

"Reed boatbuilding is an occupation which has a long tradition and is found kept alive today by the Aymara and Uru boatbuilders on Lake Titicaca, high in the Andes of South America. Small vessels are also still built along the Pacific shores of Peru for coastal fishing. In Africa, reed boats are still in use upon Lake Chad whilst reed boats have a long tradition in what is now southern Iraq where in ancient times they reached giant proportions of some 495 feet according to Thor Heyerdahl.

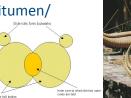
Vessels in ancient Iraq were formerly coated in a special mixture of bitumen but no modern boatbuilders seem to have followed this practice, equally, ancient Egyptian veseels are shown with a special cord connecting the prow to the stern for reasons of

support." - Picture botom right

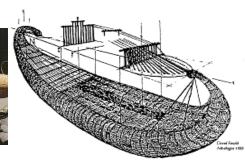
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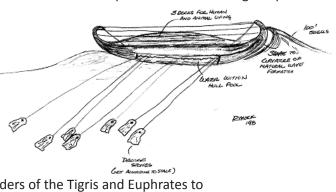
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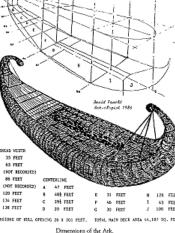
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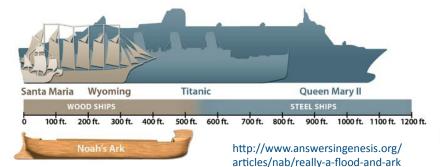


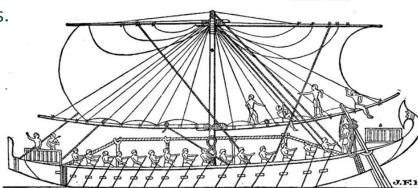
"Woven boats go back a long time. The Mesopotamians certainly had reed rafts and floats but, according to Paul Johnstone, "The availability of bitumen enabled the boat-builders of the Tigris and Euphrates to overcome one of the chief defects of the reed craft, the short-lived nature of its buoyancy." It seems likely that reed rafts were initially coated with bitumen as a preservative, but eventually it probably became clear that "a reed framework covered with bitumen produced a combination of a flexible shape and a smooth featureless exterior without lashings, sewing, planks, or cross-beam ends."

There are many great sites and information on Ark and flood theories; take some time to explore the possibilities.









Egyptian ship on the Red Sea, about 1250 B.C. [From Torrs "Ancient Ships."]
Mr. Langton Cole calls attention to the rope truss in this illustration, stiffening the beam of the ship. No other such use of the truss is known until the days of Modern engineering.