

## Genesis: The Flood

How much time passed between the fall of man and the flood?

- 2 different answers based on how you interpret the genealogies
- Either 1656 years or 2256 years the latter accepted by Josephus and many Drs. Of antiquity that study Genesis, like Dr. Hales in his *New Analysis of Chronology*.

Noah is in multiple books of the Bible and 5 chapters of Genesis.

- He is in Genesis, 1 Chronicles, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Matthew, Luke, Hebrews, 1 Peter and 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter
- Noah is critical to having a complete Biblical worldview

**Genesis 6:9-10** This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. <sup>10</sup> And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

- Noah is real. Jesus talks about Noah. This is not symbolic or allegorical. He had a father, had had children.

**Genesis 6:11-12** The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. <sup>12</sup> So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.

- The earth was corrupted by demonic influence
- Many assume that it was sexual immorality like Sodom & Gomorrah that precipitated the flood, but it was the demonic influence.

**Genesis 6:13** 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.

- With the earth – along with the earth
- This was truly a worldwide flood

**Hebrews 11:7** 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**.

### **1. Being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved**

- Noah lives this part of his life in the present governed by a future promise from God.

**Genesis 6:14** Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch.

- Noah is told to build an ark
- Gopherwood may be Cypress
- This was air and water tight

**Genesis 6:15** 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.

- 150 yards long, 25 yards wide, 45 feet tall - 3 stories
- Weighed 22687 tons 1.5 million cubic feet about 600 railroad cars
- 17000 species, 2 of each would take about 188 railroad cars
- Most animals came in pairs, some in 14.
- 2 of every kind, not every breed
- No macro evolution, but micro evolution

**Genesis 6:16** 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*.

- The window is for ventilation
- **The door – one door.** Only one way in. One means of salvation. Jesus said He is the door.
- One deck for family, one for animals, one for food and supplies (most likely)

**Genesis 6:17** 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.

- It has never rained before. Noah lives in a landlocked location.
- Noah spent 100 years of his life building this ark completely by faith of something he probably couldn't comprehend.
- Noah operates his life on a future promise. He knows judgement is coming.

**Genesis 6:22** Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.

- Noah believed God. His faith is what will save him.

### **We also must live today on the future promise of God**

- **Matthew 24:36-39** "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. <sup>37</sup> But as the days of Noah *were*, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. <sup>38</sup> For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup> and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.
- Jesus is coming back
- There will be judgement of the earth
- **Revelation 20:12-15** And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. <sup>13</sup> The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. <sup>14</sup> Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. <sup>15</sup> And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.
- Believers will be saved from that judgement

**Did others think Noah was crazy? Yes. Will they think you are if you live according to God's promises? Yes.**

## 2. An ark for the saving of his household

**Genesis 6:18-21** 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. <sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> 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.”

- Vs. 20 – God will gather all the animals to Noah.
- Every animal after it's kind – reminds me of Creation. This is the great reset.

**Genesis 7:1** Then the LORD said to Noah, “Come into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen *that you are* righteous before Me in this generation.

- God is the one that invited Noah into the ark

**Genesis 7:2-3** You shall take with you seven each of every clean animal, a male and his female; two each of animals that *are* unclean, a male and his female; <sup>3</sup> also seven each of birds of the air, male and female, to keep the species alive on the face of all the earth.

- Seven pairs of these kinds. These are not for food. These will be for sacrifice. Later the law will emerge and these are the animals used for sacrifice.

**Genesis 7:7** So Noah, with his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives, went into the ark because of the waters of the flood.

**Genesis 7:10** And it came to pass after seven days that the waters of the flood were on the earth.

- Noah got on the ark when God told him to.
- 1 week before the rain started
- Not one drop of rain hit Noah.

Methuselah – He dies and it shall be sent. His name is a prophecy. Enoch named him.

He dies. There is a 1-week time of mourning after a death according to Jewish tradition.

God declares Noah righteous. His eternity is secure. Noah lives his present life this way. 7 days before the judgement comes, he disappears from humanity in the ark. When the world is cleansed Noah re-enters the new world. All this is done by God.

### **Jesus Christ is our ark for our saving**

- **We are declared righteous by God.**
  - **Romans 4:5** But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness,
- We enter one door by Jesus
  - **John 10:9** I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.
  - **Matthew 7:13-14** <sup>13</sup>“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. <sup>14</sup> Because narrow *is* the gate and difficult *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.
- One day we will disappear from humanity and there will be a 7 year cleansing (or 3.5 years) of humanity and we return to a new earth
- Believers will never face the wrath of God.

**Genesis 7:11-12** In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the **fountains of the great deep** were broken up, and the **windows of heaven were opened**. <sup>12</sup> And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights.

- In Genesis 1 there is a firmament that separated the waters above and the waters below.
- There was a canopy that protected the earth.

- **Genesis 2:4-6** This *is* the history of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,<sup>5</sup> before any plant of the field was in the earth and before any herb of the field had grown. For the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and *there was* no man to till the ground;<sup>6</sup> but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground.
- We have now discovered an underground ocean with enough water to flood the earth several times over
  - The water is locked up in a mineral called ringwoodite about 660km (400 miles) beneath the crust of the Earth, researchers say. Geophysicist Steve Jacobsen from Northwestern University in the US co-authored the study published in the journal “Science”
  - “I think we are finally seeing evidence for a whole-Earth water cycle, which may help explain the vast amount of liquid water on the surface of our habitable planet. Scientists have been looking for this missing deep water for decades.”
  - Science is finally confirming what the Bible has always been saying
- Water came from above and below – Windows of Heaven and fountains of the deep

### **Rest in the ark**

**Genesis 7:17-20** Now the flood was on the earth forty days. The waters increased and lifted up the ark, and it rose high above the earth.<sup>18</sup> The waters prevailed and greatly increased on the earth, and the ark moved about on the surface of the waters.<sup>20</sup> And the waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth, and all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered.<sup>20</sup> The waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were covered.

- Noah remained on the ark. He did nothing.
- There is no navigational capabilities. No rowing.
- Noah goes aboard, God shut the door. God does the cleansing.

## **Christ is our Sabbath. Our rest.**

- **Hebrews 4:9-10** There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. <sup>10</sup> For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God *did* from His.
- **It is Christ who saves us. Christ who sanctifies us. Christ who empowers us.**
- **Galatians 2:20-21** I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. <sup>21</sup> I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness *comes* through the law, then Christ died in vain.”
- Trying to save ourselves, or accomplish anything for God in our own strength and abilities is like Noah trying to row the ark by himself.

## **3. Condemned the world**

**Genesis 7:21-22** And all flesh died that moved on the earth: birds and cattle and beasts and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every man. <sup>22</sup> All in whose nostrils *was* the breath of the spirit of life, all that *was* on the dry *land*, died.

- Total reset to the earth
- This is the nature of judgement. It had to be done.
- This is not brutality. This is justice.
- God is loving. God is just.

**John 16:7-11** Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. <sup>8</sup> And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: <sup>9</sup> of sin, because they do not believe in Me; <sup>10</sup> of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; <sup>11</sup> of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

**Genesis 7:23-24** So He destroyed all living things which were on the face of the ground: both man and cattle, creeping thing and bird of the air. They were destroyed from the earth. Only Noah and those who *were* with him in the ark remained *alive*.<sup>24</sup> And the waters prevailed on the earth one hundred and fifty days.

- This verse is justice.
- Genesis 8:1 is love and mercy

**Genesis 8:1** Then God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the animals that *were* with him in the ark. And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided.

- Wind is the same word as spirit

#### **4. Became heir of the righteousness**

**Genesis 8:2-4** The fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were also stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained.<sup>3</sup> And the waters receded continually from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters decreased.<sup>4</sup> Then the ark rested in the seventh month, the seventeenth day of the month, on the mountains of Ararat.

- Mt. Ararat is in Turkey. 17000 foot mountain. Mountains = range of mountains.
- Would finding the ark change anything? No. Those who believe should believe it all.

**Genesis 8:6-7** So it came to pass, at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made.<sup>7</sup> Then he sent out a raven, which kept going to and fro until the waters had dried up from the earth.

- Raven = scavenger



**Genesis 8:8-9** He also sent out from himself a dove, to see if the waters had receded from the face of the ground.<sup>9</sup> But the dove found no resting place for the sole of her foot, and she returned into the ark to him, for the waters *were* on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took her, and drew her into the ark to himself.

- Dove represents Holy Spirit
- Finds no fulfillment in death, returns to ark. This is where rest is found.

**Genesis 8:10-12** And he waited yet another seven days, and again he sent the dove out from the ark.<sup>11</sup> Then the dove came to him in the evening, and behold, a freshly plucked olive leaf *was* in her mouth; and Noah knew that the waters had receded from the earth.<sup>12</sup> So he waited yet another seven days and sent out the dove, which did not return again to him anymore.

- When life is found, then she is sent out into the world.

**Genesis 8:13-14** And it came to pass in the six hundred and first year, in the first *month*, the first *day* of the month, that the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and indeed the surface of the ground was dry.<sup>14</sup> And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dried.

- Noah was in the ark 382 days. 1 year 17 days.

**Genesis 8:15-19** Then God spoke to Noah, saying,<sup>16</sup> “Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons’ wives with you.<sup>17</sup> Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that *is* with you: birds and cattle and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.”<sup>18</sup> So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives with him.<sup>19</sup> Every animal, every creeping thing, every bird, *and* whatever creeps on the earth, according to their families, went out of the ark.

- Noah receives the same command as Adam and Eve in the garden.

## **Worship**

**Genesis 8:20** Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

- Building the altar is more important than building the ark.
- Nothing is more devastating to our enemy than worshiping Jesus Christ

## **We are heirs of righteousness.**

- When we are in the ark of Jesus, we become cleansed.
- **1 Corinthians 6:11** And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.
- **2 Corinthians 5:21** For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.
- **Titus 3:4-7** But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared,<sup>5</sup> not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,<sup>6</sup> whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,<sup>7</sup> that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

## **5. According to faith.**

**Romans 8:1** *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

**Our ark is faith in Jesus Christ.**