

The Animals of the Ark
Genesis 6:16-19
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Thesis: I want to show what we can learn from the animals on the ark.

Intro: 1. The ark, as mentioned last week, is a source of interest & criticism.
2. This week we will look at not just the animals on the ark, but also the space on the ark for the animals & Noah's family.

I. The Number of Animals on the Ark

A. Questions from the skeptics

1. How did Noah & His family find & trap all the animals?
2. How did they transport & house millions of animals on the ark?

B. Many questions from skeptics are based on misrepresentations of both the scientific & Biblical record.

1. Consider closely what the Bible says in **Genesis 6:19-20**
 - a. Noah did not have to worry about catching or trapping animals (Ref Gen 6:20b-**image**)
 - b. Skeptics misrepresent the number of animals on the ark.
 1. The idea of millions of animals having to be on the ark is a result of the teaching of Darwinian evolution.

C. The Kingdoms of Life (Species)

1. Discussion of what meets the Biblical criteria "has the breath of life"
2. What about dinosaurs? Juvenile dinosaurs would be the size of a cow or a sheep.
3. Definition of the term Species; a group of individuals that actually or potentially interbred in nature.

II. Space requirements for the animals on the ark.

- A. The needed space requirements
- B. The total amount of space taken by the animals on the ark

III. Lessons for us today.

A. God always accomplishes His Will (**Isa 55:11**)

1. What happens when man questions God? (**Job 38:1-5**)
2. Man sometimes doubts because man cannot do what God can do or has done.

B. God did so much to save mankind.

1. This wouldn't be the last time (Christ on the cross).
2. **John 3:16a**

Application & Conclusion:

1. God shows how nothing prevents Him from accomplishing His will & his desire to save mankind.
2. These things should move us to love God more, respect God more & to fail Him less.
3. Full Invitation

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Luke 13:3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – Rev 2:10,

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9