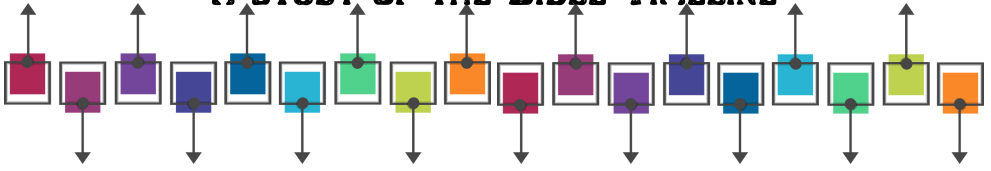


# TRUST THE STORY

## A STUDY OF THE BIBLE TIMELINE



### NOAH'S ARK

- THE WORD "BEGINNING" IN GENESIS 1:1 IS THE HEBREW WORD "RE'SHIYTH (RAY-SHEETH)" WHICH MEANS "FIRST, BEGINNING, BEST, CHIEF."
  - THE CREATION STORY WAS BOTH FIRST IN TIMELINE ORDER AND FIRST IN IMPORTANCE IN THE BIBLICAL NARRATIVE.
- AFTER CREATION, GOD SAW THAT HIS CREATION WAS GOOD. HE TRUSTED THE STORY.
- ADAM AND EVE WERE THE FIRST HUMANS AND THE ONLY PART OF CREATION MADE "IMAGO DEI" OR "IN THE IMAGE OF GOD."
- SEVERAL GENERATIONS AFTER ADAM AND EVE (AND EXACTLY 1,656 YEARS AFTER ADAM WAS CREATED), GOD SENT A FLOOD THAT WIPED OUT ALL LIFE ON EARTH EXCEPT THE LIFE THAT WAS IN A BOAT.
  - THAT BOAT WAS NOAH'S ARK
- OF ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE WORLD, ONLY ONE WAS RIGHTEOUS - NOAH.
  - NOAH TRUSTED IN THE GOODNESS OF GOD'S STORY
  - NOAH WAS GIVEN A DIFFICULT TASK - TO BUILD A GIANT BOAT (BIGGER THAN ANY BOAT THAT HAD EVER BEEN MADE AT THAT POINT, PROBABLY) WITH SPECIFIC WOOD, MEASUREMENTS, AND BUILDING INSTRUCTINS.
  - PEOPLE PROBABLY THOUGH NOAH WAS CRAZY.
- NOAH COULD HAVE GIVEN UP OR NOT TRUSTED IN GOD AND NOT BUILT THE ARK. INSTEAD, HE CONTINUED TO TRUST THE STORY AND HE AND HIS FAMILY (ALONG WITH EVERY ANIMAL SPECIES) WAS SAVED FROM THE FLOOD.
  - GOD WAS CONTENT TO COMPLETELY WIPE EVERYTHING OUT AND START OVER, BUT HE TOOK CARE OF THE ONE PERSON WHO TRUSTED IN HIM.
- SAVING NOAH AND THE ANIMALS AND THE WORLD PROVES AGAIN THAT THE CREATION STORY IS GOOD AND THE CREATION IS GOOD. EVEN THOUGH SOME CHOOSE NOT TO TRUST IN THE GOODNESS OF GOD AND HIS STORY, IT'S STILL WORTH SAVING BECAUSE IT IS GOOD.