

# CREATURES ON THE ARK — GENESIS 6-7

## GENESIS 6:19

And of every living thing of all flesh you shall bring two of every sort into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. (Ge.6:19)



Animals to save the species (Ge.6:19)

The two-by-two animals were brought BY GOD to the ark (Ge.6)

### ■ 2 of Every Living Thing (Male & Female)

- In the species pair, God preserved all the genetic material to produce all the animals that have ever lived.
- All humans that have ever lived came from one couple, Adam and Eve. The same is true for all animals and their varying combinations.
- The combinations multiplied by each new union are without limit. For example, fingerprints are unique.
- It only took two dogs, let's say, to provide all that genetic material for all the dogs that have ever lived.



## GENESIS 7:2-3

<sup>2</sup>You shall take with you seven each of every clean animal, a male and his female; two each of animals that are unclean, a male and his female; <sup>3</sup>also seven each of birds of the air, male and female, to keep the species alive on the face of all the earth. (Ge.7:2-3)

Animals to sacrifice to God (Ge.7:2-3; 8:20)

The animals were gathered BY NOAH for sacrifice (Ge.7). Noah is given 7 days to corral these animals

	<u>TOTAL</u>
■ 7 Clean pairs of Animals (Male & Female) • For sacrifice (8:20) and food (9:3)	= 14
■ 2 Unclean Animals (Male & Female) • Possibly for food (9:3)	= 2
■ 7 Pairs of Birds (Male & Female) [implied clean] • Possibly for food (9:3)	= 14

- By “clean” the Bible means animals that were “acceptable for sacrifice.” The clean came by 7’s. This seems to anticipate 7 sacrifices. This should give enough time for the ‘other’ animals to reproduce.
- To not have these ‘extra’ animals would be to wipe out the species.



There is nothing inherently wrong with unclean animals. This is demonstrated by the fact that they are no longer considered unclean (Ac.10:9-15; Cl.2:16-17). Clean and unclean is symbolic. God wants us to discriminate Godly from ungodly. We are to learn to separate His ways from all other ways. It is a different way of thinking. For example, we obey God simply because He said it, even if we do not understand why.