



**Building a Better Covenant  
(Decide Where You Stand)**

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**Text:** Daniel 1:8

- **8** But **Daniel** **purposed** in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king’s delicacies nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. (Daniel 1:8, NKJV)

**Big Question:** What have you promised **yourself**, and what have you promised **God**?

**Covenant Defined:** A contract or an agreement.

**Two Covenants You Should Make**

1. **One With Yourself (Purpose in your heart what your boundaries will be, 1:8)**
2. **One With God (Purpose in your heart to honor God)**

- Daniel 6:10 (NKJV): 10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he **knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.**

**I. The First Major Covenant After Adam and Eve  
(Protected Noah’s Family)  
Genesis 6:18 (NIV)**

18 But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons’ wives with you.

**II. Two Observations About the Covenant God  
Made With Noah**

1. The covenant was a personal covenant between God and Noah’s family
  2. The covenant was a personal covenant designed to save one family
- **7:1** Then the LORD said to Noah, “Come into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen *that you are* righteous before Me in this generation.
  - **7:7** So Noah, with his sons, his wife, and his sons’ wives, went into the ark because of the waters of the flood.
  - **7:15** And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life. <sup>16</sup> And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and **the LORD shut him in.** (NKJV)

**Note:** Everyone knew the terms of the covenant?

1. They had to come **inside** the ark
2. They had to **leave** all their **possessions**
3. They had to leave all their **family**
4. They had to leave all their **friends**
5. They had to live through an uncomfortable season for 377 days (1 year and 12 days; Gen. 8:14-20)



**Note: The Ark Encounter out of Northern Kentucky gave Dimensions for the Ark at their replica**  
**Source: <https://arkencounter.com/places-to-stay/>**

### **III. Three Final Facts About the Ark**

#### **1. How Long Was the Ark?**

- “At approximately 510 feet long, it would take nearly one and a half football fields to equal the Ark’s length. That’s big enough that NASA could lay three space shuttles—nose to tail—on the Ark’s roof!”

#### **2. How Tall Was the Ark?**

- The roof of Noah’s Ark was more than 50 feet from the ground—higher than a modern four-story house. That’s plenty of space for three extra-tall inner decks as the Bible describes.

#### **3. How Much Could the Ark Carry? (Truckloads of cargo could be placed into the Ark)**

- The Ark had the same storage capacity as about 450 standard semi-trailers. A standard livestock trailer holds about 250 sheep, so the Ark had the capacity to hold at least 120,000 sheep.

#### **Conclusion: Three questions I plan to ask during this series**

1. Have you **decided** what you will and will not do?
2. How well do you manage **the end** of a season? (Palm Sunday)
3. How well do you manage **starting all over** again? (Easter Sunday)

**Next Time: Facing the End of a Season**