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## Scott's Thoughts



"The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who

were of old, the men of renown. The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." (Genesis 6:4–5, ESV)

The TV commercial says it is big. It is! To give some perspective on it, if you set it on a regulation size football field, it would cover the whole length plus almost half another and it would be half as wide as the field. I'm talking about the ARK, not just any ark, the life-size replica of Noah's Ark located in Williamstown, KY. Ava and I had the pleasure of visiting that incredible structure and it was overwhelming when we first caught sight of it.

One of the things that stood out as we toured the exhibits was the presentation of facts. Almost every plaque listed the relevant Biblical passage and right beside the passage listed what in that exhibit was based on speculation. Other than the dimensions listed in Genesis and the materials Noah used to build it, the design for the rest of the Ark must be assumed. The creators of this exhibit also freely stated that some of what they presented was only one possible way it could have been.

The dimension of the ark that's stated in the Bible has caused problems for some people.

They asked several questions. How could a wooden structure of that size have held together? The engineers who constructed the replica showed it was completely possible and explained it in several drawings and cutaways of the hull construction. How did they manage to lift the massive timbers it would have taken to make the framework for such a structure? I honestly do not know. But then again, we have no real idea how several civilizations across the world managed to build stone pyramids with such mathematical precision. God did not give us every detail if He had there would be no room for faith. He gave us enough information for us to know that He exists and is in control of this old world.

Our problem is not that there's a lack of evidence, it is our lack of truly investigating the evidence that has been set before us. The mere fact that the Bible exists is evidence of God and His sovereign control of the universe. My suggestion to any doubter is this, read the Bible text, compare it to historical evidence, and then decide. Don't decide then go looking for evidence.

""Go out from the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—that they may swarm on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth. "" (Genesis 8:16–17, ESV)

Thanks for listening and keep on shining. —Scott