



Inside the Ark

Joshua 3:6

“..Take up the ark of the covenant and pass over before the people...”

OUTLINE

Introduction

Noah's Ark (Salvation was within)

Ark of the Covenant (Protection was within)

Ark of Safety (Church contains Salvation/Protection)

Conclusion

Invitation

Introduction

****Ark means a “coffin,” “box,” “hollow chest”**
Genesis 6:14; Exodus 3:2

****Ark was an instrument used by God to respond to man’s sin.**

****Ark was a means of salvation, protection, and evangelization.**

NOAH'S ARK:

Salvation was inside

- **Genesis 6:8-** Noah found grace. Man has never been saved by “grace alone,” Ephesians 2:8
- **Genesis 6:11-** Ark was designed to protect/withstand.
- **Genesis 6:14-16-** God's specific instructions



NOAH'S ARK: Salvation was inside

- God's instrument (ARK) + Noah's obedience provided salvation. **Hebrews 11:7; 1 Peter 3:20**
- One could not have worked without the other.
- Noah carried the salvation of himself, family, lineage of Savior, and mankind.



LORD'S ARK:

Protection was within

- The Ark was called:
 - *the Ark of the Covenant Deuteronomy 31:25;
 - *Ark of Testimony Exodus 30:6;
 - *Ark of the Lord I Kings 8:4;
 - *Ark of God I Samuel 3:3
- The Ark was the most important symbol to Israel. It represented God's presence.
- **Exodus 25:10-** God's specific instructions



LORD'S ARK: Protection was within

- INSIDE: **Hebrews 9:4**, 1) Manna pot- representing God's provision, 2) stone tablets of law- representing God's instructions, and 3) Aaron's rod- representing God's leadership.
- These items highlight God's love and mercy.
- God's instrument + Israel's obedience = victory and life. Example: Jericho 6:1-27



Ark of Safety:

Salvation/Protection is inside

- Ark of Safety is the Lord's Church

- Matthew 16:18

- Acts 2:47

- Ephesians 1:22

- God's specific instructions

John 3:16- demonstrated Galatians 3:27



Ark of Safety:

Salvation/Protection is inside

- God's specific instructions:
 - **Mark 16:16** –Belief and submission to baptism is necessary to obtain salvation.
 - **Romans 6:4** –outlines that there is an “ongoing condition” necessary to maintain our salvation.
 - John 3:3-5 “**Under this condition**” = water immersion for remission of sin



Conclusion

“And Joshua spake unto the priests, saying, “ Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass over before the people. And they took up the ark of the covenant and went before the people.”

---Joshua 3:6

Invitation

Belong to God?

Hear

Believe

Repent

Confess Christ

Submit to Baptism

Live Faithfully

Need to Return?

Repent

Confess Sins

Pray Forgiveness

Live Faithfully