

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) "Whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Believe you this?" John 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. Mark 9:23
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

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| 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

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| 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 Heavenlies. | 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

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| 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

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| 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 John 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 <i>can</i> 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

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| 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

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| 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 |