

The Ark was large enough to hold an immense cargo. It was 450 feet long, 75 wide and 45 high, and could easily have contained all the animals which would be unable to escape from the rising waters to safer regions, for only that portion of the earth inhabited by man was covered. No wild beasts are mentioned as being in it. (Murphy). The following table may be called

### THE ARK'S LOG-BOOK.

Noah's age	Month.	Day.	Events.	Reference.
600	2	17	Entered the Ark. The flood begins	7: 11
"	3	27	Raining for 40 days. The Ark floats.	7: 17.
"	7	17	Drifting about for 110 days. Ark grounded (no entry for 10 weeks and 3 days).	8: 3, 4
"	10	1	Tops of mountains visible.	8: 5.
"	11	11	The raven sent out.	8: 6, 7
"	"	18	The dove sent out and returned.	8: 8, 9
"	"	25	The dove sent out and returns with leaf.	8: 10, 11
"	12	2	The dove sent out and does not return. (no entry for four weeks).	8: 12
601	1	1	Water gone, ground appears to be dry. (no entry for 8 weeks).	8: 13
"	2	27	All disembark. Log-book closed	9: 14-19

#### LESSON PLAN. I. The Promise. vs. 8-11. II. The Token. vs. 11-17.

I. THE PROMISE. 8. Noah—The human race takes a fresh start from him. 9. My covenant—Referred to in ch. 6: 18. The covenant of redemption through the promised "seed." It is always conditioned on faith, which in Noah's case was not wanting (Heb. 11: 7). God deals with Noah as the representative of the race. He frequently refers to this covenant, Gen. 17: 7; Lev. 26: 42; Isa. 54: 9, 10; Jer. 31: 35, 36; 33: 20. 10. The inferior animals are to share in man's blessing as they have suffered through his fall. Ps. 45: 9. **From all that go out of the ark to every beast of the earth.** This would seem to imply that there were animals in the earth which did not come out of the ark. But some explain it by adding, "to every beast of the earth that shall proceed from them in the future," a promise is given to the seed of inferior animals as well as to the seed of Noah. The R. V. reads "of all that go out of the ark, even every beast of the earth," which is more in keeping with the context. (Gen. 6: 19; 7: 14; 8: 1). The writer of this narrative does not take into consideration the rest of the world where man did not reside, and says nothing about its animals. 11. 2 Pet. 3: 6. God's plan of redemption will be carried to completion without another interruption. His covenant is "established" with the descendants of Noah.

II. THE TOKEN. 12, 13. I have set my bow (R. V. marg.)—It was placed there when rain and sunbeams first kissed each other, long ere Adam was made. It is God's bow, a symbol of peace not of war. **It shall be for a token—A visible remembrancer.** Compare circumcision, water in baptism, bread and wine at the Lord's supper. See other memorials, Gen. 28: 18; Ex. 28: 12; 1 Sam. 7: 12. God's bow appears again in Ezek. 1: 28; Rev. 4: 3; 10: 1. "As it lights up the dark ground that just before was discharging itself in flashes of lightning, it gives us an idea of the victory of God's love over the black and fiery wrath; originating as it does from the effects of the sun upon the sable vault, it represents to the senses the readiness of the heavenly light to penetrate the earthly obscurity; spanned between heaven and earth, it announces peace between God and man; arching the horizon, it proclaims the all-embracing universality of the covenant of grace." (Delitzsch).

### SUMMARY AND REVIEW.

Our lesson really covers the whole narrative of the flood, and the scholar should be familiar with its story. Bring this out by question and answer. How long since last lesson? Name some of the persons who lived before the flood and what they were famous for. Jabal, Jubal, Tubal-Cain, Enoch, Methuselah. Give a brief picture of the state of society. How was it that wickedness spread so much? Don't have anyone as your friend who makes fun of religion. What two men are said to have walked with God? How were they related? How is Noah described? (ch. 6: 9). What did God tell Noah he was going to do? What did he tell Noah to do? (Recount the story by questions). What did Noah do as soon as he came out of the ark? What promise did God give him? What covenant is referred to? Why did God spare Noah and his sons? He wished to save mankind, not destroy it. If all had been drowned there would have been no sinner left to die for, and Jesus never could have performed his work of love. Press home the ingratitude of continuing to