

The Flood (Part 2)

Purpose – to show that the flood was an actual event, not fiction, and that this great event was actually God’s means of saving a world that deserved judgement.

So far in the book of Genesis we have seen:

- That God created man and put him in a perfect environment
- That through Adam, sin came into the world
- That Cain’s sin created an ungodly line that eventually corrupted the godly line of Seth
- The world before the flood became corrupt and violent (Genesis 6:5)
- God’s response to the wickedness of man was to destroy the earth by way of the flood, yet at the same time to save it by way of Noah’s ark.

Let’s take a closer look at the account of the flood

The account is very long and extremely detailed – 6:9 to 9:17

- The design of the boat (6:14-16)
 - Made of gopherwood with rooms, covered inside and outside with pitch (14)
 - About 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, 45 feet high (15)
 - One window at the top, a door on the side, three decks (16)
- The care for the animals
 - What type and how many came in (6:19, 20; 7:2,3)
 - Preparation for their food (6:21)
- The timing of the flood
 - 600th year of Noah’s life, 2nd month, 17th day of the month – the flood begins (7:11)
 - The water increased for 40 days (7:17)
 - The water remained for 150 days (7:24)
 - 601st year of Noah’s life 1st month, 1st day of the month – the waters were dried up from the earth (8:13)
- The description how the flood occurred
 - The fountains of the great deep were broken up – from underground (7:11)
 - The windows of heaven were opened – from above (7:11)
 - Later, the fountains of the deep and windows of heaven were stopped – (8:2)
 - After 150 days the water decreased (8:3)
- The landing of the ark
 - On the mountains of Ararat (8:4)
 - The testing of the state of the land with the birds (8:7-12)

Why is it so long and so detailed?

1. Because this is an account of actual events, not fiction
2. Because there are several lessons to learn from what happened here:
 - a. That God’s judgements are righteous – the world was so corrupt that it had to be dealt with.
 - b. That our sins affect our entire environment, not just ourselves.

- c. That the flood was God's means of cleansing the earth and giving man another chance. Even though we deserved to be destroyed, God took great care to save us!
- d. Has anything changed today?

But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Matthew 24:37