE TO THE STORY

### Did You Know?

- Noah was 600 years old when the flood waters came upon the earth. However, even at 600, Noah was only middle aged (Genesis 7:6; 9:29).
- The ark was waterproof because God instructed Noah to cover it inside and out with pitch or tar (Genesis 6:14).
- The waters of the flood not only came from the rain, they also came from tsunamis started on the ocean floor (Genesis 7:11).

### Quick Fact

The Sumerian King List is a 4,000 year old clay tablet that lists the kings of Sumer (Mesopotamia or Southern Iraq) and the length of their reign. Many kings on that list lived to be ages comparable to those listed in the early chapters of the book of Genesis. The ancient tablet also mentions a great flood that swept over the whole world.

### Questions to Ponder

- Noah knew that the waters had abated when he sent out a dove and it brought back an olive leaf (Genesis 8:11). Surely if the world was under water for most of a year, all plant life would have been dead. Where do you think the dove found an olive leaf?

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- If every animal was on Noah's ark for a year, why do you think the carnivores didn't eat all the other animals? Not to mention eating Noah and his family?

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- Many do not think Noah would have had the tools, manpower, or the technology to build the ark described in Genesis. What do you think?

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