

Builder Hopes to Sail Noah's Ark Replica to Israel

Dutch Christian businessman Johan Huibers plans to sail his life-size replica of Noah's ark to Israel, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency reported last week.

Huibers completed the four-year project—built to the exact specifications in Genesis 6—in 2012, raising the \$5 million needed for its construction. He had hoped to sail it to Israel not long after its completion, but Israel was dealing with massive wildfires at the time so the plan was postponed.

CBN News Middle East Bureau Chief Chris Mitchell traveled to Holland several years ago to interview Huibers.

Though the ark quickly became a popular tourist attraction in southern Holland along the Maas River, Huibers says it belongs in Israel.

“My preferred destination for the ark is Israel,” he told JTA. “I love the land, I love the country, I love the people.”

Huibers said he believes the Bible verbatim, that is, word for word. {eoa}

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