

A FLOOD OF EVIDENCE

40 reasons NOAH ^{AND} THE ARK still matter

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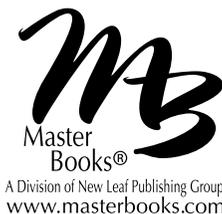
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Preface

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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).

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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.