

Looking Closer At The Great Flood

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The Bible teaches that there was a worldwide Flood that God brought upon the world because of the wickedness of man.

*Genesis 6:5-7-Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. **6** And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. **7** So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air; for I am sorry that I have made them."*

However, God chose a righteous man named Noah and commanded him to build a huge Ark to save the various animals of the world.

*Genesis 6:13-22-And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth. **14** Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. **15** And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. **16** You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it with lower, second, and third decks. **17** And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. **18** But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and*

*your sons' wives with you. **19** And of every living thing of all flesh you shall bring two of every sort into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. **20** Of the birds after their kind, of animals after their kind, and of every creeping thing of the earth after its kind, two of every kind will come to you to keep them alive. **21** And you shall take for yourself of all food that is eaten, and you shall gather it to yourself; and it shall be food for you and for them." **22** Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.*

Many through the years have wondered if the Flood actually happened. They have asked many excellent questions, and those deserve a careful response (1 Peter 3:15). Consider these “points to ponder” from author Kent Hovind.

“Points to Ponder About the Flood and Noah’s Ark By Dr. Kent Hovind Second Peter 3: 3-8 tells us that people who scoff at the Bible are “willingly ignorant” of the Creation and the Flood. In order to understand science and the Bible, we must not be ignorant of those two great events in Earth’s history. 1. Over 500 Flood legends from all parts of the world have been found. Most have similarities to the Genesis account. 2. Noah’s ark was built only to float, not to sail anywhere. Many ark scholars believe that the ark was a “barge” shape, not a pointed “boat” shape. This would greatly increase the cargo capacity. Scoffers have pointed out that the largest sailing ships were less than 300 feet because of the problem of twisting and flexing the boat. These ships had giant masts and sails to catch the wind. Noah’s ark needed neither of those and therefore had far less torsional stress. 3. Even using the small 18-inch cubit (my height is 6'1" and I have a 21-inch cubit), the ark was large enough to hold all the required animals, people, and food with room to spare. 4. The length-to-width ratio of 6 to 1 is what shipbuilders today often use. This is the best ratio for stability in stormy weather. 5. The ark may have had a “moon-pool” in the center. The larger ships would have a hole in the center of the bottom of the boat with walls extending up into the ship. There are several reasons for this feature: a) It allowed water to go up into the hole as the ship crested waves. This would be needed to relieve strain on longer ships. b) The rising and lowering water acted as a piston to pump fresh air in and out of the ship. This would prevent the buildup of dangerous gasses from all the animals on board. c) The hole was a great place to dump waste into the ocean without going outside. 6. The ark may have had large drogue (anchor) stones suspended over the sides to keep it more stable in rough weather. Many of these stones have been found in the region where the ark landed. 7. Noah lived for 950 years. Many Bible scholars believe the pre-Flood people were much larger than modern man. Skeletons over 11 feet tall have been found. If Noah were taller, his cubit (elbow to fingertip) would have been much larger also. This would make the ark larger by the same ratio. 8. God told Noah to

bring two of each kind (seven of some), not of each species or variety. Noah had only two of the dog kind, which would include the wolves, coyotes, foxes, mutts, etc. The “kind” grouping is probably closer to our modern family division in taxonomy, and would greatly reduce the number of animals on the ark. Animals have diversified into many varieties in the last 4,400 years since the Flood. This diversification is not anything similar to great claims that the evolutionists teach. 9. Noah did not have to get the animals. God brought them to him (Genesis 6: 20, “shall come to thee”). 10. Only land-dwelling, air-breathing animals had to be included on the ark (“ in which is the breath of life,” Genesis 7: 15, 22). 11. Many animals sleep, hibernate, or become very inactive during bad weather. 12. All animals (and people) were vegetarian before and during the Flood according to Genesis 1: 20-30 with Genesis 9: 3. 13. The pre-Flood people were probably much smarter and more advanced than people today. The longer life spans, Adam’s direct contact with God, and the fact that they could glean the wisdom of many generations that were still alive would greatly expand their knowledge base. 14. The Bible says that the highest mountains were covered by 15 cubits [20 feet] of water (Genesis 7: 20). This is half the height of the ark. The ark was safe from scraping bottom at all times. 15. The large mountains, as we have them today, did not exist until after the Flood when “the mountains arose and the valleys sank down” (Psalm 104: 5-9; Genesis 8: 3-8). 16. There is enough water in the oceans right now to cover the earth 8,000 feet deep if the surface of the earth were smooth. 17. Many claim to have seen the ark in recent times in the area in which the Bible says it landed. There are two primary schools of thought about the actual site of the ark. Much energy and time have been expended to prove both views. Some believe the ark is on Mt. Ararat, covered by snow (CBS showed a one-hour special in 1993 about this site). Others believe the ark is seventeen miles south of Mt. Ararat in a valley called “the valley of eight” (eight souls on the ark). The Bible says the ark landed in the “mountains” of Ararat, not necessarily on the mountain itself. 18. The continents were not separated until 100-300 years after the Flood (Genesis 10: 25). The people and animals had time to migrate anywhere on earth by then. 19. The top 3,000 feet of Mount Everest (26,000-29,000 feet) is made up of sedimentary rock packed with seashells and other ocean-dwelling animals. 20. Sedimentary rock is found all over the world. Sedimentary rock is formed in water. 21. Petrified clams in the closed position (found all over the world) testify to their rapid burial while they were still alive, even on top of Mount Everest. 22. Bent rock layers, fossil graveyards, and polystrata fossils are best explained by a Flood. 23. People choose to not believe in the Flood because it speaks of the judgment of God on sin (2 Peter 3: 3-8).” (Ray Comfort, Evidence Bible Complete: Irrefutable Evidence For The Thinking Mind, 36336-36381 (Kindle Edition): Alachua, FL: Bridge-Logos)

The entire world is a testament to the fact that the Flood happened, and that just as we know this is true, we also may be certain that there is another Day of Judgment coming on the world.

2 Peter 3:5-13-For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, 6 by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. 7 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. 8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. 11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, 12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Why not today repent and be baptized into Christ to have your sins forgiven (Acts 2:38)? God will add you to His church when you do so (Acts 2:47). Jesus IS coming back. Are you ready?

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.