

NOAH AND THE GREAT FLOOD, PART I

Genesis 6:1-22

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A universal flood is a major part of the history of the world. There is an unmistakable testimony to it every way that we look at the rocks, the formations of the surface of the planet and the fossils (the preservation of bones of the ancient world), buried and entombed suddenly under massive catastrophic events that changed the world forever. The rocks and what is in them speak so loud that we have to raise the question, what is it that happened that would be so universally powerful that caused all these things to happen? The biblical account of the flood answers perfectly to what the sciences of geology and archaeology have discovered in recent times. It stands as a monumental witness to the Scriptures and their perfect reliability and divine authorship from God, Himself!

As we all know there have been too many alleged sightings of the ark on the mountains of Ararat in Turkey to just be passed off as nothing.

There are legends in every tongue and race of people, in every corner of the world and passed down in oral traditions, that there is a great divide between the old world, sunken beneath the sea, and the new world of modern man. It even comes to us today in the form of what we call ancient Atlantis. It was the golden age of the human race where men were giants and civilization was incredibly advanced and ingenious.

We can no more dismiss the flood as a myth than we can dismiss what man is convinced of today: that there was an ancient world that sunk beneath the oceans and suddenly disappeared.

Faith on the part of evolutionary science today in its account of where we came from, and its knowledge of an ancient advanced civilization, is greater than the faith of those who believe in a sensible account of the flood and the consistency of real science with a history of the world. It is not on the part of Christianity to support an evidence for the past and the Biblical account of a flood but on the part of evolutionary science that

tries to explain away the flood and its own teaching of Monkey Men, and a very sophisticated past. A real history and today's phony science don't match.

The artifacts of archeology, the fossils of geology and the legends of history speak to a sudden catastrophe of Noah and the Flood!

I. The Days Before the Flood (Gen. 6:1-6)

¹And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, ²That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. ³And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man (to win his soul; to change; to repent of his sin to be saved), for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. ⁴There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. ⁵And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. ⁶And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart."

God's response toward man's behavior was in sorrow, and it broke His heart. The great love of the heart of God was affected.

Something here in these verses describes what is beyond normal and natural! The "sons of God" are fallen angels. Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7; Psalms 29:1; Psa. 89:6; Jude 6,7; I Peter 2:4-6; 3:19,20

This meaning is placed in the Septuagint by Josephus and Enoch, in the Apocrypha of Enoch and by all the Jewish interpreters and the earliest Christian writers.

The angels that met Abraham appeared as men in physical bodies and ate with him, and when they appeared in Sodom the Sodomites craved to have sexual relations with them.

It is obvious in this passage there was such an awful abnormality and wickedness burst forth on the earth that it could only be explained by a demonically possessed, supernatural human race.

The legends of mythology give us a distortion of what really happened which was given to us in the Biblical account.

What could have happened is that fallen angels took complete possession of the human bodies of men and they took whatever women they desired and in the union produced a demonic race of people. Man's obsession today with the paranormal and to achieve the supernatural, half-beast, half-man has all been recycled.

What happened then is beginning to happen today in a strange phenomenon of unusual sightings of unidentified flying objects and strange appearances of grotesque beings. These supposed sightings and appearances of supposed aliens from distant planets are nothing more than demons impersonating extraterrestrial entities.

Jesus warned in the last days there would be "fearful sights in the heavens with men's hearts failing them for fear..." (Luke 21:11). Man's explanation for his origins is rapidly changing from science of evolution to extraterrestrial. God is going to let man see some pretty terrifying things.

History is repeating itself with an explosion of occultism, sorcery and astrology. People are being initiated into a demonic world with millions experiencing direct demonic possession. Satan's purpose behind this trend is to gain direct control over the minds and bodies of this generation to wipe out the Christian faith before Christ returns.

Matthew 24:22 Jesus said "And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened."

Demon possession is very common today with an interaction between human beings and satanic entities. The trendy words of entities and E.T. are a serious warning to us all how far we have fallen.

Right up to the time of the flood the whole earth had been corrupted by Satan with only Noah and his family left who believed and were saved. This is a very serious warning to us today with the masses of this new generation no longer believing in God with no concern for their soul.

The sign of the end of this age given to us by Christ, Himself, takes us back to the flood: Matthew 24: "But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be... They were eating and drinking marrying and giving in marriage until the day

Noah entered in the ark... the people knew not until the flood came and took them all away.”

The second coming of Christ in judgment upon an ungodly world given completely over to evil, and Satan, will be at a time of great deception, a great falling away from the faith in the Church, and an unusually unexplained indifference to God. It will be at a time when everybody is going about their business and pleasures and suddenly without warning, judgment will fall upon the whole world for its sin.

I Thessalonians 5:1-6 “¹But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. ²For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. ³For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child (birth pains getting closer and more intense); and they shall not escape. ⁴But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. ⁵Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. ⁶Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.”

There is a distinction today between the religious crowd which are of the darkness and those who are saved in the light of truth! We are looking for the return of Christ and the Rapture of the Church!

The time of the flood – where are we in this generation spiritually and morally?
(Gen. 6:1-6)

This 120 years in the book of Peter speaks of Noah, the preacher of righteousness, and interpreted this passage in Genesis for us.

I Peter 3:19,20 “¹⁹ By which also He (Jesus at the time He physically was in the grave, but spiritually alive) went and preached unto the spirits in prison (the fallen angels held in chains) ²⁰ which were sometime disobedient, when once the long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water”.

Noah’s preaching, God’s salvation, and a further explanation of who the sons of God were who went in and took wives of the daughters of men is in II Peter 2:4,5:

“⁴ For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to Hell (Tartarus, the place of suffering in the heart of the earth), and delivered them

unto the chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment (the final Lake of Fire); ⁵ and spared not the old world (the so-called golden age before the flood, Atlantis?), but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness (Noah preached for 120 years), bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; ... ⁹ the Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:"

There is no sin that the Lord can't deliver us out of, and we had better start letting the Lord change us!

The evil that was unleashed upon the earth with an acceleration of unlimited power were fallen angels (demons), the sons of God having sex with the daughters of men and producing a race of abnormal giants in the earth; men of fame who were given completely over to violence against any righteousness left on the planet. Paleontology together with oral traditions and archeology are beginning to discover the fossilized remains of giant footprints, alongside of today's animals, far greater in size. These giants of reputation were celebrities for their exploits of strength and their ability to kill.

Out of this filthy world God saved Noah and his family while others he preached to refused to listen and drowned in the flood. All those who had mocked Noah must have wondered about the sudden disappearance of Enoch. They must have wondered about the animals coming to Noah. They must have wondered about the door of the ark being closed. Their laughter stopped when it began to rain.

What happened then is beginning to happen again in our time that will escalate into the great tribulation under the anti-Christ (Rev. 9, 12, 16).

The Holy Spirit will not always endure man's rejection of the Gospel of Christ. There comes a time when God shuts the door in His long-suffering for man and brings judgment. (II Peter 3:9)

The first time God judged the world by a flood serves as a testimony, God is not mocked but does what He says, is a warning of His final judgment upon the world by fire (II Peter 3:10,11). People are always saying "nothing has ever changed, and it will never change", but God is going to change it all and show up (Rev. 19:11).

⁵“And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”

There are two words that are used three times each in verses 11, 12 and 13 that give a description of what the world of Noah’s day looked like. The earth was “filled with violence”, and “all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth”; violence and corruption!

Man was through and through, absolutely evil with a total absence of any genuineness, honor or decency left. Murder and killing with no conscience or mercy left in man. He was incapable of any feelings for what he had done to others. We live at the time of the end and what we are seeing is “iniquity is abounding and the love of many waxing cold” (Matt. 24:12).

All over the planet we see in the news every night all the revolutions, rioting in the streets and the slaughter of human beings, the gangs of the U.S., the gangs of Mexico and the cartel of drugs.

I don’t think that what we saw on the MSNBC news network of a Pale Rider on a pale horse riding through the rioting crowds of Egypt and ascending up toward Heaven was any hallucination.

The recent earthquake on the east coast that cracked the Washington Monument was God striking at the very foundation of our nation with a warning that it’s all about to come down.

II. God’s Deliverance from the Judgment of the Flood (Gen. 7-9)

⁷“And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; ... for it repenteth me that I have made them. ⁸But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. ⁹These are the generations (the origins recorded by Noah of the flood) of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.”

Hebrews 11:7 says that Noah was saved by faith and found the gift of grace before God.

Noah, by the grace of God, was given the gift of salvation. God chose him by grace and through him God would bring salvation to the human race.

Noah's converts in his time, through his preaching for 120 years may have been only eight souls, but through those eight after the flood there has been the salvation in Jesus Christ of untold millions until this day.

His walk with God and dedication to the Lord was an expression of his salvation at a time when the whole world from east to west was going the other way from God. He was a saved man by God in the middle of a lost world. He stood out! He stood up!

God called him to preach and to build an ark on dry ground in a world where it had never rained.

He really stood out! It took a lot of faith and courage to do what he did, but he did it all and obeyed God.

Hebrews 11:7 “⁷By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet (rain), moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.”

Salvation in Christ is not just knowing about God but in faith acting in obedience to the Word of God.

III. The Instructions for the Building of the Ark

“¹³ and God said unto Noah, the end of all flesh is come before me... ¹⁴ make thee an ark of gopher wood, rooms shalt thou make in the ark and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch ¹⁵ ... the length of the ark shall be 300 cubits, the width of it 50 cubits, and the height of it 30 cubits.”

This ship by today's standards was the perfect dimensions of a vessel, designed for stability and capacity that would be unsinkable in the worst of storms.

It was about 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet high.

It was 1,400,000 cubic feet which is equal to 522 standard livestock railroad train cars.

With this kind of knowledge, obviously this is no fictitious story but an example of the Bible's reliability and trustworthiness in being the Word of God.

The ark had one door and a window at the top with lower and second and third stories.

“¹⁶A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it.”

Noah and his family were told by God to enter the ark through the door to be saved and they did what God said to do.

The door is a perfect portrait of Jesus being the One and only Door of Salvation.

Jesus said, “I am the door of the sheep.” John 10:7

John 14:6 “I am the way...”

“¹⁷And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die. ¹⁸But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee. ¹⁹And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female. ... ²¹And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them. ²²Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.”

Noah trusted and obeyed God!

God’s invitation to come into the ark and be saved from coming judgment upon the world then, is His invitation to come to Christ for salvation from God’s final judgment on the world by fire at the second coming of Christ.

A history of the flood is a warning to us all to come to Christ before it’s too late and God shuts the door of any opportunity to be saved.

Come today, come now, don’t delay!