



A FLOOD of EVIDENCE

40 reasons NOAH ^{and} THE ARK still matter



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Preface

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WHY ANOTHER BOOK ON THE FLOOD AND THE ARK?

There are hosts of books, videos, film, and Internet information about Noah's ark. Some of it is quite good. Much of it is miserable! Some are blatantly inaccurate and unbiblical (consider the *Noah* film with Russell Crowe and directed by Darren Aronofsky, which was primarily an attack on the Bible). Some ark and Flood information is too technical for many readers. Some ark and Flood resources are so basic that readers lose interest.

What this book was designed to do was filter through the massive amounts of information and give you *what you need to know*. We tried to do it in a way that keeps you from getting caught up in too much technical data and debates, and yet gives you some “meat to chew on” without being too basic. If you wanted to move on to a deeper level of technical debate after this book (which builds on some of the chapters), then at least you would have a foundation to dive into the subjects further.

Also, we wanted this to be a book that stands on the *authority of the Bible* as our absolute and final standard on issues. We didn't want a book to rest on the *opinions of men* like so many resources do, but to treat the Bible for what it is — the truth. We are unashamed of this and up-front about this as you can see.

In doing so, we hope this book also points you to the Lord Jesus Christ of which the Flood (the first part of the book) and Noah's ark (the second part of the book) is a picture. The Flood was a judgment on sin and the ark was a means of salvation from that catastrophe. All you had to do was enter the door of the ark to be saved.

In the same way, Jesus Christ ultimately judges sin for all eternity. Yet Jesus Christ describes Himself as *the door* by which all must enter to be saved

from their sin. The shed blood of Jesus Christ, who took the punishment for sin upon Himself, is the *only* means of salvation.

Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved (Acts 4:12).

INTRODUCTION

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THE FLOOD and NOAH'S ARK: AN INTRODUCTION – GETTING DOWN TO THE BASICS

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INTRODUCTION

That there was a flood 4,000 years ago is not provable. In fact, the evidence, for me at least, as a reasonable man, is overwhelming that it couldn't possibly have happened; there's no evidence for it. — Bill Nye¹

Evolutionist Bill Nye repeatedly attacked the global Flood recorded in the Bible at the historic debate with Ken Ham over creation-evolution at the Creation Museum on February 4, 2014. Did you ever wonder why he did this? The reason was simple. He *had* to. In fact, anyone who believes in an old earth, Christian or secular, cannot believe in a global Flood.

In any scenario that involved millions and billions of years of earth history, a catastrophe like the Flood of Noah's day would be devastating! Thinking clearly, the secular idea of millions of years is used in an attempt to explain rock layers (that contain fossils). The fossil layers were supposedly laid down slowly over long periods of time *without any major catastrophes*.

Yet the global Flood of Noah's day would account for the majority of those rock layers quickly.² So millions of years would vanish in light of a catastrophe like that! This is why Bill Nye (and anyone else) arguing for an old earth must fight against the famous Flood of biblical proportions!

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1. Ken Ham and Bodie Hodge, *Inside the Nye-Ham Debate* (Green Forest, AR: Master Books, 2014), p. 344.
 2. Of course we have had some rock layers form since that time from volcanoes, local floods, and so on, but the bulk of the rock layers that contain fossils came from Noah's Flood.

IMPORTANCE OF THE FLOOD

Is the issue of Noah's Flood important? Absolutely. It may be one of the key battles in the authority of Scripture in our day and age. Sadly, even certain Christians join with non-Christians to attack the truth of a global Flood. For example, popular old-earth Christian Dr. Hugh Ross attacks the ark and the global Flood by saying:

Not even an ark of steel armor plate could survive the rigors of a Flood gone global in Forty Days nor of the devastating effects of tens of thousands of feet of erosion in forty days and similar uplift within a year's time.³

No viable scientific evidence has ever been found for a recent, global Flood.⁴

Surprising to many, the attacks on the ark and Noah's worldwide Flood are coming from both *outside* the Church and *inside* the Church. So the Flood is an important issue. Join with us on this adventure to investigate issues and questions surrounding the Flood and ark of Noah to help lay to rest these erroneous claims.

THE CHURCH AND A GLOBAL FLOOD

It is not enough to merely teach a global Flood — we need to teach the next generation how to defend it (this dives into the field of apologetics⁵ — defending the faith). The Flood is discussed in the Bible in Genesis 6–8 as well as other portions of Scripture (that refer back to the Flood event) quoting Jesus or Paul or a Psalmist. The universal Flood really occurred, and Scripture clearly teaches this truth.

The secular culture often denies the global Flood of Noah. However, in our churches (and culture), many struggle with the fact that the world-covering Flood really occurred! To put it bluntly, the churchgoer has been influenced by the secular world that opposes the reality of the biblical Flood. Many in the Church succumb to this secular peer pressure and also deny the global Flood.

3. Hugh Ross, *The Genesis Question* (Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 1998), p. 156.

4. *Ibid.*, p. 157.

5. Apologetics is derived from the Greek word *apologia*, which means “to give a defense or give an answer.”

But *even in the churches* across the Western world, there is a problem. Consider the original market study by America's Research Group led by Britt Beemer in 2015 with the general public:

For instance, when asked "Do you believe Noah's ark was actually built or only a legend?" the results for those who said yes by their age group were as follows:

60s — 86%
50s — 74%
40s — 81%
30s — 81%
20s — 52%⁶

Notice how the next generation (20s) overwhelmingly dropped! This is the impact of secular schooling, most media, and secular museums, and their insistence on millions of years and a denial of the Flood. What about church attendees? As far back as the year 2000, George Barna, who works with church statistics, revealed that those who do not believe in absolute truth in the pews was staggering. One writer concluded:

Can you believe that 27% of all the people who attend an evangelical church do not believe in absolute truth?⁷

Consider this statistic. God is the absolute truth and so is the Bible (his written revelation) . . . including the account of Noah's ark and the Flood! And yet, over 1 in 4 in our evangelical churches do not really believe it. More recently, Britt Beemer, of America's Research Group, found that:

One in six said their pastor said something to make them believe that the Book of Genesis contained myths and legends that we know are untrue.⁸

Over 20% (one in five) said their pastors taught that Christians could believe in an earth that is millions or billions of years old.⁹

6. Ken Ham with Jeff Kinley, research by Britt Beemer, *Ready to Return* (Green Forest, AR: Master Books, 2015), p. 103–104.

7. Carl Kerby, "WDJS, not just WWJD," May 11, 2000, based on research by George Barna, <https://answersingenesis.org/jesus-christ/wdjs-not-just-wwjd/>.

8. Ham with Kinley, *Ready to Return*, p. 30.

9. Ibid., p. 30.

Keep in mind that the idea that the earth is millions of years old comes from rejecting the idea of a *global* Flood of Noah's day. Then all the Flood sediment is seen as evidence of slow gradual accumulations over millions of years! Regarding kids who attended church, Beemer found that:

Eighty-three percent said their science teachers taught them that the earth was millions or billions of years old.¹⁰

What this means is that the secular, atheistic world is being more effective at training the church kids than the Church! It is time to reverse this trend! Approximately 90 percent of kids in church homes attend state schools where they are indoctrinated with secular thought (think naturalism and atheism) for about 40 hours a week — including secular morality (moral relativism)! Churches are doing well if they are allowed to teach kids within their doors for 3 hours a week!

Essentially, many Christians are sending their children to be taught a different religion in state school systems and then we wonder why our kids walk away from Church! Is there any doubt as to why the next generation is walking after the religion of secular humanism (think atheism, agnosticism, secularism, naturalism, etc.) and its evil tenants, and leaving the Church?

You need to understand that the foundation of Christianity is under attack in our day and age. These attacks are focused on Genesis 1–11, including the Flood and Noah's ark — in state schools, secular media, and secular museums . . . and even in many churches and Christian schools! We need to be prepared for the secular claims so that we can be ready to give a defense for the hope that is in us for our Christian faith surrounding the Flood and Noah's ark (e.g., 2 Corinthians 10:4–5¹¹; 1 Peter 3:15¹²). Now let us embark on this journey of *what you need to know*.

10. Ibid., p. 28.

11. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

12. But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.

2 | THE GENESIS ACCOUNT OF THE FLOOD

BODIE HODGE

Genesis 6:1–9:20 with a few clarifying comments for the reader.

Genesis 6

1 Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them,

2 that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.

3 And the LORD said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.” [This is not a longevity limitation, as many people lived well beyond this for a thousand years, but is instead the countdown to the Flood.]

4 There were giants [Hebrew: *nephilim*, which is related to the verb “to fall”; not necessarily giants here as context simply doesn’t tell us; all we know is that the later *nephilim* in Numbers 13:33¹ were giant in stature by their immediate context and their placement with other giant peoples in the land of Canaan] on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

1. “There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.”

5 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

6 And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart [**not that God was sorry in His unchanging nature or *will*, but of his state of *work* with man. Matthew Poole rightly asserts about this figure of speech that it is “a common figure called *anthropopathia*, whereby also eyes, ears, hands, nose, &c. are ascribed to God; and it signifies an alienation of God’s heart and affections from men for their wickedness”].**

7 So the LORD said, “I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.”

8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

9 This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God.

10 And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

12 So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth [**both man and land-dependent animals**].

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.

14 “Make yourself an ark of gopherwood [**either a type of wood or a way the wood was worked (think of plywood or pressed wood or a planking style)**]; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch [**likely sap/plant-based as opposed to petroleum based, which is largely a product from the Flood**].

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 [**ancient cubits tended to vary from about 18 inches (short cubits) to 21 inches (long cubits)**].

16 “You shall make a window for the ark [**Hebrew *tsohar*, even though it is translated as window, it actually means “noon”**

or “midday.” It was a feature that runs the length of the top and middle of the ark to allow lighting and ventilation like a “ridge vent” on a house today], 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.

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.

18 “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. [This is a guarantee to Noah that his family would survive the persecution he would receive for following the Lord to be faithful at building the ark and being a preacher of righteousness.]

19 “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.

20 “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. [Kinds are not necessarily to be equated with our modern concept of species, but in most instances are *family* level (or *genus* or *species* in some instances) or in rare cases, an *order* level.]

21 “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.”

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

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.

2 “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;

3 “also seven each of birds of the air, male and female, to keep the species alive on the face of all the earth.

4 “For after seven more days I will cause it to rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and I will destroy from the face of the earth all living things that I have made.”

5 And Noah did according to all that the LORD commanded him.

6 Noah was six hundred years old when the floodwaters were on the earth.

7 So Noah, with his sons, his wife, and his sons’ wives, went into the ark because of the waters of the flood.

8 Of clean animals, of animals that are unclean, of birds, and of everything that creeps on the earth,

9 two by two they went into the ark to Noah, male and female, as God had commanded Noah.

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

11 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.

12 And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights. **[Any rain, after this and until the 150th day when the rain was restrained per Genesis 8:2, was not *on the earth*, which was now submerged for a time but the rain was falling on the waters that were currently covering the earth.]**

13 On the very same day Noah and Noah’s sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and Noah’s wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark —

14 they and every beast after its kind, all cattle after their kind, every creeping thing that creeps on the earth after its kind, and every bird after its kind, every bird of every sort.

15 And they went into the ark to Noah, two by two, of all flesh in which is the breath of life.

16 So those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the LORD shut him in.

17 Now the flood was on the earth forty days. The waters increased and lifted up the ark, and it rose high above the earth.

18 The waters prevailed and greatly increased on the earth, and the ark moved about on the surface of the waters.

19 And the waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth, and all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered.

20 The waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were covered. **[Clearly, this is a global Flood.]**

21 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.

22 All in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, all that was on the dry land, died **[that is, all land-dwelling, air-breathing animals that were not on board the ark had died]**.

23 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.

24 And the waters prevailed on the earth one hundred and fifty days.

Genesis 8

1 Then God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the animals that were with him in the ark. **[Not that an all-knowing God forgot, but this is *standing against* those that died in the Flood in the context immediately above — Genesis 7:21–23.]** And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided.

2 The fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were also stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained.

3 And the waters receded continually from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters decreased.

4 Then the ark rested in the seventh month, the seventeenth day of the month, on the mountains of Ararat. **[Take note that this is not necessarily Mt. Ararat, the active volcano that we know today.]**

5 And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month. In the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the

mountains were seen [*visible; by either water level reducing and/or vapor/fog clearing or perhaps a combination of both*].

6 So it came to pass, at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made.

7 Then he sent out a raven, which kept going to and fro until the waters had dried up from the earth [**a hardy bird that can survive the rough conditions that were still present outside the ark**].

8 He also sent out from himself a dove, to see if the waters had receded from the face of the ground.

9 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.

10 And he waited yet another seven days, and again he sent the dove out from the ark.

11 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.

12 So he waited yet another seven days and sent out the dove, which did not return again to him anymore.

13 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 [**note this is just the surface of the ground**].

14 And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dried [**note this is the whole earth**].

15 Then God spoke to Noah, saying,

16 “Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons’ wives with you.

17 “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.”

18 So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives with him.

19 Every animal, every creeping thing, every bird, and whatever creeps on the earth, according to their families, went out of the ark. **[They did not come out two-by-two, but now by their families, so there probably was some breeding on the ark — this may be where the term “breed like rabbits” originates!]**

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 **[interestingly, this leaves a breeding stock of male and female clean animals for each of Noah’s three sons]**.

21 And the LORD smelled a soothing aroma. Then the LORD said in His heart, “I will never again curse the ground for man’s sake, although the imagination of man’s heart is evil from his youth; **[note the differences between this and Genesis 6:5]** nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done.

22 “While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease.”

Genesis 9:1–20

1 So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. **[Knowing that God blessed Noah’s sons here, which included Ham, could be one of the reasons Noah didn’t curse Ham, but instead Ham’s son Canaan later in Genesis 9:25.]**

2 “And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be on every beast of the earth, on every bird of the air, on all that move on the earth, and on all the fish of the sea. They are given into your hand.

3 “Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. I have given you all things, even as the green herbs. **[The original diet was changed. Now God first permits meat to be eaten.]**

4 “But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood.

5 “Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a reckoning; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man’s brother I will require the life of man.

6 “Whoever sheds man’s blood, by man his blood shall be shed; for in the image of God He made man.

2. Then he said: “Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants he shall be to his brethren.”

7 And as for you, be fruitful and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth and multiply in it.”

8 Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying:

9 “And as for Me, behold, I establish My covenant with you and with your descendants after you,

10 “and with every living creature that is with you: the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you, of all that go out of the ark, every beast of the earth.

11 “Thus I establish My covenant with you: Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” **[Again, this shows it was a unique event — a global flood, as we have local floods all the time.]**

12 And God said: “This is the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations:

13 “I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth.

14 “It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud; **[not that rainbows were impossible before this, but like bread used in communion, it now has significance and meaning]**

15 “and I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

16 “The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” **[The rainbow now became a symbol and reminder, like bread and wine for communion.]**

17 And God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

18 Now the sons of Noah who went out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And Ham was the father of Canaan.

19 These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was populated.

20 And Noah began to be a farmer, and he planted a vineyard.