



Salvation in the Ark

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Types And Antitypes

- The type or shadow is the impression on the paper or the indentation in the coin, left by the stamp or press. The antitype is the solid original that makes the impression.
- The vague pictures in the OT resemble the solid reality in the NT.
 - Heb. 9:24 - “For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us”

Types And Antitypes

- Heb. 10:1 - “For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect”
- Col. 2:16-17 - “So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or Sabbaths, 17 which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.”

The Builder

- Noah was the righteous builder of the ark
 - Gen. 6:9-14 - “This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. 10 And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. 11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. 12 So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. 13 And God said to Noah, The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth. 14 Make yourself an ark of gopherwood...”
 - 2Peter 2:5 - “And did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly”

The Builder

- Jesus is the righteous builder of the church
 - Matt. 16:18 - “And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.”
 - 1Peter 2:21-24 - “For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: 22 Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth; 23 who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; 24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness--by whose stripes you were healed.”

The Builder

- There is only one ark and only one authorized to build it, and there is only one church and only One authorized to build it
 - Col. 1:18 - “And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.”
 - Eph. 4:4 - “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling”

The Materials

- Noah used exactly what God commanded
 - Gen. 6:14-15 - “Make yourself an ark of gopher wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. 15 "And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits”

The Materials

- Jesus used exactly what God commanded
 - 1Peter 2:5 - “You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ”
 - 1Cor. 12:12-13 - “For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. 13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free--and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.”

The Light

- The ark had only one window as a source of light
 - Gen. 6:16 - “You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above...”

The Light

- The church has only one source of light
 - John 8:12 - “Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”
 - 1John 1:7 - “But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.”

The Light

- Psalm 119:105, 130 - “Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path... 130 The entrance of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.”
- John 3:19 - “And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.”

The Light

- Acts 26:23 - “That the Christ would suffer, that He would be the first to rise from the dead, and would proclaim light to the Jewish people and to the Gentiles.”
- Acts 13:47 - “For so the Lord has commanded us: 'I have set you as a light to the Gentiles, That you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth.’”

The Door

- The ark had only one door controlled by God
 - Gen. 6:16 - “...Set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it with lower, second, and third decks.”
 - Gen. 7:16 - “...And the LORD shut him in.”

The Door

- The church has one door administered by God
 - John 10:7, 9 - “Then Jesus said to them again, Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.”
 - John 14:6 - “Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

The Door

- Only the righteous entered the ark
 - Gen. 7:1 - “Then the LORD said to Noah, Come into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen that you are righteous before Me in this generation.”

The Door

- Only humble, obedient believers enter the church
 - Matt. 18:3 - “Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.”
 - Phil. 2:8 - “And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.”

The Door

- Matt. 7:21 - “Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.”
- 1Peter 5:6 - “Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time”

The Family

- The saved in the ark were the one family of Noah
 - Gen. 7:7 - “So Noah, with his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives, went into the ark because of the waters of the flood.”
- The saved today in the church are the one family of God
 - Eph. 3:14-15 - “For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named”

The Salvation Inside

- Salvation was found only in the ark
 - 1Peter 3:20 - “...The Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water”

The Salvation Inside

- Salvation is found only in the church
 - Eph. 5:23 - “...Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body”
 - Eph. 2:15-16 - “Having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, 16 and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity”

The Salvation Inside

- 1Peter 3:21 - “There is also an antitype which now saves us--baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ”
- Acts 2:47 - “...And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.”
- 2Tim. 2:10 - “Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.”

The Death Outside

- Those outside of the ark were lost
 - Gen. 7:21-23 - “And all flesh died that moved on the earth: birds and cattle and beasts and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every man. 22 All in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, all that was on the dry land, died. 23 So He destroyed all living things which were on the face of the ground: both man and cattle, creeping thing and bird of the air. They were destroyed from the earth. Only Noah and those who were with him in the ark remained alive.”

The Death Outside

- Those found outside of the church are lost
 - 2Thes. 1:7-9 - “...when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, 8 in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power”

The Death Outside

- Rev. 14:11 - “And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night...”
- Rev. 22:14-16 - “Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. 15 But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie. 16 I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches...”

2Peter 3:3-12 - "Knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, 4 and saying, Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation. 5 For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, 6 by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. 7 But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. 8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. 11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, 12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?"