

Genesis 7:1-4 **Command to Enter the Ark**

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. ² You shall take with you seven each of every clean animal, a male and his female; two each of animals that are unclean, a male and his female; ³ also seven each of birds of the air, male and female, to keep the species alive on the face of all the earth. ⁴ For after seven more days I will cause it to rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and I will destroy from the face of the earth all living things that I have made." NKJV

Facts revealed:

- ✧ Yahowah gave the command to enter the Ark.
- ✧ God's reason for the order is explained in that God has seen that Noah is righteous before God in his generation.
- ✧ This is the first mention of a difference between **clean** and **unclean** animals.
- ✧ The count was to take seven each of the **clean** animals, a *male and his female* which tells us that the count was for seven pair the male and his female making a total of 14 of each kind. This shows that a male or a female alone is not complete, as is with a **man** and **woman**. A man is not complete without his wife.
- ✧ Two each of the **unclean**, a *male and his female* which would be four of the kind.
- ✧ Noah knew which were **clean** and which were **unclean** by the number of pairs that came to him to board the ark. Remember they came on their own. [\[Genesis 6:20\]](#)
- ✧ Again the CREATOR called for seven each of the birds of the air, male and female which would be seven pair making fourteen of each kind.
- ✧ The purpose is to keep the species alive on the earth.
- ✧ The command was given seven days before the rain began.
- ✧ God gave the time of 40 days required for the flood to reach its full potential.
- ✧ With the purpose of destroying from the face of the earth all living things that God has made.
- ✧ Of course, the creatures of the waters and the vegetation was not destroyed by the flood; but **only the land creatures** that breath air.