



Captain Noah? by Tom Moore

*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

"At the time of the truce between the Spaniards and the Dutch in 1609, there lived in Hoorn in North Holland, a Mennonist, Peter Jansen, who took the notion that he would build a ship of the same proportions as Noah's ark, only smaller — that is, 120 feet long, 20 feet broad, and 12 feet high. While it was building, everyone laughed at him; but Dutchman like, he kept sturdily on and found in the end that it justified his expectations. When launched, it proved to be able to bear a third more freight than other ships of the same measurement, required no more hands to manage it, and sailed far faster. The result was that the Dutch built many others like it, calling them 'Noah's arks', and they only ceased to be used after the close of the truce in 1621 because they could not carry cannons, and thus were not safe against privateers or pirates." (J.D. Michaelis, as quoted in **Peloubet's Select Notes** on the International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching, 1945, p. 241)

How do you think Noah knew of such dimensions? Did he study about it at a naval academy? No! Did Noah read about it in some encyclopedia? No! How did Noah, not being a seafaring man, know of the perfect dimensions for a freight-bearing barge? There is only one way — God told him.

Friends, this is just another example of Bible inspiration. Think About It!

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