

ORIGINS: *Is God Fair?*

Genesis 7:1-24

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Then the Lord said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you are righteous before me in this generation...For in seven days I will send rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground." And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him. (Genesis 7:1, 4-5)

In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. And rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights... And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him. And the Lord shut him in. (Genesis 7:11-12, 16)

The flood continued forty days on the earth. The waters increased and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters prevailed and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the face of the waters. And the waters prevailed so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered...He blotted out every living thing that was on the face of the ground, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens. They were blotted out from the earth. (Genesis 7:17-19, 23)

GOD IS JUST...AND HE IS GOOD.

Selected verses from 2 Peter 2-3

The flood _____ God's authority to judge and our accountability to Him.

...if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly...then the Lord knows how to

rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment... (2 Peter 2:5, 9)

The flood _____ that God's patience today doesn't mean He isn't paying attention or that He doesn't care.
For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished...The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promises as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. (2 Peter 3:5-6, 9)

Do you suppose, O man – you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself – that you will escape the judgment of God? Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. (Romans 2:3-5)

The flood _____ God's desire to redeem us from the right judgment against us.

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But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness... (2 Peter 3:10-11)

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also the Greek. (Romans 1:16)

The flood _____ the new beginning God will provide to those who trust Him.

But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. (2 Peter 3:13)

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Legend:

The flood establishes God's authority to judge and our accountability to Him.

The flood illustrates that God's patience today doesn't mean He isn't paying attention or that He doesn't care.

The flood demonstrates God's desire to redeem us from the right judgment against us.

The flood warns us to honor God today.

The flood foreshadows the new beginning God will provide to those who trust Him.

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