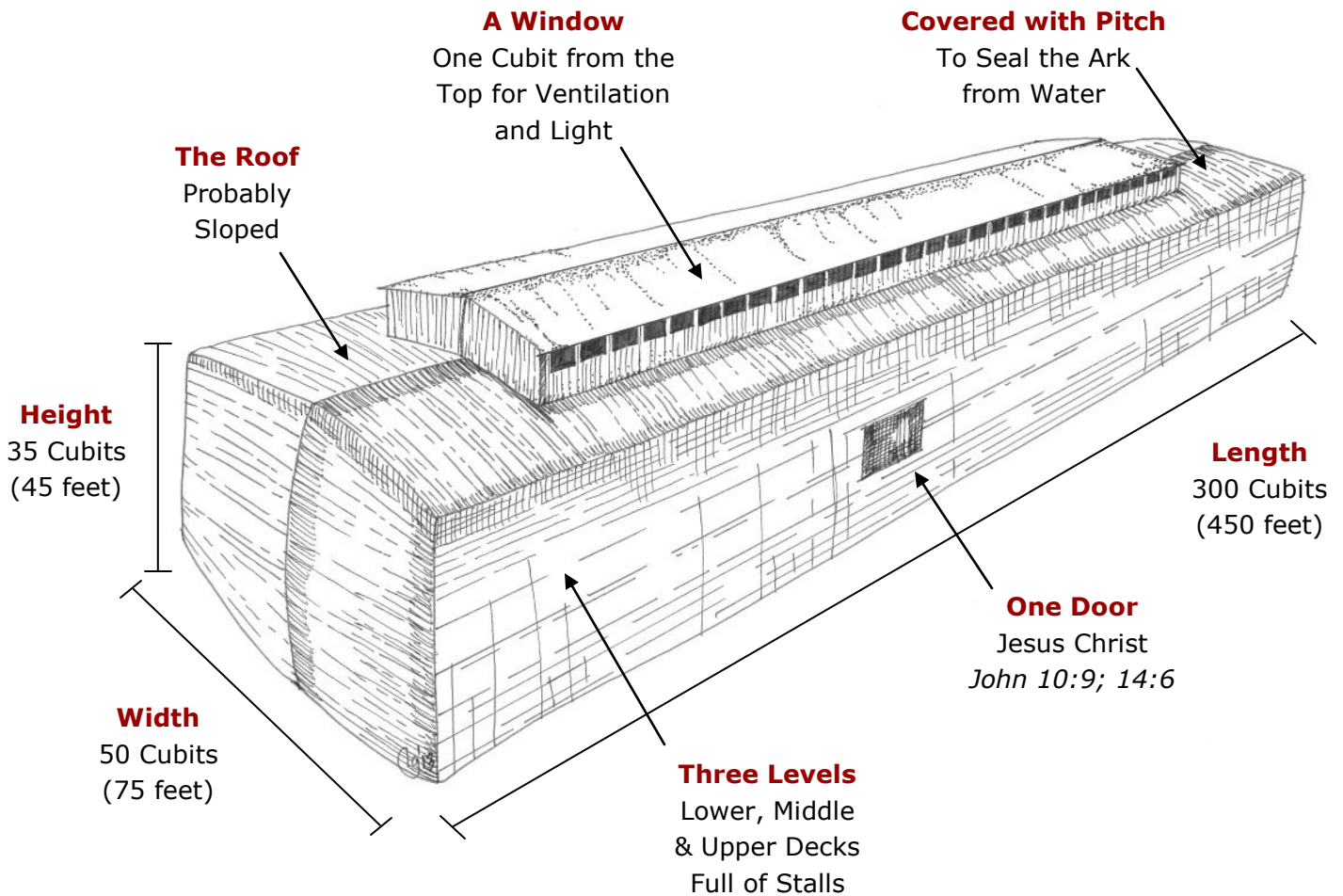


Noah's Ark

The Floating Gospel

"By faith, Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the *salvation* of his household..." (*Hebrews 11:7*). Noah's ark is a wonderful picture (or type) of Christ in the Old Testament. Noah, whose name meant "rest," is described much like Adam (and Christ, the Second Adam). "He was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God and found favor with the Lord" (*Genesis 6:8, 9*).

When he built the ark, it was for the *salvation of his household*. In other words, the ark saved both Noah and his family from death and the wrath of God. Christ saves men from spiritual death and the wrath of God. The ark had one door, one way to be saved (Jesus), which God shut when all were on board. Noah did not come up with the plans for the ark. God gave him the blueprint. Man does not save himself from judgment. It is God who does the work of salvation His way (*Genesis 6:14-16*).



Note: Measurements in feet are approximate. The word "cubit" has been translated "yard," "half a yard," or "foot." It is believed that cubits were measured from the elbow to the tip of the middle finger. Thus, cubits would be the equivalent of 18 inches, but they could have been much bigger.