

Noah and the Flood

Genesis 6:1-9:17



Introduction

- God ensured that men possessed the rules
- men were created as free moral agents
- Humankind set its face against God
- scientists believed in a universal Flood
- religionists also have opposed a global Flood
- Christians attempting to harmonize the Bible with science
- a lightning rod for controversy



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- Biblical Flood in the days of Noah has become a great divide
- the central issue is not what current “evolutionary geology” decrees
- the issue is what the Bible actually says
- God’s Word speaks plainly of a worldwide Flood
- The evidences to that effect from both Scripture and science are overwhelming



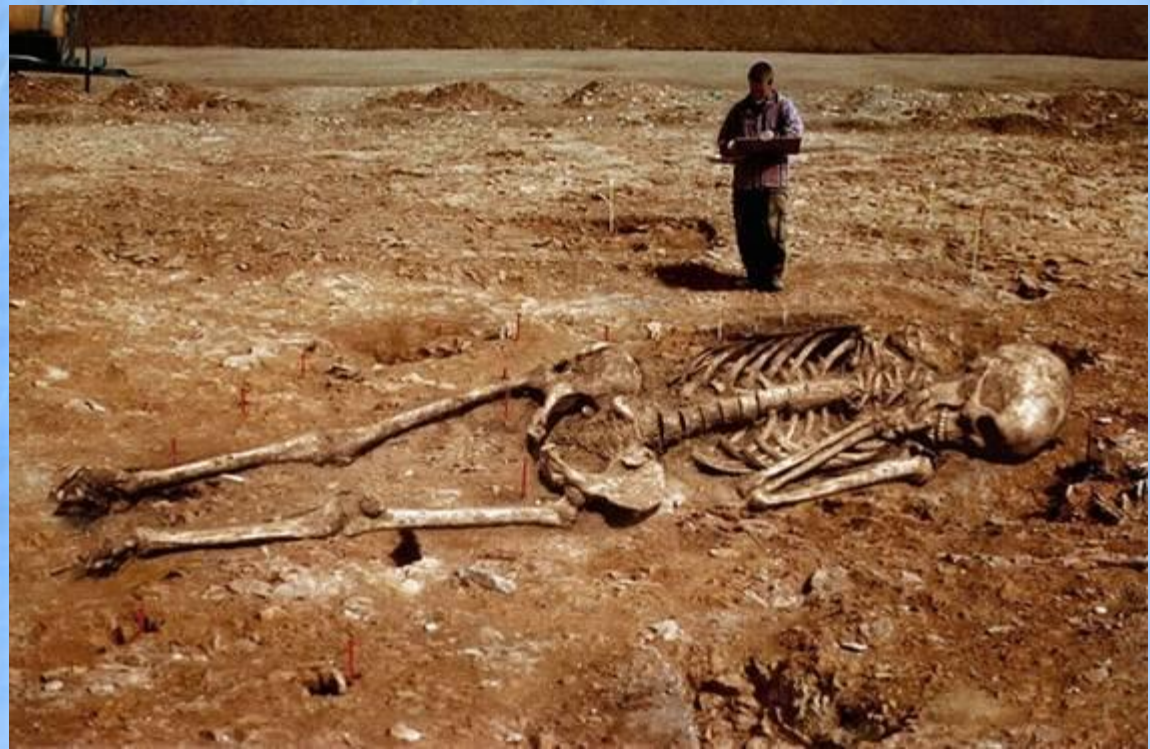
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- fallen angels (“sons of God”) mated with women of the earth (“daughters of men”)
- Angels are spirit beings (Hebrews 1:14).
- Christ said angels do not marry (Matthew 22:30; Mark 12:25; Luke 20:34-35).



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- nothing in Genesis 6:4 that indicates the Nephilim were offspring of the marriages
- The word “Nephilim,” usually identified as “giants



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- the godly lineage of Seth, called “sons of God”, began to pursue fleshly interests, and so took wives of “the daughters of men,” i.e., those who were unbelievers
- it was this sinful trend that ultimately brought the Flood
- Can angels drown?
- Paul spoke of such evil consequences in 1 Corinthians 15:33 when he wrote: “Be not deceived: evil companionships corrupt good morals.”



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- the time span involved was approximately 1,656 years
- 1,656 years would be enough time to produce an enormous population



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- the century between 1830 and 1930, the world population doubled in number (i.e., it increased by about 850 million people)
- Some have objected to the suggestion that mankind covered the globe



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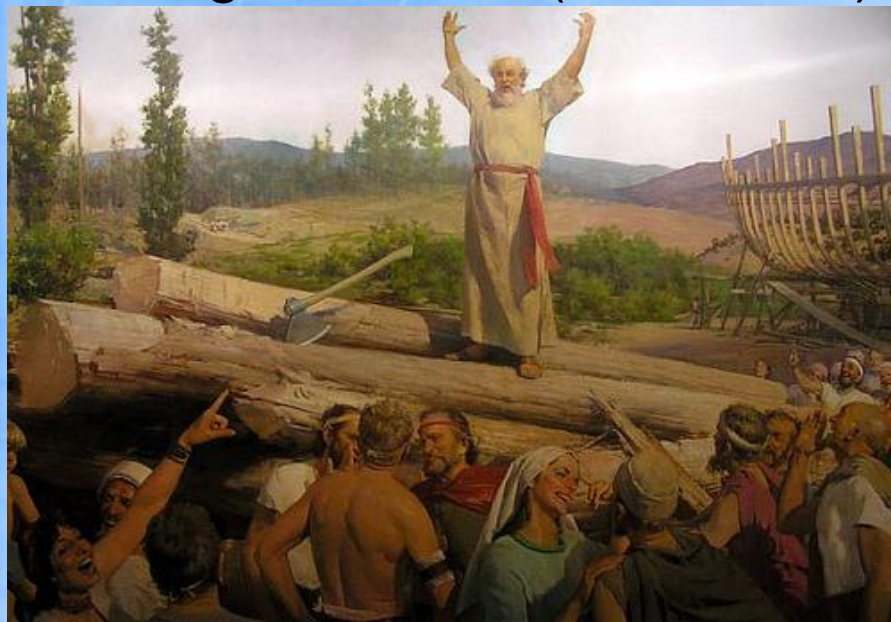
- first time the important words "righteous" and "blameless" appear in the Bible

- (1) "Noah was a just man"
- (2) Noah is described as being "perfect in his generations."
- (3) Noah "walked with God"



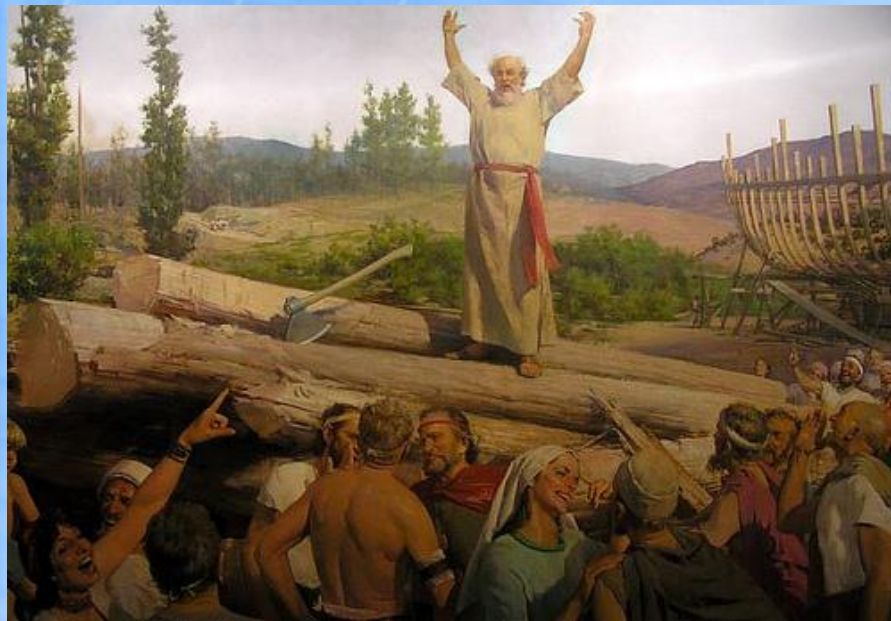
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- a “probationary period” of 120 years was established by God
- Noah preached to the people of his generation (1 Peter 3:18-20) and carried out the commands of God regarding the building of the ark (Genesis 6)



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- After approximately 100 years, Noah's work was completed
- Noah's only "converts" appear to have been members of his own family group



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- The ark was about 450 feet long, 75 feet, and 45 feet high
- the capacity of approximately 569 railroad boxcars



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- about 35,000 vertebrate animals within Noah's ship
- “kind” is a broader category than a “species”
- A standard railroad freight car can accommodate approximately 240 sheep



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- The ark probably looked more like a rectangular box than a ship.
- its purpose was to stay afloat, not travel from one destination to another
- Modern ocean-going tankers and aircraft carriers have a similar scale of dimensions
- type of wood out of which Noah made it is unknown



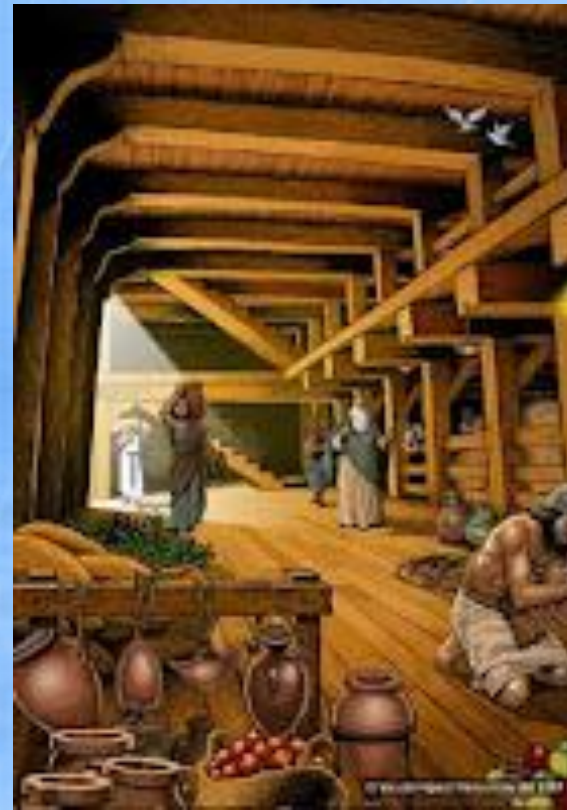
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- Genesis 6:19-20 makes it clear that God caused the animals to “come unto Noah.”
- God graciously invited Noah to enter the ark with his family (7:1).
- God extends the invitation to people



II. The Flood 6:9—8:22

- God was “with them” and “remembered them.”
- a year-long hibernation process on the animals



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- The evidence for a global Flood is overwhelming.
- 1. All the high mountains, that were under the whole heaven were covered. . . And all flesh died that moved upon the earth” (Gen. 7:19,21)
- 2. A portion of the Flood waters came as a result of the fountains of “the great deep”



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3. why did God have Noah work for more than a century constructing an Ark?
4. Noah and the other inmates of the Ark were in the vessel for more than a year



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5. ancient traditions of a Flood that consumed the entire earth
6. The Flood was designed as a punishment against the worldwide corruption of humanity



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7. God made a covenant with Noah that no flood, of this scope, would occur ever again
8. Peter charges that these scoffers “wilfully forget” that the “world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished” (2 Peter 3:6)



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- God remembered someone, meant God extended mercy
- Mt. Ararat lies on the border between Turkey and Armenia
- Noah's "altar" is the first altar mentioned in the Bible
- a burnt offering made atonement
- Noah's sacrifice represented all humankind



III. THE RAINBOW COVENANT AND ITS IMPLICATIONS

- God established human life anew on the earth
- He would not destroy His creation again with a flood
- a rainbow in the heavens as a sign of the permanency of that promise



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- God again commanded Noah and his sons to fill the earth
- God gave Noah permission to eat animals (9:3)
- prohibit the eating of animal blood



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- God promised never again to destroy “everything living” and “all flesh” by a flood
- He set a rainbow in the heavens
- If the Genesis Flood were merely a local event, then God has broken His covenant repeatedly
- Advocates of the local flood theory have God breaking His promise



CONCLUSION

- the Flood is one of the most prominent stories in the Bible
- next to Creation, the Flood of Noah's day is the greatest single geological event
- repeated references to the Flood account within the Old Testament
- Jesus and the writers of the New Testament often alluded to Noah and the Flood
- there is no other event except the Fall which has had such a revolutionary effect



CONCLUSION

- theologians and scientists of the past attributed many of the Earth's features to the Flood of Noah
- that no longer is the case
- the conflict between evolutionary geology and the inspired Word of God
- it is impossible to correlate the Bible with evolutionary geology
- those who do not believe in God, delight in ridiculing the Flood account



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- Was the Flood universal in scope, or was it merely a local flood?
- Is the account in Genesis 6-9 of the Flood the record of an actual historical event?
- examine the biblical and scientific evidence that supports the Genesis Flood
- never willing to compromise inspired testimony
- the main concern, as always, should be what do the Scriptures teach

