



The Book of GENESIS

Chapters 7

“Noah & The Judgment of Mankind!”

Go for God!

> NOAH, THE MAN OF GOD!

Remember Noah was only nine generations removed from Adam; and his father, Lamech, was 56 years old at the time of Adam's death. When God saw the wickedness that prevailed in the world (Gen 6:5), He disclosed to Noah His intention to destroy the world by a flood. He instructed Noah to build an ark in which he and his family would survive the catastrophe. With unswerving confidence in the Word of God, Noah started building the ark. For 120 years the construction continued. During this time of grace, Noah continued to preach God's judgment and mercy, warning the ungodly of their approaching doom (2 Peter 2:5- *For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly*). He preached for 120 years, however, without any converts (1 Peter 3:20). People continued in their evil ways and turned deaf ears to his pleadings and warnings until they were overtaken by the Flood.

~ We should learn and follow Noah's:

- Character – “Just...perfect, Noah walked with God” (Gen. 6:9)
- Obedience – Noah did; according to all that God commanded him so he did. (Gen 6:22; 7:5)
- Testimony – **Hebrews 11:7** says, “*By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.*”

~ 7 Keys to Noah's testimony: (May we do likewise!)

- (1) By faith
- (2) godly fear – Gk. - *eulabeomai* – to act cautiously, to reverence, to stand in awe of;
- (3) prepared (Gk. - *kataskeuwazo* – to equip, prepare, make ready) an ark;
- (4) saving his household;
- (5) condemned the world;
- (6) became an heir of righteousness by faith. There's one more passage to add to this awesome testimony 2 Peter 2:5
- (7) Noah was a preacher (Gk. - *kerux* – herald of divine truth) of righteousness.

> CHAPTER 7 – “THE JUDGMENT OF MANKIND!”

(v1) **God invites Noah to “come” into the ark for salvation!** Today Christ invites people to “come” in Matthew 16:24-28 (Come to salvation!); Matthew 11:28-30 (Come, learn, rest! Interestingly Noah's name means rest.); Revelation 22:12-17 – (Come to the New Jerusalem).

(2-3) **The extra 5 pairs of clean animals and birds would be used for sacrifice (8:20) and food (9:3).**

(v4-24) **Observe the Historical Evidence for the Flood** - Henry Morris and John Whitcomb in their book *The Genesis Flood* write, “There are many extra-biblical evidences that point to a worldwide catastrophe such as a global flood. The vast fossil graveyards found on every continent, the large amount of coal deposits that would require the rapid covering of vast quantities of vegetation, the fact that oceanic fossils are found upon mountain tops around the world, the over 270 flood stories from all parts of the world, and the large extent of geological formations showing vast layers of sedimentary deposits (including those found in the Grand Canyon) all lend credence to the occurrence of a global flood. It is true that the Genesis flood account shares many striking similarities with the Babylonian Gilgamesh epic and with the Babylonian Atrahasis epic for that matter. In fact, literally hundreds of flood traditions have been preserved all over the world, with traditions abounding in Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, as well as both of the Americas, and the Genesis account shares similarities with most of them. Of the flood traditions which have survived up to the present time about 95% describe a global cataclysmic deluge, 88% tell of a

favored family of humans saved from drowning to reestablish the human race after the deluge, 66% say the family was forewarned of the coming cataclysm, 66% blame the wickedness of man for the deluge, and 70% record a boat as being the means by which the chosen family (and animals) survived the flood. More than one third of these traditions mention birds being sent out from the boat.

It logically follows that despite the relative isolation of the various cultures that have thrived since the flood, since every culture has descended directly from the flood's survivor's stories of this traumatic event ought to be both abundant and universal, having been passed down from generation to generation. Indeed, flood traditions are both abundant and universal. Many of these traditions are remarkably consistent considering the relative isolation of the cultures, the length of time that has elapsed since the flood, and the human tendency to embellish, exaggerate and distort stories over time. The Babylonian and biblical accounts of the flood appear to represent different retellings of an essentially identical flood tradition. Peter also describes the universality of the flood in **2 Peter 3:6-7** in which he states: ***"by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men."*** In these verses Peter compares the "universal" coming judgment to the flood of Noah's time and states that the world that then existed was flooded with water. Also, God's promise (Genesis 8:21; 9:11, 15) never again to send such a flood has been broken repeatedly if it were only a local flood. Further, all men in the world today are said to have descended from Noah's three sons (Genesis 9:1, 19) and many later Biblical writers accepted the historicity of the worldwide Flood (Isaiah 54:9; 1 Peter 3:20; 2 Peter 2:5; Hebrews 11:7). Lastly, the Lord Jesus Christ believed in the universal Flood and took it as the type of the coming destruction of the world when He returns (Matthew 24:37-39; Luke 17:26, 27)."

Why Christians Should Believe in a Global Flood

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The Biblical Flood in the days of Noah has become a great divide between two watersheds of belief. On the one hand there are those who say it is either a purely mythological event or else possibly a local or regional flood. This group includes practically all evolutionists, but it also includes the "old-earth creationists."

These all accept the so-called geological ages as the approved record of Earth history, recognizing that a global hydraulic cataclysm would have destroyed any evidence for such geological ages. The geological ages concept and a worldwide devastating Flood logically cannot coexist.

On the other hand, "young-earth creationists" accept the Biblical record of the Flood as a literal record of a tremendous cataclysm involving not only a worldwide Flood, but also great tectonic upheavals and volcanic outpourings that completely changed the crust of the earth and its topography in the days of Noah.

Those of us who hold this view are commonly ridiculed as unscientific and worse, so it would be more comfortable and financially rewarding if we would just go along with the evolutionary establishment, downgrade the Flood, and accept the geological ages.

But this we cannot do for a number of, what seem to us, compelling reasons. In fact, I have made a list of 100 reasons for believing in a global Flood. For those who are interested, the list is included in two of my books, *The Genesis Record* and *The Defender's Study Bible*.

> Biblical Reasons

A few of the many Biblical reasons for believing in the global Flood are briefly summarized below. For those who believe in the Bible as the inerrant word of God, these should be sufficient.

1 Jesus Christ believed the Old Testament record of the worldwide Flood. Speaking of the antediluvian population, He said: "***The flood came, and took them all away***" (Matthew 24:39). Evolutionary anthropologists are all convinced that people had spread over the entire Earth by the time assigned to Noah in Biblical chronology, so an anthropologically universal Flood would clearly have required a geographically worldwide Flood.

2 The apostle Peter believed in a worldwide hydraulic cataclysm. "***Whereby the world [Greek, kosmos] that then was, being overflowed [Greek, katakluzo] with water, perished***" (II Peter 3:6). The "world" was defined in the previous verse as "the heavens . . . and the earth." Peter also said that "***God . . . spared not the old world, but saved Noah . . . bringing in the flood [Greek, kataklusmos] upon the world of the ungodly***" (II Peter 2:5). Note also that these words *katakluzo* and *kataklusmos* (from which we derive our English word "cataclysm") are applied exclusively in the New Testament to the great Flood of Noah's day.

3 The Old Testament record of the Flood, which both Christ and Peter accepted as real history, clearly teaches a global Flood. Therefore, it seems to us that *Christians*, professing to believe in Christ and follow Him, can do no less. For example, the record emphasizes that "***all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven . . . and the mountains were covered***" (Genesis 7:19,20) with the waters of the Flood. This must have included Mount Ararat on which Noah's Ark landed, and which is now 17,000 feet high. This was no *local* flood!

4 Since "***all flesh died that moved upon the earth . . . all that was in the dry land***" (Genesis 7:21,22), Noah and his sons had to build a huge Ark to preserve animal life for the post-diluvian world—an Ark that can easily be shown to have had more than ample capacity to carry at least two of every *known species* of land animal (marine animals were not involved, of course). Such an ark was absurdly unnecessary for anything but a global Flood.

5 God promised that never "***shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth***" (Genesis 9:11), and He has kept His word for over four thousand years, if the Flood indeed was global. Those Christians who say it was a local flood, however, are in effect accusing God of lying, for

there are many devastating local floods every year.

> ***Scientific Reasons***

The earth's surface and sedimentary crust also bear strong witness to the historicity of a worldwide Flood, and the early geologists (Steno, Woodward, etc.) taught this. Most modern geologists have argued, on the other hand, that the earth's crust was formed slowly over billions of years. Yes, but consider the following significant facts.

- 1 All the mountains of the world have been under water at some time or times in the past, as indicated by sedimentary rocks and marine fossils near their summits. Even most volcanic mountains with their pillow lavas seem largely to have been formed when under water.
- 2 Most of the earth's crust consists of sedimentary rocks (sandstones, shales, limestones, etc.). These were originally formed in almost all cases under water, usually by deposition after transportation by water from various sources.
- 3 The assigned "ages" of the sedimentary beds (which comprise the bulk of the "geologic column") have been deduced from their assemblages of fossils. Fossils, however, normally require very rapid burial and compaction to be preserved at all. Thus every sedimentary formation appears to have been formed rapidly—even catastrophically—and more and more present-day geologists are returning to this point of view.
- 4 Since there is known to be a global continuity of sedimentary formations in the geologic column (that is, there is no *worldwide* "unconformity," or time gap, between successive "ages"), and since each unit was formed rapidly, the entire geologic column seems to be the product of continuous rapid deposition of sediments, comprising in effect the geological record of a time when *"the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished."*
- 5 It is also significant that the types of rocks, the vast extent of specific sedimentary rock formations, the minerals and metals, coal and oil found in rocks, the various types of structures (i.e., faults, folds, thrusts, etc.), sedimentary rocks grossly deformed while still soft from recent deposition, and numerous other features seem to occur indiscriminately throughout the various "ages" supposedly represented in the column. To all outward appearances, therefore, they were all formed in essentially the same brief time period.
- 6 The fossil sequences in the sedimentary rocks do not constitute a legitimate exception to this rule, for there is a flagrant circular reasoning process involved in using them to identify their supposed geologic age. That is, the fossils have been dated by the rocks where they are found, which in turn had been dated by their imbedded fossils with the sequences based on their relative assumed stages of evolution, which had ultimately been based on the ancient philosophy of the "great chain of being." Instead of representing the evolution of life over many ages, the fossils really speak of the destruction of life (remember that fossils are dead things, catastrophically buried for preservation) in one age, with their actual local "sequences" having been determined by the ecological communities in which they were living at the time of burial.
- 7 The fact that there are traditions of the great Flood found in hundreds of tribes in all parts of the world (all similar in one way or another to that in the Genesis record) is firm evidence that those tribes all originated from the one family preserved through the cataclysm.

This brief article is a mere introduction to the large array of scientific and Biblical evidences that could be cited for the great Flood of the Bible, global in extent and cataclysmic in character and

results. The book, *The Genesis Flood* (co-authored by Dr. John Whitcomb and myself back in 1961), supplemented by many subsequent books and especially by many writers and articles in the *Creation Research Society Quarterly* scattered over its 35 years of publication, as well as various other creationist journals, provides an abundance of further evidence and documentation of the global extent and cataclysmic nature of the Flood.

One can understand why atheistic and pantheistic evolutionists have to interpret Earth history in terms of great ages and evolution, rather than Creation and the Flood. They really have no other choice, once they have decided to reject the God of Creation and His record in the Bible. However, it is very difficult to understand why men and women who do believe in God and His word do this. The Bible is explicitly clear on the global Deluge, and sound scientific evidence supports it.

But this position does mean that the geological ages could never have happened, and too many establishment-oriented Christians are not yet willing to take such a stand. And that's rather sad in these last critical days.