



Genesis 6-8 The Flood

One of the major Biblical events is the worldwide flood recorded in the book of Genesis. Critics for generations have scoffed at the idea of such an event. The truthfulness of Jesus and the Scriptures are based upon the flood being historically accurate.

The story of the flood is the story of sin and the wrath of God. It is the story of grace and salvation. It is a story of cleansing. The salvation in the ark is paralleled to baptism in Peter's letter, the judgment of God in Peter's second letter and faith in Hebrews 11.

Genesis 6 Build the Ark

1. Reason for the wrath of God (6:13)
2. How the wrath was to be delivered (6:17)
 - Noah: You alone I have seen to be righteous (7:1)

There are more than 500 flood legends worldwide

This has led some to conclude that the Genesis account is an edited version of one of those stories.

- 88% has a favored family
- 70% survive by a boat
- 57% survivors end up on a mountain

Genesis 7 waters Come

1. Water came from two sources:
 - above (floodgates of the sky were opened)
 - beneath (great deep burst) - 7:11
2. God closed the door of the ark—7:16
 - 7:24 water covered the mountains (7:20) & prevailed for 150 days on the earth (5 months)
 - The length and depth of the flood could not have been a localized flood
3. All flesh that moved on the earth perished (7:21)
 - based upon 6:3 commentators conclude that it took Noah 120 years to build the ark

What was the population of the earth at the time of the flood:

Based upon the genealogy of Genesis 5 (ten generations)

- 1.1% growth rate = 147 million people
- 1.4% growth rate = 17 billion people

Build an Ark (6:14)

- The Hebrew 'teivah' (ark) is the word used for the basket baby Moses was put in
- Made from Gopher wood
- 510 ft long x 85 ft wide x 51 ft tall
- equivalent to 1.5 football fields
 - space of 450 semi trucks
- Three decks
- Door on the side
- Window
- Covered with pitch
- Seven pairs of clean animals (7:2)
- Two of unclean (7:2)
- Noah was 600 years old when the flood started (7:6)

Genesis 8 Waters Go

Three ways God remembered Noah

(1) R_____ the water
flood gates closed (8:2) and wind caused the water to subside (8:1)
Ark rested on mountain on 7th month (8:4)
Top of mountain visible in 10th month (8:5)

(2) Sending of a s_____—through a dove (8:8-11)

(3) S_____ to Noah (8:15)

A. Noah was in the ark for one year (7:11/8:13)

B. Upon leaving the ark, Noah offered a sacrifice to God (8:20)

- God promised never to destroy all flesh (8:21)

What we learn from the Flood:

Global Evidence of Flood

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

1. Peter implies that the first world was destroyed and we are now living in a second world (2 Pet 3:5-7)
- What changed AFTER the flood?

Cute, Playful Arks Can
Send the wrong
message

- Hides the penalty of sin and the enormous grace of God
- While made for children, the pictures are distorted and not factual



2. The Lord's reference to Noah in Mt 24:37, is intended to teach what lesson?
3. Noah started faithful and remained faithful during the construction of the ark.
4. The love of God and the wrath of God come together in the flood. What other occasions do we find the love and wrath of God together?
5. How would it be possible for some on the outside of the ark to be in Heaven?
6. Cite another Biblical example when the door was shut and some were left standing outside.
7. Describe the emotional, spiritual and commitment that Noah experienced in preparing the ark.