

# NOAH and the FLOOD



Journey through the Bible 10  
The Flood, #2

As we continue our “Journey through the Bible”, we have addressed the period before the flood.

In our last lesson, we noted events leading up to the flood and Noah.

Tonight, we want to examine the flood itself and what happened after the flood.

Our text is **Genesis 7-9**



# The Flood Itself – **Genesis 7-8:19**

- Noah is instructed to enter the ark. Again declared righteous before God. He is 600 years old when he enters the ark, with his family of 8.  
Animals enter – both clean and unclean. Note the went into the ark (**7:8-9, 16**) indicating God likely was behind this

# The Flood Itself – **Genesis 7-8:19**

- Rain begins and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> month, 17<sup>th</sup> day of Noah's 600<sup>th</sup> year, "the fountains of the deep" and the windows of heaven were opened. In 7 days, the earth was flooded. It rained 40 days and nights (**7:6-12**). The **WHOLE** earth was covered and all flesh died.
- The ark began to float and for another 150 days

# The Flood Itself – **Genesis 7-8:19**

- 8:1-19 – God remembers Noah and the animals
  - A great wind passes over the waters and they begin to recede for another 150 days
  - 7<sup>th</sup> month, 17<sup>th</sup> day (exactly 6 months in), the ark rests on Ararat. They waited in the ark about 4 more months.
  - Noah begins sending out birds
  - On 1<sup>st</sup> day of his 601<sup>st</sup> year, Noah removes the cover. 2 months later, Noah was told by God he could leave the ark (8:15-17)

# The Flood Itself – **Genesis 7-8:19**

- WAS the flood global or local?
- Some contend the flood was only a local flood – part of the world or regional.
- But consider what the Bible says
  - The source of water – massive
  - 7:19 – hill and mountains covered 15 cubits above the mountains
  - Flood lasted almost 1 year, plenty of time for God to replenish the whole earth and deal with dead matter of organism

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- WAS the flood global or local?
  - Geologically, consider
    - The fossil record – sea fossils found on very high elevations. Throughout the world. Geologists admit that much of today's land was at one time under water.
    - Strata consistent with catastrophic events.
    - Fossil graveyards, massive oil and coal deposits are consistent with catastrophe – including a worldwide catastrophe
- The Bible account is consistent with this!**

# The Flood Itself – **Genesis 7-8:19**

- WAS the flood global or local?
- Geologically, consider
  - Another problem with naturalistic geologic modes is that they depend on uniformity throughout world history. Catastrophic events change that! E.g. Mount St. Helens in 1980.
  - The Bible is also clear that **AFTER** the flood, the world was different. Noah last man to live more than 900 years (**Gen. 9:29**). Climate changed – where were the waters above the earth?



# The Flood Itself – **Genesis 7-8:19**

- WAS the flood global or local?
- Other considerations
  - If only local, why such a large boat?
  - Why not just tell Noah and family to move out of the flooded region and isolate?
  - Population estimates prior to the flood would likely mean more than a billion people on the earth. This would require more than local flooding.
  - Why do we still see devastating local floods, considering God's promise after the flood?

# The Flood Itself – **Genesis 7-8:19**

- WAS the flood global or local?
- Why is this a big concern?
  - Some do not want to make this a test of fellowship
  - BUT consider what this does to the integrity of the Bible. IF we can dismiss creation, the flood and tower of Babel – what will we do with the rest of scripture, especially when these events are referred to by prophets, Jesus and others?
  - WHY pander to a world that rejects God?

# After the flood – **Genesis 8:20-9:17**

- Noah sacrifices to God
- **8:20** - the first thing Noah does is sacrifice.
- **8:21-22** – God's vow concerning the earth
  - He accepted Noah's sacrifices
  - Promised to never again destroy the world in that way.
  - There would be consistency in the world

# After the flood – **Genesis 8:20-9:17**

- **8:21**, “although the imagination of man’s heart is evil from his youth”
  - God knew the nature of man
  - This nature exists even though Noah was a righteous man.While the influence of parents is great, sometimes children go a different way – cf. **Proverbs 22:6** – a rule, but not a guarantee (both good and bad)
- - Also note this does NOT say they inherited Adam’s sin. The conversation was about man’s heart in general – **cf. Ephesians 2:1-3, Romans 1:20-21**
  - We have already seen exceptions (Enoch, Noah).

# After the flood – **Genesis 8:20-9:17**

- Changes that took place
- **9:1** – they are told to “be fruitful and multiply”
- **9:2** – the fear of animals instilled

# After the flood – **Genesis 8:20-9:17**

- Changes that took place
- **9:3-4** – eat meat, but not its blood
  - Forbidden to eat blood –
  - All dispensations – **Leviticus 7:26**  
**17:10-14**, Christian – **Acts 15:20, 28-29**
  - Remember, it was shed blood that leads to our remission – **Hebrews 10:4, Revelation 1:5, cf. Ephesians 2:13, 1 John 1:7, 1 Peter 1:18-19, etc.**

# After the flood – **Genesis 8:20-9:17**

- Changes that took place
- **9:5-6** – the death penalty for murder
  - Recall Cain – not put to death
  - Blood for blood for intentional murder.

Why? Sanctify of life

  - Nations need to value human life
  - All dispensations: Mosaic - **Exodus 21:12-14**, Christian – **Romans 13:1-4**,  
**cf. Acts 25:11**,
  - When nations fail... **Ecclesiastes 8:11**

# After the flood – **Genesis 8:20-9:17**

- Changes that took place
- **9:7-17** – God's covenant with Noah
  - The covenant renewed
  - Also a covenant with creation – never again destroy by flood
  - The rainbow – given as a sign of the covenant. When we see the rainbow...
  - Never forget the REAL meaning of the rainbow
  - God's promise still needed to be fulfilled – **cf. Genesis 3:15, etc.**



# Noah's error – **Genesis 9:18-20**

- **9:18-19** – Through Noah's sons, the whole earth was repopulated
- **9:20-21** – Noah becomes a farmer, plants a vineyard and becomes drunk with wine
  - first recorded case of drunkenness. Negative effects. **Cf. Proverbs 20:1**
  - Christians should not drink intoxicating drinks – **1 Peter 4:3**
  - We are to be sober – **Romans 12:3, 1 Thessalonians 5:6-8, Titus 2:12, 1 Peter 5:8**

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- **9:20-21** – Noah becomes a farmer, plants a vineyard and becomes drunk with wine
  - Consider also, up to this point everything recorded about Noah was good.
  - The Bible does NOT hide the faults of men
  - This ought to give us hope, when we stumble – **Acts 8:22, 1 John 1:9**

# Noah's error – **Genesis 9:18-20**

- **9:22-23** – Noah becomes a farmer, plants a vineyard and becomes drunk with wine
  - Ham sees the nakedness of Noah and tells his brothers
  - Shem and Japheth cover him without looking

# Noah's error – **Genesis 9:18-20**

- **9:24-29** – Noah curses Ham
  - Noah knows what Ham did
  - curses Ham and declares he would serve his brothers.
  - Shem and Japheth are blessed and told that (eventually) they would dwell together in tents (be united).
  - Could this be anticipating the Messiah? **Ephesians 2:13-16**

# Noah's error – **Genesis 9:18-20**

- **9:24-29** – Noah lives another 350 years  
– then he dies at 950. Noah is the last recorded to live more than 900 years.
  - This is likely at least in part due to the change in climate after the flood

In the flood account we are reminded of another coming judgment.

That will be the end of all things – **2 Peter 3:10-13**

Are we preparing for that day?