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THE BOOK OF GENESIS



Our Biblical Worldview examination today will take us into deeper waters and require further study on your part. We will be looking at the worldwide flood, and the historical account of Noah and the ark.

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EVIDENCE FOR THE FLOOD





Marine Fossils on Mountains: Sea creatures are found in the oceans today, but their fossils are found on the continents, including high up in today's mountains. The biblical account of a flood covering all the earth's land can account for these fossils as well as the mountains.





Folded Rock Layers: Rock breaks when bent, but rock layers are sometimes found folded in unbroken curves. Such folding could not happen millions of years after the layers hardened to rock, but only in one catastrophic event when the sediment layers were still wet, soft, and pliable before hardening into the rock we see today.



JESUS BELIEVED IN THE FLOOD

MATTHEW 24:37-39

“When the Son of Man returns, it will be like it was in Noah’s day. In those days before the flood, the people were enjoying banquets and parties and weddings right up to the time Noah entered his boat. People didn’t realize what was going to happen until the flood came and swept them all away. That is the way it will be when the Son of Man comes.



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EVIDENCE FOR THE ARK



Genesis describes the ark as a real vessel that was actually built by a real, historical person named Noah. So, it shouldn't surprise us that the dimensions given in the Bible in cubits—about 510 feet long, 85 feet wide, and 50 feet high—are realistic dimensions for a massive cargo ship. A ship this size would have the same storage capacity of about 483 standard semi-trailers, capable of hauling at least 120,000 sheep. Noah's ark was a huge ship!

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While there are many land-dwelling, air-breathing animal species, there are only about 1,398 (the true number could even be a thousand or so) such kinds, including extinct ones. This means Noah only needed to bring around 6,744 animals onto the ark. While some animals are quite large, many of these are very small, with the average creature being about the size of a sheep [The Ark could hold 120,000]. So, there was plenty of room on the ark for a few thousand animals, Noah and his family, and the supplies they would need to survive the year-long voyage.

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2 PETER 3:5-9

They deliberately forget that God made the heavens long ago by the word of his command, and he brought the earth out from the water and surrounded it with water. Then he used the water to destroy the ancient world with a mighty flood. And by the same word, the present heavens and earth have been stored up for fire. They are being kept for the day of judgment, when ungodly people will be destroyed. But you must not forget this one thing, dear friends: A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.



A WORLD GONE WRONG

GENESIS 6:1-3

Then the people began to multiply on the earth, and daughters were born to them. The sons of God saw the beautiful women and took any they wanted as their wives. Then the Lord said, “My Spirit will not put up with humans for such a long time, for they are only mortal flesh. In the future, their normal lifespan will be no more than 120 years.”



GENESIS 6:4

In those days, and for some time after, giant Nephilites lived on the earth, for whenever the sons of God had intercourse with women, they gave birth to children who became the heroes and famous warriors of ancient times.



GENESIS 6:5-7

The Lord observed the extent of human wickedness on the earth, and he saw that everything they thought or imagined was consistently and totally evil. So the Lord was sorry he had ever made them and put them on the earth. It broke his heart. And the Lord said, “I will wipe this human race I have created from the face of the earth. Yes, and I will destroy every living thing—all the people, the large animals, the small animals that scurry along the ground, and even the birds of the sky. I am sorry I ever made them.”



THE STORY OF NOAH

But Noah found favor with the Lord.

GENESIS 6:8



GENESIS 6:9-13

This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, the only blameless person living on earth at the time, and he walked in close fellowship with God. Noah was the father of three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Now God saw that the earth had become corrupt and was filled with violence. God observed all this corruption in the world, for everyone on earth was corrupt. So God said to Noah, “I have decided to destroy all living creatures, for they have filled the earth with violence. Yes, I will wipe them all out along with the earth!”



So Noah did everything as the Lord commanded him.

14 “Build a large boat”

18 “But I will confirm my covenant with you. So enter the boat”

19 “Bring a pair of every kind of animal—a male and a female—into the boat with you”

7:4-5 Seven days from now I will make the rains pour down on the earth. And it will rain for forty days and forty nights, until I have wiped from the earth all the living things I have created.”

9:12 Then God said, “I am giving you a sign of my covenant with you and with all living creatures, for all generations to come. I have placed my rainbow in the clouds. It is the sign of my covenant with you and with all the earth.



- **The heart of humanity aside from Jesus is consistently and totally evil. God alone is good, there is no one righteous, not even one.**
- **God limited human lifespan to 120 years.**
- **God will judge the guilty while preserving the righteous. There is a limit to what God will allow before He decides to judge.**
- **God formed a covenant with Noah and his descendants, and the rainbow is the sign of that covenant.**

