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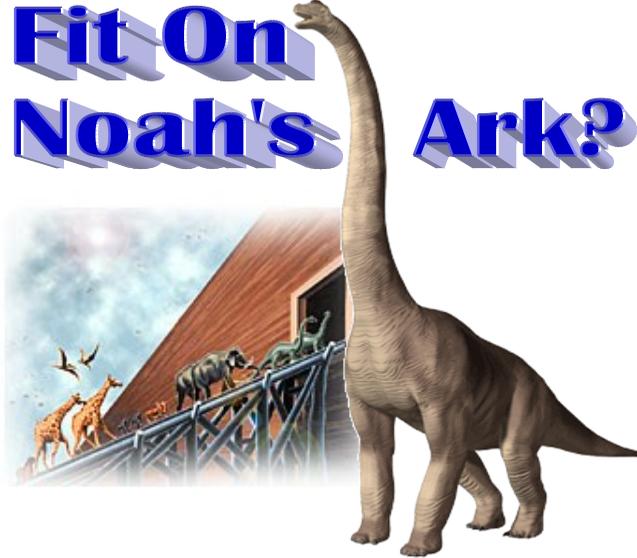
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# How Did All The Animals Fit On Noah's Ark?



1. How many animals did Noah need to put on that boat?
2. How big was Noah's ark?
3. How big was the average animal?
4. How did Noah feed all those animals for a year?
5. What about the dinosaurs?

Many sincere people doubt the historical account of Noah's ark because they have been told that it was impossible. So let us answer these five questions and see if all the necessary animals could have fit on that boat and survived for a year.

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## Is It Possible?

**How many land animals were needed to repopulate the Earth?** About 16,000 animals. Example, all the species of dogs today, 250, could have come from one Genesis *kind* (may have looked similar to a wolf or coyote?). There are only 8000 Genesis *kinds* of land animals. Even if we count species, only 35,000 land animals were needed. Scientists have identified one million species<sup>2</sup>. All of these except 17,600 could have had one male & one female to survive in water (see atheist's table below).

Animal Species <sup>2</sup> , Taxonomy	Number Species	OK in water	Die in water
Mammals	3,500	some	most
Birds	8,600	some	most
Reptiles & Amphibians	5,500	Most	some
Fishes	18,000	18,000	~ 0
Tunicates, etc.	1,700	1,700	~ 0
Echinoderms	4,700	4,700	~ 0
Arthropods (insects)	815,000	Most	Small
Mollusks	88,000	88,000	~ 0
Worms, etc.	25,000	some	Small
Coelenterates, etc.	10,000	10,000	~ 0
Sponges	5,000	5,000	~ 0
Protozoans	15,000	15,000	~ 0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>982,400</b>	<b>17,600</b>

In case anyone is concerned about the space occupied by arthropods & worms, 1,000,000 would take up less than 4% of the ark.<sup>3</sup>



**How big was the average animal?** The size of a sheep. Remember the purpose of the ark was for the animals to survive and



repopulate the Earth. Therefore, it would be reasonable to assume God would direct the young adult animals to be saved. When the large animals, including the dinosaurs, elephants, rhinos, etc., were combined with the smaller animals, the average size was that of a sheep.<sup>3</sup>

**How big was the ark?** See the picture below of the ark behind a one story house. The ark was 1½ football



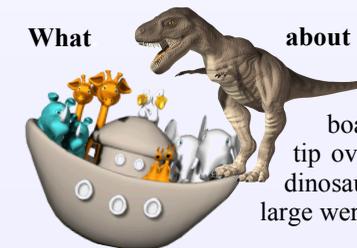
fields long (450 feet), 75 feet wide, and 4½ stories tall (45 feet). The ark had a total of 100,000 square feet over 3 levels<sup>3</sup> (1,518,750 cubit feet). You could go to the nearest stockyard and take 137,440 sheep that fit inside 569 railroad stock cars, and easily fit them inside Noah's ark.<sup>5</sup> See our 16' model (See [WhyBaptism.org](http://WhyBaptism.org))

**How much room would the animals take?** Less than 20%. Let's be generous. Instead of 16,000 Genesis *kinds* of animals, use species and include all the extinct animals and thousands more. This would give us 50,000 animals. 50,000 sheep would only take up 37% of the available space in the ark. Almost all would fit on only one of the three levels of the ark.<sup>3</sup>



**How did Noah feed all those animals for a year?** More than 80%, or 1,215,000 cubit feet, of the ark was left for food. Scientists have studied large volume farming techniques and determined that eight people could easily have fed all the animals on the ark. Also, scientists know that most animals have the ability to hibernate, especially under stressful conditions.<sup>3</sup> So, God may have also directed the animals to hibernate.

**What about the dinosaurs?** If some of those large dinosaurs stepped on board, wouldn't the ark just tip over and sink? How many dinosaurs were there and how large were the adults?

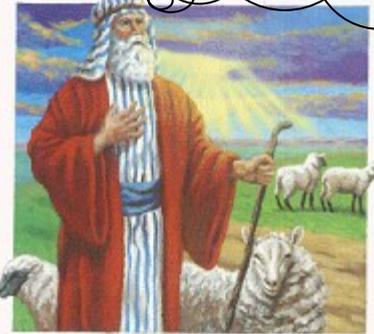


God said to make the ark:

**450 feet long,  
75 feet wide, and  
45 feet high.**

Genesis 6:15

Noah



T. Rex egg

## How many dinosaurs?

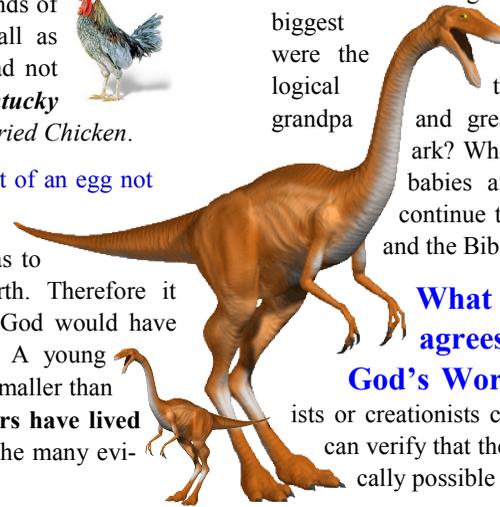
There were probably only 20 to 50 kinds of dinosaurs. Some adults were as small as chickens. Imagine if the dinosaurs had not died out, we might be eating *Kentucky Fried Dinosaur* instead of *Kentucky Fried Chicken*.



Even the largest dinosaurs hatched out of an egg not much bigger than a football.<sup>3</sup>

Remember, the purpose of the ark was to let the survivors repopulate the earth. Therefore it would be reasonable to assume that God would have directed young adults to be saved.<sup>3</sup> A young adult dinosaur would have been a lot smaller than his parents. **Could men and Dinosaurs have lived at the same time in the past?** See the many evidences at [TruthAboutDinosaurs.org](http://TruthAboutDinosaurs.org).

Even evolutionists think dinosaurs came from reptiles. Reptiles keep growing as long as they live. Therefore, the older a dinosaur got, the bigger he became. So the biggest dinosaurs (of any one species) were the oldest dinosaurs. Why would any logical thinking person say God lead great and great grandma dinosaurs to Noah's ark? Who is going to be able to have more babies after the flood? Yet evolutionists continue to attack (in ignorance) what logic and the Bible actually say.



**What we see in God's world, agrees with what we read in God's Word.** Remember, neither evolutionists or creationists can prove the past directly, but we can verify that the history of the Bible was scientifically possible and reasonable.

## Quick Summary

1. How many animals did Noah need to put on that boat? **16,000 animals.**
2. How big was Noah's Ark? **450 X 75 X 45 feet.** 137,440 sheep from 569 railroad stock cars would fit. But you only need about 16,000.
3. How big was the average animal? **Size of a sheep, even if you include the dinosaurs.**
4. How did Noah feed those animals for a year? **High volume farming techniques and/or hibernation. He had 1,215,000 cubit feet for food.**
5. What about the dinosaurs? Only **50 kinds** of dinosaurs: Even the largest hatched from an egg not much bigger than a football. God probably sent **young adult dinosaurs** to Noah.

**Why are these answers important?** Many people believe Noah's Flood and the ark were only a myth because their teacher said, "How could you get all those animals on that boat, especially the dinosaurs?" Many intelligent, well-educated people want to believe in God's Word, but questions like these are often a stumbling block. If you know someone who may benefit by these scientific explanations, please make a copy and give it to them.

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