

Concerning the ark !!

Noah's ark was NOT a ship !!

There are three other Hebrew words that could have been used if a ship was what was intended, H591, H6716, and H5600. H591 used in Genesis 49:13 and Deuteronomy 28:68; and H6716 being used in Numbers 24:24; all also in the Pentateuch.

Also Exodus 2:3 (LITV) And she was not able to hide him any longer, and she took a **basket** for him *made of papyrus*, and she daubed it with bitumen and with pitch. And she put the child in it, and placed it in the reeds by the lip of the Nile.

(ASV) And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an **ark of bulrushes**, and daubed it with slime and with pitch; and she put the child therein, and laid it in the flags by the river's brink.

As the **ark** Moses was put in was shaped as a basket many commentators do not agree that the **Noah's ark** had the form of what we know as a ship !

"that the ark was built in the form not of a ship, but of a chest, with flat bottom, like a floating house, as it was not meant for sailing, but merely to float upon the water," (Keil & Delitzsch Commentary on the Old Testament)

"A flat-bottomed rectangular vessel" (The Bible Knowledge Commentary)

Moffet translation: "Build a barge of cypress wood"

If the **ark** in which Moses was laid is synonymous with reeds/bulrushes why not also **Noah's ark** ? We know that vessels of bulrushes/reeds were in use from the time of Job until the time of Isaiah.

Job 9:26 They are passed away^{H2498} as^{H5973} the swift^{H16} ships:^{H591} [**skiffs of reed** (ESV); a **ship made of reeds** (ISV)] as the eagle^{H5404} that hasteth^{H2907} to^{H5921} the prey.^{H400}

Isa 18:2 That sendeth^{H7971} ambassadors^{H6735} by the sea,^{H3220} even in **vessels**^{H3627} **of bulrushes**^{H1573} upon^{H5921} ^{H6440} the waters,^{H4325} ...

Then how about a very low technology construction for Noah's ark using gopher trees/pitch trees/cypress and reeds/thatch covered with pitch ? Also what many translations call rooms or compartments of the ark are really nests !!

BDB Definition: H7064

1) nest

1a) nest (of bird)

1b) cells (like nests in Noah's ark)

Strong's Definition: a nest



Reed boats and rafts, along with dugout canoes and other rafts, are among the oldest known types of boats. Often used as traditional fishing boats, they are still used in a few places around the world, though they have generally been replaced with planked boats. Reed boats can be distinguished from reed rafts, since reed boats are usually waterproofed with some form of tar.[1] As well as boats and rafts, small floating islands have also been constructed from reeds. The earliest discovered remains from a reed boat are 7000 years old, found in Kuwait. Reed boats are depicted in early petroglyphs and were common in Ancient Egypt. A famous example is the ark of bulrushes in which the baby Moses was set afloat. ... Another site is Wadi Hammamat in Qift, Egypt, where there are **drawings of Egyptian reed boats dated to 4000 BC**[2] ... Detail. Fabrication of **papyrus boats** in ancient Egypt. Wall fragment from the Sun Temple of Nyuserre Ini at Abu Gurob, Egypt. c. **2430 BCE**. Neues Museum (Wikipedia-Reed Boat)

Rain

Gen 2:1 Thus the heavens^{H8064} and the earth^{H776} were **finished**,^{H3615} and all^{H3605} the host^{H6635} of them.

Gen 2:2 And on the seventh^{H7637} day^{H3117} God^{H430} **ended**^{H3615} his **work**^{H4399} which^{H834} he had made;^{H6213} and he **rested**^{H7673} on the seventh^{H7637} day^{H3117} from all^{H4480} H3605 his work^{H4399} which^{H834} he had made.^{H6213}

Gen 2:3 And God^{H430} blessed^{H1288} (H853) the seventh^{H7637} day,^{H3117} and sanctified^{H6942} it: because^{H3588} that in it he had **rested**^{H7673} from all^{H4480} H3605 his work^{H4399} which^{H834} God^{H430} created^{H1254} and made.^{H6213}

Gen 2:6 But there went up^{H5927} a **mist**^{H108} from^{H4480} the earth,^{H776} and watered^{H8248 (H853)} the whole^{H3605} face^{H6440} of the ground.^{H127}

Job 36:27 For^{H3588} he maketh small^{H1639} the drops^{H5198} of water:^{H4325} they pour down^{H2212} **rain**^{H4306} according to the **vapour**^{H108} thereof:

Job 36:28 Which^{H834} the clouds^{H7834} do drop^{H5140} and distil^{H7491} upon^{H5921} man^{H120} abundantly.^{H7227}

Strong's H108 מִטְּיָאֵל 'êd *ade*

From the same as H181 (in the sense of *enveloping*); a *fog*: - mist, vapor.

Total KJV occurrences: 2 (only 2 times !!!)

Many don't believe Genesis 2:1, that the creation was totally 100% completed !!

The hydrologic cycle existed, H108 the vapor/mist that watered the ground in Genesis 2:6 was a part of the cycle of rain as defined in Job 36:27-28

Waters of the Flood

Gen 7:10 And it came to pass^{H1961} after seven^{H7651} days,^{H3117} that the **waters**^{H4325} of the **flood**^{H3999} were^{H1961} upon^{H5921} the earth.^{H776} (KJV+)

In the King James Bible the waters (H4325) are mentioned 21 times from Genesis 6:17 to 9:15 and rain (H4305 & H1653) three times. The flood/deluge (H3999) is mentioned 12 times from Genesis 6:17 to 11:10. **None** of these four Hebrew words have any connection with volcanism!! The only Hebrew word with a possible connection to volcanism is H5467 סְדוֹם s'êdôm *sed-ome'*, per Strong's Concordance.

Gen 7:11 ... the **fountains**^{H4599} of the great^{H7227} **deep**^{H8415} **broken up**,^{H1234} ...

Neither Strong or Brown-Driver-Briggs mention volcanism in H4599, H8415, and H1234 !

H4599

מַעְיָן מַעְיָנוּ מַעְיָנָה ma'yân ma'y'êno ma'yânâh *mah-yawn', mah-yen-o', mah-yaw-naw'*

From H5869 (as a denominative in the sense of a *spring*); a *fountain* (also collectively), figuratively a *source* (of satisfaction): - fountain, spring, well.

Total KJV occurrences: 23 [fountain/s (16x) well/s(5x) springs(2x)]

Jos 18:15 And the south^{H5045} quarter^{H6285} was from the end^{H4480 H7097} of Kirjathjearim,^{H7157} and the border^{H1366} went out^{H3318} on the west,^{H3220} and went out^{H3318} to^{H413} the **well**^{H4599} of **waters**^{H4325} of Nephtoa.^{H5318}

Isa 12:3 Therefore with joy^{H8342} shall ye draw^{H7579} **water**^{H4325} out of the **wells**^{H4480 H4599} of salvation/victory/health.^{H3444}

Isa 41:18 I will open^{H6605} rivers^{H5104} in^{H5921} high places,^{H8205} and **fountains**^{H4599} in the midst^{H8432} of the valleys:^{H1237} I will make^{H7760} the wilderness^{H4057} a pool^{H98} of **water**,^{H4325} and the dry^{H6723} land^{H776} **springs**^{H4161} of **water**.^{H4325}

Fountains/wells/springs of water as a blessing (13x), unless dried up (7x) and in a deluge (3x);

Never as volcanism !

H8415 תְּהוֹם תְּהוֹם t^hôm t^hôm *teh-home', teh-home'*

(Usually feminine) from H1949; an *abyss (as a **surging mass of water**)*, especially the *deep* (the *main sea* or the subterranean *water supply*): - deep (place), depth.

Total KJV occurrences: 36 [deep/s(21x) depth/s(15x)]

H1234 בָּקַע bâqa' *baw-kah'*

A primitive root; **to cleave**; generally to *rend, break, rip or open*: - make a breach, break forth (into, out, in pieces, through, up), be ready to burst, cleave (asunder), cut out, divide, hatch, rend (asunder), rip up, tear, win. [to cleave: To part or divide by force; Webster]

Total KJV occurrences: 51 [cleave (10x), ...up (9x), divide (5x), rent (4x), (misc 23x)]

Gen 22:3 And Abraham^{H85} rose up early^{H7925} in the morning,^{H1242} and saddled^{H2280 (H853)} his ass,^{H2543} and took^{H3947 (H853)} two^{H8147} of his young men^{H5288} with^{H854} him, and Isaac^{H3327} his son,^{H1121} and **clave**^{H1234} the wood^{H6086} for the burnt offering,^{H5930} and rose up,^{H6965} and went^{H1980} unto^{H413} the place^{H4725} of which^{H834} God^{H430} had told^{H559} him.

Exo 14:16 But lift thou up^{H7311 H859 (H853)} thy rod,^{H4294} and stretch out^{H5186 (H853)} thine hand^{H3027} over^{H5921} the **sea**,^{H3220} and **divide**^{H1234} it: and the children^{H1121} of Israel^{H3478} shall go^{H935} on dry^{H3004} *ground* through the midst^{H8432} of the sea.^{H3220}

Exo 14:21 And Moses^{H4872} stretched out^{H5186 (H853)} his hand^{H3027} over^{H5921} the sea,^{H3220} and the LORD^{H3068} caused^(H853) the sea^{H3220} to go^{H1980} *back* by a strong^{H5794} east^{H6921} wind^{H7307} all^{H3605} that night,^{H3915} and made^{H7760 (H853)} the sea^{H3220} dry^{H2724} *land*, and the **waters**^{H4325} were **divided**.^{H1234}

Nowhere in the Bible does it say that volcanism was a part of the flood!!

Gen 7:10 And it came to pass^{H1961} after seven^{H7651} days,^{H3117} that the **waters**^{H4325} **of the flood**^{H3999} were^{H1961} upon^{H5921} the **land**.^{H776}

Gen 7:11 In the six^{H8337} hundredth^{H3967} year^{H8141} of Noah's^{H5146} life,^{H2416} in the second^{H8145} month,^{H2320} the seventeenth^{H7651 H6240} day^{H3117} of the month,^{H2320} the same^{H2320} day^{H3117} were all^{H3605} the **wells**^{H4599} of the abundant^{H7227} **surging mass of water/deep sea**^{H8415} **cleaved/divided/torn**,^{H1234} and the windows^{H699} of heaven^{H8064} were opened.^{H6605}

It is only in the imagination of some men that volcanism was a part of the flood!!